

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 35.

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THURSDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1915.

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, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).

” the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (STEWART BUCKLE CARNE ROSS).

” 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 31st December, 1914, were confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. ROSS took the Oath and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

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

Kowloon Railway Station,—Report on Progress up to 31st December, 1914.

Typhoon Refuge,—Statement of Progress to 31st December, 1914.

Diagram of the Mong-kok-tsui Breakwater showing Progress to 31st December, 1914.

Diagram of the Low Level Dam under construction at Tytam Tuk shewing Progress to 31st December, 1914.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—His Excellency the Governor appointed the following Committees for the year 1915:—

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, Mr. POLLOCK, Mr. LANDALE and Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

CEMETERY BY-LAWS.—The Colonial Secretary moved the approval of the Amendment of the Cemetery By-laws made by the Sanitary Board on the 1st December, 1914, under Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903.

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

STAMP BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BANKRUPTCY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to remove doubts as to the power of the Governor to appoint Deputy Official Receivers and as to the validity of the acts of persons appointed to be Deputy Official Receivers or to act as Deputy Official Receivers or attached to the office of the Official Receiver before the commencement of this Ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

MILITARY STORES (EXPORTATION) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinances, 1862 and 1914.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ALIEN ENEMIES (WINDING UP) AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Alien Enemies (Winding up) Ordinance, 1914.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 28th day of January, 1915.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 28th day of January, 1915.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 36.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 1 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1915.—An Ordinance to remove doubts as to the power of the Governor to appoint Deputy Official Receivers and as to the validity of the acts of persons appointed to be Deputy Official Receivers or to act as Deputy Official Receivers or attached to the office of the Official Receiver before the commencement of this Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinances, 1862 and 1914.