

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 293.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. II.

THURSDAY, 24TH JUNE, 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. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT, C.M.G.
- „ Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.
- „ Mr. DAVID LANDALE.
- „ Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

ABSENT :

- „ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 27th May, 1915, were confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 20 to 27, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 20.—Police Department, Police Bicycles,	\$ 586.06.
No. 21.—Royal Observatory, Incidental Expenses and New Instruments,	1,680.00.
No. 22.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous, Installing Electric Lights in Shaukiwan and Tsat Tsz Mui Police Stations and Shaukiwan and Sai Wan Ho Markets,	35.00.
No. 23.—Miscellaneous Services, Maintenance of the wives and families of Prisoners of War,	14,000.00.
No. 24.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, Roads, General Works,	2,120.00.
No. 25.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, Hill District School,	8,800.00.
No. 26.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Repairs of Staff Quarters,	9,300.00.
No. 27.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Road from Tai Po to Fan Ling,	10,800.00.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council with reference to Financial Minute No. 23.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 8), dated the 27th May, 1915, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council with reference to Financial Minute No. 17 (Repairs to Dredger *St. Enoch*, \$22,800).

WIRELESS STATION.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council with reference to the Wireless Station at Cape D'Aguiar.

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

Kowloon-Canton Railway,—Estimate of Expenditure on Capital Account during the year 1915.

Report on the Assessment for the year 1915-1916.

Report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for the year 1914.

Report on the New Territories for the year 1914.

Medical and Sanitary Reports for the year 1914.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved that the following Resolution be referred to the Finance Committee:—

It is hereby resolved that a sum of Dollars Six hundred and ninety-one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two (\$691,972) be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1915.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

POST OFFICE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Post Office Ordinance, 1900.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Certificates of Origin Ordinance, 1915.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Friday, the 2nd day of July, 1915.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 2nd day of July, 1915.

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