

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 102.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 5

THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH, 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, (CECIL CLEMENTI).

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

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

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

„ the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FREDERICK WILLIAM LYONS).

„ Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.G.

„ Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

„ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.

„ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

„ Mr. HENRY KESWICK.

ABSENT :

The Honourable Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 16th March, 1911, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 21 and 22, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 21.—Civil Hospital,—Apparatus and Accessories for testing holds and tanks of Ships carrying Oil in Bulk for the Process of Oil Vapour,.....\$ 684.20.

No. 22.—Registrar General's Department, Expenses for taking Quinquennial Census, 8,000.00.

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 16th March, 1911, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

Resolved that the Resolution proposed by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary and passed by this Council at its last meeting held on the 16th day of March, 1911, relating to the duty leviable upon intoxicating liquors be amended by substituting 20 cents for 30 cents in paragraph (a) and 30 cents for 40 cents in paragraph (b) thereof.

Mr. WEI YUK seconded.

Various Members addressed the Council and on the Resolution being put to the Council it was declared lost, ten Members voting against and two—Dr. HO KAI and Mr. WEI YUK—for the Resolution.

NAVAL AND MILITARY LIQUOR REBATE.—His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops withdrew the following Resolution standing in his name :—

Whereas for purely financial reasons this Council is unable to approve the continuance of a Rebate to the Military and Naval Authorities on Intoxicating Liquors as contemplated by Ordinance 27 of 1909, And Whereas it is estimated that the Military Contribution which is paid by the Hongkong Government to the War Office will be increased by the imposition of Liquor duties by a sum of approximately \$164,600 in 1911, And Whereas it is anticipated that approximately 30% out of the gross revenue collected in respect of duties on European liquor will be paid by the Military and Naval Authorities, Be it resolved that the permission of the Secretary of State for the Colonies be requested to deduct from the said Military Contribution accruing from Liquor duties in each year a sum equal to the ascertained amount of these duties paid by the Military and Naval Authorities, and that such sum be paid as heretofore to the Military and Naval Authorities in order that the officers and men of His Majesty's Naval and Land Forces may not suffer financially from the imposition of the said duties while serving in this Colony And Be it further resolved that His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSION AMENDMENT (No. 2) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance farther to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for regulating the supply of Electricity for Lighting and other purpose within the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

PAWNBROKERS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Pawnbrokers Ordinances, 1860 and 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 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.

LIQUORS CONSOLIDATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Committee stage on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to Intoxicating Liquors, be resumed.

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.

UNIVERSITY BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council to consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance for the incorporation and regulation of the University of Hongkong.

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.

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

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 20th day of April, 1911.

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 103.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 11 of 1911.—An Ordinance further to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.