

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 39.

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THURSDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 1911.

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 CHARLES ALEXANDER ANDERSON, C.B.).

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

" 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).

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

" Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

" Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

" Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.

" Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

" Mr. HENRY KESWICK.

ABSENT:

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

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 29th December, 1910, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 1 and 2, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 1.—Public Works, Recurrent, Maintenance of Roads and
Bridges in New Territories,\$ 4,000.

No. 2.—Sanitary Department, Light, Tsim Sha Tsui Market, ... 696.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works laid on the table the Report of the Public Works Committee (No. 4 of 1910) dated the 29th December, 1910.

RESOLUTION.—Dr. HO KAI, pursuant to notice, addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

That the hearty congratulations of the Members of this Council be tendered to the Honourable Sir F. Henry May, K.C.M.G., on his well merited promotion to the Governorship of the Colony of Fiji; and that a record be made and inserted in the minutes of this Council of the deep appreciation felt by the Members thereof of his long and valuable services as an Official Member, and of their regret at losing a Colleague who is distinguished no less by his great ability and high character than by his constant courtesy and straightforwardness, qualities which have won for him the profound respect and admiration of the entire Council.

Mr. HEWETT addressed the Council and seconded.

The Director of Public Works and His Excellency the Governor also addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

QUESTION.—Mr. OSBORNE, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

1. Will the Government take steps to prevent the destruction of birds by sham sportsmen, who by means of the Railway are enabled to invade the New Territory and threaten extinction to every form of bird life, game and otherwise?
2. Will the Government cause to be laid on this table half-yearly a statement of the work actually accomplished on the new typhoon refuge; and in such form that the public may be able to judge whether the rate of progress is such as to ensure completion by contract date?

The Colonial Secretary replied.

LEPERS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Lepers Ordinance, 1910.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

DEFENCES (SKETCHING PREVENTION) AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Defences (Sketching Prevention) Ordinance, 1895, and to control balloonists and others who have special opportunities for obtaining information respecting the defences of the Colony.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 *sine die*.

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 23rd day of February, 1911.

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Councils.