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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1898.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(Major-General WILSONE BLACK, C.B.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).
" the Acting Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK).
" the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).
" the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.).
" the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
" the Director of Public Works, (ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).
" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, C.M.G.
" HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
" EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS, C.M.G.
" JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.
" WEI YUK.

ABSENT :

The Honourable THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 1st October, 1898, were read and confirmed.

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

1. The Principal Civil Medical Officer's Report for 1897.
2. Alcoholic Commission Report.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee dated the 12th September, 1898, (No. 6), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, pursuant to notice, addressed the Council and moved the following resolution :—

That the following Resolution passed by the Sanitary Board on the 22nd September, 1898, be approved by the Legislative Council :—

“ That Bye-law 9 of the Bye-laws made by the Board on the 13th day of March, 1891, and amended on the 2nd day of April, 1891, for the licensing, regulation and sanitary maintenance of common lodging-houses, under sub-section 12 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 and sub-section D of section 1 of Ordinance 26 of 1890, be revoked.”

The Acting Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—The Director of Public Works, pursuant to notice, addressed the Council and moved the following resolution:—

Be it resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentages on the valuation of tenements, payable as rates, in the village of Hung Hom be altered from $10\frac{3}{4}$ to $12\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. and in the village of Mongkoktsui from 9 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF ONE ÜN CHUNG Wo alias ÜN Oi Ü alias ÜN HI alias ÜN KWOK HI.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO APPLY A SUM NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLIONS-FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1899.—The Acting Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at this stage retired and a meeting of the Finance Committee was then held to consider the Bill.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

WILSONE BLACK,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed this 22nd day of November, 1898.

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 529.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, is published.

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1898.