

REPORT OF THE LAW COMMITTEE.—The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Law Committee dated the 2nd December, 1902, (No. 1), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. PLAYFAIR gave notice that, at the next meeting of Council, he would make the following motion:—

That His Excellency the Governor should be requested to appoint an independent Committee unconnected with the Public Works Department to examine into the truth of the statements contained in the return tabled by the Director of Public Works of the supply of water to the upper levels of the Peak in November last and up to the date of that return.

“STAR” FERRY COMPANY BILL.—Mr. SHARP addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the 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 second time.

Mr. SHARP moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee on the Bill.

Mr. DICKSON seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

EMPLOYERS AND SERVANTS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Employers and Servants.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

NEW TERRITORIES TITLES BILL.—The Council resolved itself into Committee on the Bill entitled The New Territories Titles Ordinance, 1902.

The recommendations of the Standing Law Committee were read and adopted.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Friday, 12th December, 1902, at Noon.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 12th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 760.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 40 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to amend The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902 (No. 12 of 1902).

Ordinance No. 41 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to further amend The Rating Ordinance, 1901.

Ordinance No. 42 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to amend The Chinese Hospital Incorporation Ordinance, No. 3 of 1870.

Ordinance No. 43 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 5 of 1902.

Ordinance No. 44 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance relating to the Naturalization of Aliens.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th December, 1902.

No. 40 OF 1902.

An Ordinance to amend The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902 (No. 12 of 1902).

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HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

[9th December, 1902.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance shall be read and construed as one with The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

2. Section 2 of The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902, is hereby amended by striking out the words "annually fixed" in the ninth line of the said section and by substituting the words "fixed from time to time" in place thereof.

Amendment
of section 2
of Ordinance
12 of 1902.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 4th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 9th day of December, 1902.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary

No. 41 OF 1902.

An Ordinance to further amend The Rating Ordinance, 1901.

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HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

[9th December, 1902.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. The definition of "Hill District" which occurs in section 2 of The Rating Ordinance, 1901. (No. 8 of 1901), is hereby amended by substituting for the figures "600" the figures "700".

2. Section 29 of The Rating Ordinance, 1901, (No. 8 of 1901), is hereby amended by striking out the figures "600" in the tenth line of the said section and by substituting the figures "700" in place thereof.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 4th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 9th day of December, 1902.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 42 OF 1902.

An Ordinance to amend The Chinese Hospital
Incorporation Ordinance, No. 3 of 1870.

(LS) HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

[9th December, 1902.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the
advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as
follows:—

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as The Chinese Hospital
Incorporation Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

Amendment of section 6
of Ordinance
3 of 1870. 2. Section 6 of The Chinese Hospital Incorporation Or-
dinance, 1870, shall hereafter be read and construed as if the
word "sixteen" appeared in the third line thereof in place
of the word "twelve".

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 4th
day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 9th
day of December, 1902.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 43 OF 1902.

An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 5 of 1902.

(LS) HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

[9th December, 1902.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the
advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as
follows:—

1. The Land Registry Office (Fees) Amendment Ordi-
nance, 1902, (No. 5 of 1902), is hereby repealed as and from
the coming into operation of Ordinance 36 of 1902.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 4th
day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 9th
day of December, 1902.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 44 OF 1902.

An Ordinance relating to the Naturalization of Aliens.

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HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

[9th December, 1902.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as The Naturalization Ordinance, 1902. Short title.

2. Any alien who has continuously resided in Hongkong or been in the service of the Crown for a term of not less than five years immediately preceding his application, and who intends if naturalized to reside permanently in Hongkong, may apply to the Governor for a Certificate of Naturalization as a British subject in Hongkong. Certificate of naturalization.

3. The applicant shall adduce in support of his application such evidence of his residence or service, and intention to reside, as the Governor may require; and the Governor may, on consideration of the evidence adduced, grant or withhold a certificate as he thinks most conducive to the public good, and no appeal shall lie from his decision. Evidence in support of application.

4. Every such certificate shall contain the condition that the grantee shall continue to reside permanently in Hongkong and that the certificate shall be determinable on the grantee ceasing so to reside. No Certificate of Naturalization shall be issued nor take effect until the applicant has taken the oath of allegiance. Conditions.

5. Any alien who has been naturalized previously to the passing of this Ordinance may apply to the Governor for a Certificate of Naturalization under this Ordinance, and it shall be lawful for the Governor to grant such certificate to such naturalized alien upon the same terms and subject to the same conditions in and upon which such certificate might have been granted if such alien had not been previously naturalized in Hongkong. Certificate to alien previously naturalized.

6. Any alien to whom a Certificate of Naturalization is granted shall while in Hongkong be entitled to all political and other rights, powers, and privileges, and be subject to all obligations, to which a natural born British subject is entitled or subject in Hongkong. Rights, etc., of naturalized alien.

7. The Governor may revoke any Certificate of Naturalization which may have been granted to any alien if he shall be satisfied that such certificate was obtained by misrepresentation; and thereupon such Certificate of Naturalization shall become null and void. Revocation of Certificate of Naturalization.

A notification of the revocation of any Certificate of Naturalization shall be published in the Gazette.

8. There shall be paid for every Certificate of Naturalization and before the issue thereof such fee as the Governor in Council may from time to time direct. Fee payable.

9. This Ordinance shall come into operation on such day as the Governor by notice in the Gazette may fix. Commencement of Ordinance.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 4th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 9th day of December, 1902.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION.

Governor.

By His Excellency
 Governor of Hongkong.

WHEREAS
 of
 a subject of
 has applied to me for a Certificate of Naturalization as a British Subject:

* [The term must not be less than 5 years.]

AND whereas the said
 has satisfied me that he has before making such application continuously resided in Hongkong (or been in the service of the Crown) for the space of years,* and that he intends if naturalized to reside permanently in Hongkong:

Now, therefore, I, the said
 as Governor aforesaid do hereby under the powers vested in me in that regard by the Naturalization Ordinance, 1902, certify that the said
 of
 is a Naturalized British subject entitled in Hongkong to all political and other rights, powers and privileges and subject to all obligations to which a natural born British subject is entitled or subject in Hongkong.

Given under my hand this..... day of19

By Command,

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 761.

It is hereby notified that His Majesty the KING has been pleased to approve of the re-appointment of the Honourable WEI YUK to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th December, 1902.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 762.

With reference to Government Notification No. 363 of the 12th June, 1902, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint BRUCE SHEPHERD to be Secretary, and GEORGE HERBERT WAKEMAN to be Assistant Secretary to the Squatters' Board.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th December, 1902.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 763.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th December, 1902.

Rates of Commission chargeable on Money Orders.

On and after the 1st January, 1903, the commission to be charged on the issue of Money Orders payable in Hongkong and the Agencies in China will be one cent per dollar or fraction of a dollar, with a minimum charge of 5 cents; for Money Orders on all other places the commission will be one and a half cent per dollar; on the amount (or equivalent of the amount) in dollars, with a minimum charge of 10 cents.

E. CORNEWALL LEWIS,
Acting Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 8th December, 1902.