

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 233.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 9.

THURSDAY, 13TH MAY, 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 Captain Superintendent of Police, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER).

,, Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

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

,, Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.

,, Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

,, Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

ABSENT:

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

,, Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 6th May, 1915, were confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 12 to 16, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 12.—Miscellaneous Services, Regulations of Hongkong, New Edition,.....	\$1,585.00.
No. 13.—Hongkong Volunteer Reserve, Uniform,	4,200.00.
No. 14.—Miscellaneous Services, Bonus to Mr. E. H. D'AQUINO,	500.00.
No. 15.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Com- munications, Roads, General Works,	5,000.00.
No. 16.—Charitable Services, Passages and Relief of Des- titutes,	560.00.

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. 6), dated the 6th May, 1915, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

Report of the Director of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, for the year 1914.

Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police and Superintendent of Fire Brigade for the year 1914.

Report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway for the year 1914.

ADDITIONAL CEMETERY BY-LAW.—The Colonial Secretary moved the approval of the Additional Cemetery By-law made by the Sanitary Board under Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on the 4th day of May, 1915.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Seven hundred and eighty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-two Dollars and twenty-six Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1914.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Mr. HEWETT, the Director of Public Works and the Colonial Secretary addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Trading with the Enemy Ordinance, 1914, and for purposes connected therewith.

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 it was agreed that the words “Unless made by leave of the Governor,” be inserted before the word “No” in first line of subsection (1) of section 4.

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

RATING AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1901.

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.

DENTISTRY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ESTATE DUTY BILL.—The Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the levy of Estate Duty payable in respect of the estates of deceased persons, was not proceeded with.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 27th day of May, 1915.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 27th day of May, 1915.

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

No. 234.—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. 14 of 1915.—An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Seven hundred and eighty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-two Dollars and twenty-six Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1914.

Ordinance No. 15 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914.

Ordinance No. 16 of 1915.—An Ordinance to provide for the levy of Estate Duty payable in respect of the estates of deceased persons.

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No. 14 OF 1915.

An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Seven hundred and eighty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-two Dollars and twenty-six Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1914.

I assent to this Ordinance.

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F. H. MAY,
Governor.

[28th May, 1915.]

WHEREAS it has become necessary to make further provision for the public service of the Colony for the year 1914, in addition to the charge upon the revenue of the Colony for the service of the said year already provided for:

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

A sum of Seven hundred and eighty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-two Dollars and twenty-six Cents, is hereby charged upon the revenue of the Colony for the service of the year 1914, the said sum so charged being expended as hereinafter specified; that is to say:—