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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 18.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1902.

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, (Francis Henry May, C.M.G.).

” the Attorney General, (Sir Henry Spencer Berkeley, Kt.).

” the Colonial Treasurer, (Alexander MacDonald Thomson).

” the Harbour Master, (Robert Murray Rumsey, R.N.).

” the Director of Public Works, (William Chatham).

” the Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. Francis William Clark).

” Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

” Wei Yuk.

” Charles Stewart Sharp.

” Charles Wedderburn Dickson.

” George William Forbes Playfair.

” Robert Gordon Shewan.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

In the temporary absence of His Excellency the Governor, who arrived at a later stage of the proceedings, His Excellency Major-General Gascoigne took the chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 27th November, 1902, were read and confirmed.

QUESTIONS.—MR. PLAYFAIR, pursuant to notice, put the following questions:—

- (1.) *Would the Director of Public Works give some explanation of the inequalities of the intermittent system—with special reference to Queen's Garden and the higher levels of the Peak—why very many houses, which ought to get the full supply for the advertised period, get little or no water, and even that little at a most insufficient pressure?*
- (2.) *Why the Water Accounts for 30th September are not yet out?*

The Director of Public Works replied.

DR. THOMSON AND THE CHINESE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council, and, with reference to a question raised some time ago in the Finance Committee, laid on the table a letter from the Dean of the College.

PEAK ROAD WATER SUPPLY.—With reference to the Report on the Water Supply of the Peak District, laid on the table by the Director of Public Works, the Colonial Treasurer drew attention to an inaccuracy of a portion of that Report.

The Director of Public Works replied.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY'S BILL.—MR. SHARP moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the making of Bye-laws by the "Star" Ferry Company Limited.

MR. DICKSON seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' PENSION FUND AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902 (No. 12 of 1902).

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 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.

RATING AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The Rating Ordinance, 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 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.

CHINESE HOSPITAL INCORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Chinese Hospital Incorporation Ordinance, No. 3 of 1870.

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 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.

REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 5 OF 1902 BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 5 of 1902.

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 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.

EMPLOYERS AND SERVANTS BILL.—The Council resolved itself into Committee to consider clause by clause the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Employers and Servants.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

NATURALIZATION BILL.—The Council resolved itself into Committee to consider clause by clause the Bill entitled An Ordinance relating to the Naturalization of Aliens.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

The 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.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS BILL.—The Council resolved itself into Committee to consider clause by clause the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Health and to Buildings.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Tuesday, the 9th December, 1902, at Noon.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 9th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 19.

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1902.

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, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.).

” the Attorney General, (Sir HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt.).

” the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

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

” the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).

” the Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

” HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

” WEI YUK.

” CHARLES STEWART SHARP.

” CHARLES WEDDERBURN DICKSON.

” GEORGE WILLIAM FORBES PLAYFAIR.

” ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 4th December, 1902, were read and confirmed.