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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 17.

1913.

THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1913.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(CLAUD SEVERN).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General FRANCIS HENRY KELLY, C.B.).

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

” the Attorney General, (JOHN ALEXANDER STRACHEY BUCKNILL, K.C.).

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” the Colonial Treasurer, (ARTHUR GEORGE MURCHISON FLETCHER).

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

” the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX).

” the Captain Superintendent of Police, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER).

” Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

” Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

” Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

ABSENT :

The Honourable Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT, C.M.G.

” Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.

” Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 30th October, 1913, were confirmed.

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FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 70 to 78, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

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No. 70.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Maintenance of Buildings,\$ 17,000

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No. 71.—Department of Director of Education, Other Charges, Queen's College,..... 930

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No. 72.—Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon, Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages,..... 4,000

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No. 73.—Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories, Maintenance of Telephones, Mainland, 1,500

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No. 74.—Police Department, Secret Service, 8,000

No. 75.—Public Works, Recurrent, Water Works, Hongkong and Kowloon, 4,500

No. 76.—Cancelled.

No. 77.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Stables for Sanitary Department, 1,660

No. 78.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Communications and Drainage,..... 3,150.

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 (No. 16) dated the 30th October, 1913, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE BY-LAWS.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the approval of the amendment of the Notification of Infectious Disease By-laws made by the Sanitary Board on the 2nd day of December, 1913.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

OPIUM BILL:—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Opium.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

DENTISTRY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the registration of qualified Dental Surgeons and otherwise to regulate the practice of Dentistry.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—Council adjourned until after the meeting of the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—On Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary reported that Financial Minutes Nos. 70 to 75, 77 and 78 had been considered by the Finance Committee and recommended for adoption, and moved that the report be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

CLAUD SEVERN,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed this 22nd day of January, 1914.

A. G. M. FELTCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 26.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to exclude the Supreme Court from the operation of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, (Ordinance No. 5 of 1912), on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1914.