

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 7.

THURSDAY, 22ND APRIL, 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. DAVID LANDALE.

„ Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 18th March, 1915, were confirmed.

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

Despatch from the Secretary of State in connection with the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund.

Report on the Finances for the year 1914.

Financial Returns for the year 1914.

Report on the Police Magistrates' Court for the year 1914.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 6 to 9, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 6.—Miscellaneous Services, War Department Expenditure, \$30,000.00.

No. 7.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Roads, General Works, 1,500.00.

No. 8.—Miscellaneous Services, Telegrams sent and received by Government, 16,000.00.

No. 9.—Crown Solicitor, Employment of outside legal assistance to prosecute in Criminal Sessions, 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. 4), dated the 18th March, 1915, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

Resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentage on the valuation of tenements payable as rates in the under-mentioned places be altered from the 1st July, 1915, as follows:—

<i>Sai Wan Ho</i> ,.....	From $10\frac{3}{4}$ to $12\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Shaukiwan East</i> ,	„ $10\frac{3}{4}$ „ $12\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Shaukiwan West</i> ,	„ $10\frac{3}{4}$ „ $12\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Tsing Shui Ma Tau</i> ,.....	„ $10\frac{3}{4}$ „ $12\frac{1}{4}$
<i>Po Kau Wat</i> ,	„ $10\frac{3}{4}$ „ $12\frac{1}{4}$

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

SŒURS DE SAINT PAUL DE CHARTRES INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. POLLOCK moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Mother Superior in this Colony of the Society of the “Sœurs de Saint Paul de Chartres” by which the institution known as the Asile de la Sainte Enfance and as the French Convent is carried on.

Mr. SHELLIM seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ESTATE DUTY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled 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.

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, and to give power to stay actions against alien enemies.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ESTATE DUTY BILL.—On the motion of the Attorney General the former Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the levy of Estate Duty payable in respect of the estates of deceased persons, which was read a first time on the 25th June, 1914, was withdrawn.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 29th day of April, 1915.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 6th day of May, 1915.

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