

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 242.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 9.

THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1914.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir 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, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP).

" the Colonial Treasurer, (EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE).

" the Director of Public Works, (ALEC FLEMING CHURCHILL).

" 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. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT, C.M.G.

" Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.

" Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

" Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 18th June, 1914, were confirmed.

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

Report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for the year 1913.

Appropriation Account for the year 1913.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 33 to 35, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 33.—Sanitary Department, Disinfectants,\$3,500.00.

No. 34.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon,
Hunghom Police Station,—Additions,... 9,200.00.

No. 35.—Police Department, Incidental Expenses, 1,500.00.

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 (No. 7), dated the 18th June, 1914, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR 1913.—The Colonial Treasurer addressed the Council and explained certain corrections in page 48.

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

1. Will the Government state what are the duties of the Watchman, employed by the Government at the Bathing Place, North Point?

2. Will the Government supplement the facilities for public bathing which are afforded by the Hongkong Tramways Company at North Point in the following ways :—

(i.) By erecting a bamboo-pier there, with steps half-way along, and at the end with a depth of 6 feet of water at the end at low water, spring tides :— two life-buoys attached to it ;

(ii.) *By improving the sea-bed there by*

(a.) *depositing on it sand, protected by groins from being washed away;*

(b.) *preventing junks, whether under cover of a Public Works permit or otherwise, from depositing mud there;*

(c.) *removing rocks covered with barnacles, broken crockery and other obstacles to bathing?*

3. *Will the Government also consider the feasibility of providing at a small charge, a fresh-water shower for use after bathing at North Point and also at West Point?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

MOTION.—The Colonial Secretary, pursuant to notice, moved the following Motion:—

That this Council approves the draft agreement laid on the table on the 4th of June, between His Excellency Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong for and on behalf of the Government of the same (who and whose successors in office are hereinafter referred to as "the Governor") of the one part, and Messrs. Dennys & Bowley, Solicitors, (who and whose assigns are hereinafter called the Promoters) of the other part, with regard to a scheme for the development of a portion of the South of the Island of Hongkong, on condition that the promoters furnish to the Government satisfactory proof of their financial ability to carry out the scheme.

Mr. WEI YUK seconded.

Mr. LANDALE addressed the Council and moved that all the words in Clause 23 from and including the word "provided" in the fifth line to the end of the clause and the whole of Clause 24 be deleted from the Agreement.

Mr. SHELLIM seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and postponed the consideration of the Agreement until the next Meeting.

MOTION.—Mr. POLLOCK moved that the following Motion, standing in his name, be discharged:—

That the Government do lay upon the table of this Council the letter, under date of the 2nd July last, which was addressed by the Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital to the Principal Civil Medical Officer setting forth on behalf of the Sisters reasons why they considered that their numbers should be increased by two.

Mr. LANDALE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ESTATE DUTY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the levy of Estate Duty payable in respect of the estates of deceased persons.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

WILD BIRDS AND GAME PRESERVATION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to make provision for the protection of certain Wild Birds and Game.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

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

The word “Magpies,” was inserted before the word “Snipe” in (a) of Schedule A, and in the copy of the Schedule to be printed at the back of the Licence.

The figures and words “16th day of October, 191 , to the 15th day of October, 191 ,” in the first and second lines of Condition No. 11 of the Licence in Schedule C were deleted and the following figures and words substituted therefor :—“1st day of September, 191 , to the 31st day of August, 191 ”.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with slight amendments 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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 2nd July, 1914.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

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

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 243.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, under Section 4 of the Education Ordinance, 1913, (Ordinance No. 26 of 1913), Mr. ARTHUR RAMSDEN CAVALIER to be Inspector of Vernacular Schools, with effect from the 8th May, 1914.

2nd July, 1914.

No. 244.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. WILLIAM ELLIOTT to be a Second Class Sanitary Inspector, with effect from the 1st July, 1914.

3rd July, 1914.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 245.—The following addition to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practise Medicine in this Colony, published in Government Notification No. 240 of the 26th June, 1914, pursuant to Ordinance No. 1 of 1884, is published for general information.

PERSON QUALIFIED TO PRACTISE MEDICINE.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	QUALIFICATIONS.	DATE OF REGISTRATION.
Kotaro Kitashima.	Tokyo Hotel.	Doctor of Medicine of the University of Tokio.	8th December, 1897.