

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 302.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 12.

FRIDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 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. DAVID LANDALE.

„ Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

## ABSENT :

„ Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 24th June, 1915, were confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minute No. 28, and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 28.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Dredger *St. Enoch*,...\$25,000.00.

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. 9), dated the 24th June, 1915, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

*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.

INCREASE OF RATES.—The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution:—

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

Sham Shui Po,	... ..	from 9 % to 10½%
Fuk Tsun Heung,	... ..	„ 10¾% to 12¼%

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

LAND FOR RECREATION PURPOSES.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council with reference to an exchange of land in the Sookunpoo Valley.

TRAVELLERS RESTRICTION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate the entrance of persons into the Colony and the departure of persons from the Colony and to confer various powers in connection therewith.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

POST OFFICE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Post Office Ordinance, 1900.

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 section 5 be deleted and that the following section be substituted therefor:—

“5. Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Principal Ordinance, no newspaper from out of the Colony, coming directly or indirectly from any country or place to which the Governor-in-Council may direct that this section shall apply, shall be conveyed in the Colony otherwise than by the post or shall be delivered in or transmitted from the Colony otherwise than by or through the General Post Office.”

Exclusive privilege of Postmaster General to extend to newspapers in certain cases.

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

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

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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 8th day of July, 1915.

F. H. MAY,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed this 8th day of July, 1915.

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

**No. 303.**—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 19 of 1915.—An Ordinance to regulate the entrance of persons into the Colony and the departure of persons from the Colony and to confer various powers in connection therewith.

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An Ordinance to regulate the entrance of persons into the Colony and the departure of persons from the Colony and to confer various powers in connection therewith.

I assent to this Ordinance.



F. H. MAY,  
*Governor.*

[9th July, 1915.]

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

- Short title.     **1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Travellers Restriction Ordinance, 1915.
- Interpretation.     **2.** In this Ordinance,—  
     “Colony” means the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and includes the waters of the Colony.  
     “Examination Officer” means any officer in the examination service which was notified by Notification No. 286 published in the *Gazette* of the third day of August, 1914.  
     “Master” means any person (except a pilot) having command or charge of any ship.