

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 68.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1914.

PRESENT :

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

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 McILVAINE MESSER).
 „ Sir KAI HO KAI, Kt., M.B., C.M.G.
 „ Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.
 „ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
 „ Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.
 „ Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

ABSENT :

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops. (Major-General FRANCIS HENRY KELLY, C.B.), (*absent on Military duty*).

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

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 5th February, 1914, were confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 5 to 8, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 5.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Levelling portion of West End Park to form playground,	\$ 200.
No. 6.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Buildings, Police Station, Cheung Chau,	2,990.
No. 7.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous, Improvement of Ap Liu Village,	10,400.
No. 8.—Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Special Expenditure, Books and Bookcases,	500.

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. 2), dated the 5th February, 1914, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

Jurors List for 1914.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. POLLOCK, pursuant to notice, asked the following Question :—

What steps does the Government propose to take, and when, for the preservation of the statues in Royal Square from contact with the public?

The Colonial Secretary replied.

FOREIGN MARRIAGE BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Foreign Marriage Ordinance, 1903.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CREMATION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the regulation of the burning of Human Remains and to enable Crematoria to be established.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ASIATIC EMIGRATION BILL.—The 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, was not proceeded with.

DENTISTRY BILL.—The Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the registration of qualified Dental Surgeons and otherwise to regulate the practice of Dentistry, was not proceeded with.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

This Council desires to record its heartfelt thanks to Sir Kai Ho Kai for the assistance which he has at all times ungrudgingly rendered in the work of the Council, and its deep appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the Colony throughout the twenty-four years of his service as a Member of the Legislature.

Mr. POLLOCK addressed the Council and seconded.

Sir KAI HO KAI replied.

Question—put and agreed to.

JURORS LIST FOR 1914.—The Council went into Committee to consider the Jurors List *in camera*.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Monday, the 2nd March, 1914.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 2nd day of March, 1914.

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