

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 96.—It is hereby notified that under Section 92 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has ordered that the old Ma Tau Wei Cemetery situated to the West of Ma Tau Wei Village shall be closed from and after the 1st day of March, 1915.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
4th March, 1915.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 97.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

FRIDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 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, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
 „ 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. LAU CHŪ PAK.

ABSENT :

„ Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 28th January, 1915, were confirmed.

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

Cost of the Garrison of Hongkong in the year 1913-1914.

Return of Excesses on Sub-Heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure for the 4th Quarter, 1914.

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, War Department Expenditure, ... \$50,000.00.

No. 2.—Victoria British School, Desks, 150.00.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution:—

Whereas by the provisions of Section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance 1902 it is inter alia provided that subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council after timely and adequate notification by public advertisement or otherwise of the intention of the Company to apply for such approval and after such approval has been confirmed by a resolution of the Legislative Council the Company may construct and maintain subject to the provisions of the said Ordinance and in accordance with plans to be previously deposited in the office of the Director of Public Works all such lines crossings passing places sidings junctions turntables and other works in addition to or as extensions of those particularly specified in and authorized by the said Ordinance as may be approved of by the Governor-in-Council and may work and use the same:

And Whereas timely and adequate notification by public advertisement of the intention of the Company to apply for the approval of the Governor-in-Council to the construction and maintenance of an additional curved line in Russell Street in accordance with a plan deposited in the office of the Director of Public Works has been given:

And Whereas the Company has duly applied for the approval of the Governor-in-Council to the construction and maintenance of the said line:

And Whereas the Governor-in-Council did on the 28th day of January 1915 approve of the construction and maintenance of the said line:

Now it is hereby resolved that the approval of the Governor-in-Council so given as aforesaid shall be and is hereby confirmed.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

PRIVATE BILLS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the payment of fees in respect of Private Bills.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

SEDITIONOUS PUBLICATIONS (POSSESSION) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Seditious Publications.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

REGULATIONS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorise the publication of an edition of the regulations rules and by-laws in force in the Colony on the 31st December, 1914.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for certificates of origin in respect of goods wares and merchandise sought to be imported from certain places and to provide for the furnishing of import manifests.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ZETLAND HALL TRUSTEES INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. SHELLIM moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Trustees of Inland Lot No. 31 and the buildings thereon known as Zetland Hall.

Mr. HEWETT seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

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

Mr. HEWETT seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

JURORS LIST FOR 1915.—The Council went into Committee to consider the Jurors List *in camera*.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 4th day of March, 1915.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 4th day of March, 1915.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 98.—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. 5 of 1915.—An Ordinance to provide for the payment of fees in respect of Private Bills.

Ordinance No. 6 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Seditious Publications.

Ordinance No. 7 of 1915.—An Ordinance to authorise the publication of an edition of the regulations rules and by-laws in force in the Colony on the 31st December, 1914.

Ordinance No. 8 of 1915.—An Ordinance to provide for certificates of origin in respect of goods wares and merchandise sought to be imported from certain places and to provide for the furnishing of import manifests.