

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 462.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 17.

THURSDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 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 VENTRIS).

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. DAVID LANDALE.

,, Mr. LAU CHU' PAK.

ABSENT :

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

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

,, Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 10th September, 1915, were confirmed.

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

Report of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports for the year 1914.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 40 to 45, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 40.—Miscellaneous Services, Telegrams sent and received by Government,	\$ 14,000.00.
No. 41.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Water Account, (Meters, &c.),	4,500.00.
No. 42.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Magistracy,	7,750.00.
No. 43.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Extension of Central Police Station,.....	245,000.00.
No. 44.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Construction of Catchwaters,.....	24,000.00.
No. 45.—Construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section),	486,144.00.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council in connection with Minute No.

44.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 12), dated the 10th September, 1915, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Evidence Ordinance, 1889.

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.

LAND REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Land Registration Ordinance, 1844.

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 *sine die*.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 14th day of October, 1915.

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

No. 463.—His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances :—

Ordinance No. 17 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Post Office Ordinance, 1900.

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.

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
9th October, 1915.