

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 160.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 9

THURSDAY, 18TH MAY, 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, (CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER).
- „ 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. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
- „ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.
- „ Mr. CHARLES MONTAGUE EDE.
- „ Mr. CHARLES HENDERSON ROSS.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 11th May, 1911, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following papers:—

- Report of the Land Officer for the year 1910.
- Report of the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the year 1910.
- Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police and of the Superintendent of Fire Brigade for the year 1910.
- Financial Returns for the year 1910.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 29 to 31, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

- No. 29.—Belilios Public School, Language Study Allowance (Chinese) to Assistant Mistress,\$ 113.23.
- No. 30.—Miscellaneous Services, Widows' and Orphans' Pension Expenses, 1,886.00.
- No. 31.—Miscellaneous Services, Illumination of Public Buildings in connection with the Coronation Celebrations, 5,000.00.

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 11th May, 1911, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

QUESTION.—Mr. EDE, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

With reference to the remarks of the Hon. Mr. Slade in the debate of the 8th October, 1908, will the Government lay upon the table some papers embodying the views and calculations of His Excellency the Governor upon the subject of the Military Contribution?

The Colonial Secretary replied.

FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR 1910.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council in connection with the Financial Returns for the year 1910.

FOREIGN OFFENDERS DETENTION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Foreign Offenders Detention Ordinance, 1872.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

STATUTE LAWS (NEW REVISED EDITION) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorise the publication of a Newly Revised Edition of the Revised Edition of the Statute Laws of the Colony prepared in virtue of Ordinance No. 12 of 1900.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MONEY-LENDERS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law with respect to Persons carrying on business as Money-lenders.

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.

UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

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.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. POLLOCK, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. HEWETT, and His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council, and it was decided to postpone the Committee stage on the Bill until the next meeting of the Council.

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

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 25th May, 1911.

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 1st day of June, 1911.

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 161.—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. 19 of 1911.—An Ordinance to authorise the publication of a Newly Revised Edition of the Statute Laws of the Colony.