

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 59.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 25.

THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1909.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General ROBERT GEORGE BROADWOOD, C.B.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (Sir HENRY FRANCIS MAY, K.C.M.G.).

„ the Attorney General, (FRANCIS ARTHUR HAZELAND).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

„ the Director of Public Works, (PATRICK NICHOLAS HILL JONES).

„ the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS JOSEPH BADELEY).

„ Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.G.

„ Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

„ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT

„ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

„ Mr. MURRAY STEWART.

ABSENT :

The Honourable Mr. WILLIAM JARDINE GRESSON.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 9th December, 1909, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 57 to 59, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 57.—Magistracy, Other Charges, New Territories, Incidental Expenses, S 300.

No. 58.—Floating Fire Engine, 44,121.

No. 59.—Post Office, Carriage of Mails and Light, 81,314.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee dated the 9th December, 1909, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

LIQUOR DUTIES REBATE TO THE SERVICES.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the Resolution under Section 2 of the Liquors Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1909, as published in Government Notification No. 802 of the 16th December, 1909, authorising the payment of a rebate for the years 1909 and 1910 of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors by the Naval and Military Authorities.

The Colonial Treasurer addressed the Council and seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

WIRELESS STATION ON PRATAS ISLAND.—His Excellency the Governor informed the Council that instructions have been issued by the Chinese Government to proceed with the necessary arrangements for the establishment of a wireless station on Pratas Island.

STAMP FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Dr. HO KAI moved that the Bill be recommitted with a view to consider the last clause.

Mr. WEI YUK seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendment.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

SQUATTERS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Squatters Ordinance, 1890. •

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

LIQUOR LICENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, and the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1908, and to repeal the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1902, be recommitted.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Code of Civil Procedure, was not proceeded with.

TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, was not proceeded with.

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

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 24th day of February, 1910.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 60.

Bye-law made under Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances, 1903-1909.

Bye-law No. 2 contained in Part I of the "Slaughter Houses and Slaughter of Animals Bye-laws" made by the Sanitary Board under the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances, 1903-1909, on the 26th October, 1909, and approved by the Legislative Council on the 11th November, 1909, is hereby amended as follows:—

By the deletion of the words "not exceeding twenty cents for each animal weighing less than one picul, or forty cents for each animal weighing more" in the fourth, fifth and sixth lines thereof, and the substitution therefor of the words "of thirty cents for each animal".

Made by the Sanitary Board this 18th day of January, 1910.

W. BOWEN-ROWLANDS,
Secretary.

Approved by the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 24th day of February, 1910.

No. 61.

Resolution passed by the Legislative Council on the 24th day of February, 1910.

"That bye-law No. 3 contained in Part I of the Slaughter Houses and Slaughter of Animals Bye-laws made by the Sanitary Board under the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on the 26th October, 1909, and approved by the Legislative Council on the 11th November, 1909, be repealed."

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th February, 1910.