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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 14.

FRIDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1887.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.,

Administering the Government in the absence of His Excellency SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

His Honour the Chief Justice, (SIR GEORGE PHILIPPO, Knt.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART.)

” the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)

” the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

” the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

” HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.

” PHINEAS RYRIE.

” WONG SHING.

” JOHN BELL-IRVING.

” ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN, (*vice* the Honourable THOMAS JACKSON, on leave).

” CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, (*vice* the Honourable FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, on leave).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 28th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the following papers:—

(a.) Approximate Estimate of cost of contemplated Public Works. (No. $\frac{11}{7}$).

(b.) Annual Report of the Head Master of the Government Central School for 1886. (No. $\frac{12}{7}$).

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO THE APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 1875.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF YOUNG GIRLS.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill, and addressed the Council on the objects and reasons of it, referring also to the printed correspondence on the subject laid before the Council on the 7th instant.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. RYRIE addressed the Council.

Mr. MACEWEN addressed the Council.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RESPECTING DEFAMATORY WORDS AND LIBEL.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with some verbal amendments.

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

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR PROMOTING THE REVISION OF THE STATUTE LAW BY REPEALING CERTAIN ENACTMENTS WHICH HAVE CEASED TO BE IN FORCE OR HAVE BECOME UNNECESSARY.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 4 of 1887.

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 was then adjourned to Friday, the 11th instant, at 4 P.M.

GEORGE PHILLIPPO,
President.

Read and confirmed, this 11th day of February, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 53.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th February, 1887.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Saturday, the 29th January, 1887.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).

The Acting Registrar General.

The Colonial Surgeon.

The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.

Dr. P. MANSON, LL.D.

N. J. EDE, Esquire.

Dr. Ho KAI.

HUGH McCALLUM, Esquire, (Secretary).

ABSENT :

Major T. C. DEMPSTER.

The Minutes of a Meeting held on the 22nd January, 1887, were read and confirmed.

2. The Chairman called the attention of the Board to Section 8 of the new Public Health Bill which provides for the appointment of duly qualified Sanitary Surveyors for the supervision of all constructional works recommended by the Board more especially in connection with the drainage and sanitation of private tenements, and in view of the very large amount of such work in prospect moved that a letter be written to the Government recommending the early engagement of a duly qualified Sanitary Surveyor from England. The motion was carried *nemine contradicente*.

3. The Cattle Diseases, Slaughter-houses and Markets Bill as amended by the Sub-Committee to whom it was referred, was considered and adopted by the Board. Resolved,—That the Bill as amended be transmitted under a covering letter to the Government for its favourable consideration.

4. A Government Order approving of the recommendation of the Board on the subject of the importation of dead meat was read.

5. A Return of the summonses applied for by the Inspectors of Nuisances during the week ending the 22nd January, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary. The Return showed that 29 prosecutions had been instituted, that in each case a conviction had been obtained and that fines had been inflicted to the amount of \$61.

6. Resolved,—That the Standing Orders drawn up for the use of the Board which it is proposed to constitute under the new Health Ordinance, be adopted by the Board.

7. On the motion of Mr. EDE it was agreed that a map showing the drainage system of the city be placed in the Board Room.

The Board then adjourned till Noon on Friday, the 11th February, 1887.

J. M. PRICE,
Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 11th day of February, 1887.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.