

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 337.

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THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1910.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT  
(SIR FRANCIS HENRY MAY, K.C.M.G.).

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

„ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM REES DAVIES, K.C.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES MCILVAINE MESSER).

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).

„ the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).

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

„ Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

„ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.

„ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

„ Mr. MURRAY STEWART.

ABSENT :

The Honourable Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.G.

„ Mr. HENRY KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 13th October, 1910, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 88 and 89, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 88.—Treasury, 4th Grade Clerk, .....\$ 785.

No. 89.—Prison, Subsistence of Prisoners, ..... 500.

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 13th October, 1910, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

COMMITTEES.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, in accordance with Standing Order No. 47, appointed the following Committees for 1910-1911 :—

*Finance Committee.*—All the Members of the Council, except the Governor, with the Honourable the Colonial Secretary as Chairman.

*Law Committee.*—The Honourable the Attorney General (Chairman), the Honourables the Captain Superintendent of Police, Dr. HO KAI, Mr. HEWETT and Mr. STEWART.

*Public Works Committee.*—The Honourable the Director of Public Works (Chairman), the Honourables the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. WEI YUK, Mr. KESWICK and Mr. OSBORNE.

QUESTION.—Mr. STEWART, pursuant to notice, asked the following Question :—

*With reference to certain regulations recently issued, will the Government inform the Council what countries export Morphine and its compounds to this Colony, and what proportion, if any, of the quantity imported, is exported from the United Kingdom?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

OPIUM AMENDMENT (No. 2) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Opium Ordinance, 1909.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

NEW TERRITORIES REGULATION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the administration and regulation of the New Territories.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

A discussion then ensued and Council divided on the motion, which was carried, nine members voting for and two—Mr. OSBORNE and Mr. STEWART—against the motion.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, the Bill being left in Committee.

LIQUOR LICENCES AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1909.

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 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.

PROMISSORY OATHS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869.

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 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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 27th October, 1910.

F. H. MAY,

*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed this 27th day of October, 1910.

C. CLEMENTI,

*Clerk of Councils.*