

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NO. 15.

THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1901.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).

His Excellency Major-General Sir WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, K.C. M.G., General Officer Commanding
The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G.).

" the Acting Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.).

" the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER).

" the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).

" the Acting Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).

" ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN.

" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, C.M.G.

" HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

" THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

" WEI YUK.

" JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.

" JOHN THURBURN.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 26th September, 1901, were read and confirmed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee dated the 26th September, 1901, (No. 10), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following paper:—

1. Despatch from His Excellency the Governor covering the Blue Book for 1900.

QUESTION.—Mr. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

Will the Honourable the Attorney General lay upon the table a copy of the Depositions taken by the Magistrate sitting as Coroner in the second enquiry into the deaths of 43 persons which occurred in the collapsed houses Nos. 32 and 34 Cochrane Street on the night of the 14th August ultimo, a copy of the Crown Solicitor's opening remarks and closing speech, and a copy of the Magistrate's decisions or finding in respect of the first as well as the second enquiries held in connection with that disaster?

The Acting Attorney General, in reply, laid on the table the papers asked for.

PEACE AND QUIET OF THE INHABITANTS BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend An Ordinance for the better securing the Peace and Quiet of the Inhabitants of the Town of Victoria and its vicinity during the night time, (No. 17 of 1844).

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend An Ordinance entitled The Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1885, (No. 8 of 1885).

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be re-committed.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee again on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with an amendment.

NEW TERRITORIES LAND COURT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900, (No. 18 of 1900).

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Public Health Ordinance, 1901, (No. 13 of 1901).

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

COPYRIGHT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance relating to Copyright in Works of the Fine Arts, and for repressing the Commission of Fraud in the Production and Sale of such Works.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 15 OF 1887 BILL.—Mr. BELL-IRVING moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 15 of 1887, and to remove any doubts as to the validity of any matters done under it.

Mr. CHATER seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

Mr. BELL-IRVING moved the third reading of the Bill.

Mr. CHATER seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Thursday, the 10th day of October, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 10th day of October, 1901.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 590.

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

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 10th October, 1901.