

The Treasurer then gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the second reading of this Bill, the Schedule to be substituted by the one now in force.

BILLS READ A SECOND TIME.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the following Bills were read a second time:—

- (a.) A Bill entitled *The Loan Ordinance, 1886.*
- (b.) A Bill entitled *The Peace Preservation Ordinance, 1886.*

BILL READ A THIRD TIME, AND PASSED.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled *An Ordinance for the Relief of Widows and Children of Intestates where the personal estate is of small value,* was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW FOR PREVENTING FRAUDS UPON CREDITORS BY SECRET BILLS OF SALE OF PERSONAL CHATTELS.—COMMITTED.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the third reading of this Bill.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDERS OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the other Orders of the Day were postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 21st day of April, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 137.

The following Returns from the Acting Registrar General are published for general information.
By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th April, 1886.

RETURNS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1886, ENDING 31st MARCH.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.				CHINESE.				DEATHS. BRITISH & FOREIGN COMMUNITY.
	BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	
Victoria,	20	25	32	8	144	120	446	357	British and Foreign, 8 Portuguese, 12 Indians, 6 Non-Residents, 14 <hr/> 40
Kaulung, .....	..	..	..	..	8	3	40	21
Shauiwan, ....	..	..	..	..	23	15	25	18
Aberdeen, .....	..	..	..	..	9	14	17	15
Stanley, .....	..	..	..	..	2	4	10	9
TOTAL, ..	20	25	32	8	186	156	538	420	Sex unknown,—
GRAND TOTAL.	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE, PER 1,000, FOR 1ST QUARTER OF 1886.								Victoria, 1
Births, 387	Whole Population,							24.91	Total deaths of } 959 Chinese, ... }
Deaths, ... 999	British and Foreign Community,							16.47	
	Do., deducting non-Residents,							12.59	
	Chinese,							25.45	

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Acting Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 13th April, 1886.