

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.—The reply to the second question is as follows:—The area it is proposed to retain round "Mountain Lodge" is about 14 acres, most if not all of which was probably considered the policy of the former building. Fully 12 acres is within the Pokfulam drainage area and therefore unsaleable. The remainder is steep and rocky and may be valued at \$5,000.

COMMITTEE ON THE BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE FURTHER PROVISION FOR THE SANITATION OF THE COLONY AND TO REPEAL CERTAIN ENACTMENTS OF THE CLOSED HOUSES AND INSANITARY DWELLINGS ORDINANCE, 1894.

Amendments were proposed and adopted in clauses 7 and 8.

Council resumed and Bill reported with amendments.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO APPLY A SUM NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1900.—The Colonial Secretary moved that this Order of the Day be discharged.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 23rd November, 1899, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 23rd day of November, 1899.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 648.

The following Return showing the Expenditure of the 1893 Loan, which was laid before the Legislative Council on the 23rd instant, is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th November, 1899.

LOAN WORKS.

From 1892 to 30th September, 1899.

	\$	c.
Praya Reclamation,.....	376,134.	40
Do., Reconstruction of Piers,.....	80,000.	00
Central Market,.....	222,729.	59
Slaughter-Houses, Pig and Sheep Depôts,.....	96,215.	04
Cattle Depôts,.....	15,049.	61
Water and Drainage Works,.....	752,897.	92
Gaol Extension,.....	159,361.	65
Total,.....	\$1,702,388.	21

Balance on 30th September = \$89,363.73.

A. M. THOMSON,
Treasurer.

Treasury, 14th November, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 649.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 23rd November, 1899.