

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 13), dated the 23rd September, 1915, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1916.—The Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Nine million eighty-one thousand two hundred and nine Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1916.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF THE CANOSSIAN INSTITUTE INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. POLLOCK moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Mother Superioress in this Colony of the Society of the “Daughters of Charity of the Canossian Institute” by which the institution known as the Italian Convent is carried on.

Mr. SHELLIM seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 21st day of October, 1915.

F. H. MAY,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed this 28th day of October, 1915.

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

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**No. 483.**—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. 25 of 1915.—An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Nine million eighty-one thousand two hundred and nine Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1916.

Ordinance No. 26 of 1915.—An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Mother Superioress in this Colony of the Society of the “Daughters of Charity of the Canossian Institute” by which the institution known as the Italian Convent is carried on.

HONGKONG.

No. 25 OF 1915.

An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Nine million eighty-one thousand two hundred and nine Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1916.

I assent to this Ordinance.

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F. H. MAY,  
Governor.

[29th October, 1915.]

WHEREAS the expenditure required for the service of this Colony for the year 1916 has, apart from the contribution to the Imperial Government in aid of Military Expenditure and Charges on account of Public Debt, been estimated at the sum of Nine million eighty-one thousand two hundred and nine Dollars:

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 "Appropriation Ordinance for 1916".

2. A sum not exceeding Nine million eighty-one thousand two hundred and nine Dollars shall be and the same is hereby charged upon the revenue and other funds of the Colony for the service of the year 1916 and the said sum so charged may be expended as hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

	EXPENDITURE.	\$
Governor, - - - - -	- - - - -	85,873
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	500
Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature,	- - - - -	86,951
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	250
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, - - - - -	- - - - -	57,452
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	100
Audit Department, - - - - -	- - - - -	34,146
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	100
Treasury, - - - - -	- - - - -	66,006
Harbour Master's Department, - - - - -	- - - - -	181,267
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	140,200
Imports and Exports Department, - - - - -	- - - - -	967,774
Royal Observatory, - - - - -	- - - - -	22,649
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	250
Miscellaneous Services, - - - - -	- - - - -	1,113,289
Judicial and Legal Departments, - - - - -	- - - - -	280,532
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	830
Police and Prison Departments, - - - - -	- - - - -	977,459
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	3,860
Medical Department, - - - - -	- - - - -	247,095
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	2,674
Sanitary Department, - - - - -	- - - - -	379,748
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	5,850
Botanical and Forestry Department, - - - - -	- - - - -	49,216
Education, - - - - -	- - - - -	357,782
Do., Special Expenditure, -	- - - - -	2,300
<i>Carried forward,</i> - - - - -		\$ 5,064,153

<i>Brought forward,</i>	-	\$	5,064,153
Military Expenditure,—			
Volunteers,	-	-	66,783
Public Works,—			
Public Works Department,	-	-	455,234
Do., Special Expenditure,—			300
Public Works, Recurrent,	-	-	580,400
Public Works, Extraordinary,	-	-	1,279,400
Post Office,	-	-	474,789
Do., Special Expenditure,—			1,310
Kowloon-Canton Railway,—			
Working Expenses,	-	-	313,905
Expenses of Construction,	-	-	386,198
Charge on account of Public Debt,	-	-	54,000
Pensions,	-	-	362,000
Charitable Services,	-	-	42,737
Total,	-	-	\$ 9,081,209

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 28th day of October, 1915.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 29th day of October, 1915.

CLAUD SEVERN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

## HONGKONG.

No. 26 OF 1915.

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Mother Superioress in this Colony of the Society of the "Daughters of Charity of the Canossian Institute" by which the institution known as the Italian Convent is carried on.

I assent to this Ordinance.

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F. H. MAY,  
*Governor.*

[29th October, 1915.]

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Daughters of Short title. Charity of the Canossian Institute Incorporation Ordinance, 1915.

2. The Mother Superioress in this Colony of the Society of the Daughters of Charity of the Canossian Institute shall be a body corporate (hereinafter called the corporation) and shall have the name of "The Mother Superioress of the Daughters of Charity of the Canossian Institute (Hongkong)" and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts in this Colony and shall and may have and use a common seal.

Incorporation of the Mother Superioress in Hongkong of the Society of the Daughters of Charity of the Canossian Institute.

3. The corporation shall have full power:—

Powers of the Corporation.

(a.) Subject to the licence of the Governor having been previously obtained in each case to acquire accept leases of purchase take hold and enjoy any lands buildings messuages or tenements of what nature or kind soever and wheresoever situate in this Colony.

- (b.) To purchase and acquire all manner of goods and chattels whatsoever.
- (c.) To invest moneys on mortgage of any lands buildings messuages or tenements in this Colony or in or upon such other securities or investments as it may think expedient.
- (d.) By deed under its seal or otherwise to grant sell convey assign surrender and yield up mortgage demise reassign transfer or otherwise deal with or dispose of any lands buildings messuages or tenements mortgages debentures securities shares goods and chattels for the time being vested in it on such terms as may seem expedient to it.

Vesting of properties.

4. The pieces or parcels of ground registered in the Land Office at Victoria aforesaid and in the dependency of Kowloon and at Sowkewan and Aberdeen in the Colony of Hongkong as the Remaining Portion of Sub-section 3 (or remaining portion) of Section A of Inland Lot No. 58 ; the Remaining Portion of Section B of Inland Lot No. 58 ; the Remaining Portion of Sub-section 1 of Section A of Inland Lot No. 148 ; the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 148 ; Inland Lots Nos. 578 and 1370 ; and as Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 168, 169 and 617 ; and as Sowkewan Lot No. 106 and as Aberdeen Inland Lot No. 77 together with all rights easements and appurtenances (including all reclamation rights if any) belonging or appertaining thereto or therewith usually held occupied and enjoyed and together with any encroachments or rights respecting encroachments in respect thereof are hereby transferred to and vested in the corporation subject to the payment of the rents and the performance of the covenants and conditions reserved by and contained in the Crown leases and extension of Crown leases thereof or in any licences relating thereto.

Execution of documents.

5. All deeds and other instruments requiring the seal of the corporation shall be sealed in the presence of the person who is for the time being Mother Superioress in this Colony of the said Society or of her Attorney duly authorised and such deeds and instruments and all other documents instruments and writings requiring the signature of the corporation shall be signed by such Mother Superioress or her Attorney.

Appointment of Mother Superioress.

6.—(1.) Sister Teresa Martinoia the present Mother Superioress in this Colony of the said Society having furnished to the Governor satisfactory evidence of her appointment to that office shall for the purposes of this Ordinance be deemed to be the Mother Superioress in this Colony of the said Society until the appointment in her stead of some other person as such Mother Superioress.

(2.) When any other person is appointed to the office of Mother Superioress in this Colony of the said Society such person shall within three weeks after her appointment or within such further time as may be allowed by the Governor furnish to the Governor satisfactory evidence of her appointment.

(3.) A notification in the *Gazette* under the hand of the Colonial Secretary that such evidence has been furnished to the Governor by such person shall be conclusive evidence of such appointment.

Saving rights of the Crown.

7. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of His Majesty the King his heirs and successors or the rights of any body politic or corporate or of any other person except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by from and under them.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 28th day of October, 1915.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 29th day of October, 1915.

CLAUD SEVERN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*