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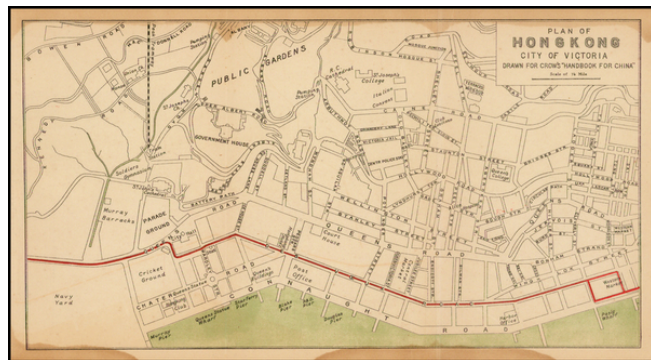
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Plan of Hong Kong City of Victoria

Stock#: 38851
Map Maker: Crow
Date: 1913 circa
Place: Shanghai
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.5 x .6.75
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed map of Hong Kong, which accompanied Crow's handbook for China.

Interesting map showing part of the city of Victoria, includes public gardens, schools, Victoria Jail, Police station, Court house, Central Market, Peel Tramway, Prade Ground, Cricket Ground, Navy Yard, piers, wharfs, streets, etc.

Carl Crow (1884-1945) was a Missouri-born newspaperman, businessman and author who managed several newspapers and then opened the first Western advertising agency in Shanghai, China. He was also the founding editor of the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury.

Carl Crow arrived in Shanghai in 1911 and made the city his home for a quarter of a century, working there as a journalist, newspaper proprietor, and groundbreaking ad-man. He also did stints as a hostage negotiator, emergency police sergeant, gentleman farmer, go-between for the American government and propagandist. As his career progressed, so did the fortunes of Shanghai by commissioning Crow to produce a map for visitors of the city. A reproduction of the map was printed in 2005 to help fund the copying of the archive of Crow's unpublished works, diaries and correspondence held at the University of Missouri.[5]

Among Crow's exploits were attending the negotiations in Peking which led to the fall of the Qing Dynasty, getting a scoop on the Japanese interference in China during the First World War, negotiating the release of a group of western hostages from a mountain bandit lair and being one of the first westerners to journey up the Burma Road during the Second World War. He met and interviewed most of the major figures of the time, including Sun Yat-sen, Chiang Kai-shek, the Soong sisters, and Mao Zedong's second-in-command Zhou En-lai. During the Second World War he worked for American intelligence alongside Owen Lattimore, co-ordinating US policies to support China against Japan.



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He returned to Chongqing in 1939, entering China via the Burma Road from Rangoon to Kunming. He wrote a diary of this time which has been edited by Shanghai-based English writer Paul French and published as Carl Crow: The long road back to China.

Detailed Condition:

Dampstaining in upper and lower margins.