

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 38.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 1.

THURSDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1914.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(FRANCIS HENRY MAY, K.C.M.G.).

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

- The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (CLAUD SEVERN).
- the Attorney General, (JOHN ALEXANDER STRACHEY BUCKNILL, K.C.).
- the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
- the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).
- the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX).
- the Captain Superintendent of Police, (CHARLES MCLIVAIN MESSER).
- Sir KAI HO KAI, Kt., M.B., C.M.G.
- Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.
- Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
- 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 18th December, 1913, were confirmed.

LONDON SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.—The Colonial Secretary read a despatch from the Secretary of State with reference to Financial Minute No. 59 of 1913 in which the Council voted a sum of £150 to the Endowment Fund of the London School of Tropical Medicine.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—His Excellency the Governor appointed the following Committees for the year 1914:—

Finance Committee.—All the Members of the Council with the exception of the Governor.

Public Works Committee.—The Director of Public Works (*Chairman*), the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Wei Yuk, Mr. Hewett, and Mr. Shellim.

Law Committee.—The Attorney General (*Chairman*), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Sir Kai Ho Kai, Mr. Pollock, and Mr. Landale.

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.—Miscellaneous Services, Rent of Telephones,.....\$ 2,930.

No. 2.—Military Expenditure, B.—Volunteers, Range
for Gun Practice, 2,500.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

Return of Excesses on Sub-Heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure for the 4th Quarter, 1913.

ASIATIC EMIGRATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to "Chinese Passenger Ships" as defined by the Chinese Passengers Act, 1855, and concerning Asiatic Emigrants generally.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a first time.

PHARMACY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 9 of 1910 as incorporated in the Pharmacy Ordinance, 1908.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a first time.

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ARMS AND AMMUNITION (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a first time.

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OPIUM BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the 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 second time.
Council in Committee on the Bill.

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On the motion of Mr. Pollock it was agreed that the definition of "Place" in section 4 be amended by the deletion of the word "boat", by the substitution of the word "ship" for the word "vessel", by the deletion of the words "on any spot", and by the insertion of the words "on or in" between the words "or" and "water".

On the motion of the Attorney General the following amendments were agreed to:—

The following new sub-section numbered (4) was inserted at the end of sections 9 and 12:—

Superintendent may add conditions to permit. (4.) The Superintendent may impose such further conditions as he may think fit in connection with the issue of any permit under this section.

Sub-section (4) of section 10 was renumbered (5) and the following sub-section was inserted as sub-section (4):—

Superintendent may add conditions to permit. (4.) The Superintendent may impose such further conditions as he may think fit in connection with the issue of any permit under this section.

In section 17 sub-section (1) the word "were" was deleted and the word "are" substituted therefor.

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In section 23 sub-section (3) the words "or is" were inserted between the words "is" and "not" in the second, third, and fifth lines thereof, and in the margin respectively.

On the motion of Sir Kai Ho Kai the figures "20" in the third line of section 29 were deleted and the figure "5" was substituted therefor.

On the motion of the Attorney General the following amendments were agreed to:—

In section 46 sub-section (1) the words "If any ship is" in the first line thereof were deleted and the words "No ship shall be" were substituted therefor; the words from and including "the master" to the end of the sub-section were deleted; and the marginal note was altered to read "Ship prohibited from being utilized in smuggling opium."

In section 55 the figures "46" in sub-section (4) and in the margin thereto were deleted and the figures "40" substituted therefor, and the following new sub-section numbered (5) was inserted at the end of the section:—

(5.) If any ship is used for the importation, landing, removal, carriage, or conveyance, or for the exportation of any opium in contravention of section 46 the master, owners, or agents thereof shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 5,000 dollars.

Section 62 was deleted, seven members voting for the deletion and six—Sir Kai Ho Kai, Mr. Wei Yuk, Mr. Pollock, Mr. Hewett, Mr. Shellim and Mr. Landale—against.

Sections 63 to 68 were renumbered 62 to 67 respectively.

In section 63, renumbered 62, the words "and dross opium" were inserted at the end of sub-section (c).

In sections 64 and 65, renumbered 63 and 64, the words "Upon the coming into operation of this Ordinance" in the first and second lines were deleted and the words "At any time after the passage of this Ordinance and its publication in the *Gazette*" were substituted therefor in each case.

Council then resumed, the Bill being left in Committee.

DENTISTRY BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the 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 second time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 5th February, 1914.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 5th day of February, 1914

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