EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 510.

Order made by the Governor-in-Council under section 9 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1900, (Ordinance No. 6 of 1900), this 18th day of November, 1915.

It is hereby notified that on and after the 1st January next the rate of postage on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be one shilling for the first pound and sixpence for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

No. 511.—It is hereby notified that the following society has been exempted by the Governor-in-Council from registration under the Societies Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 47 of 1911), and its name is hereby added to the List of Exempted Societies, published in Government Notification No. 172 of 1915, under the following heading:—

Miscellaneous.

The Hongkong B.-P. Boy Scouts Association.

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

Council Chamber, 18th November, 1915.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 512.—His Excellency the Governor has been Ipleased to appoint Mr. Arthur George Murchison Fletcher to be a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, vice Dr. Francis William Clark resigned, with effect from the 1st December, 1915.

22nd November, 1915.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 513.—It is hereby notified that all persons of foreign nationality proceeding to Indo-China by sea or land must be provided with a passport issued in accordance with the following new regulations which came into force on the 1st September, 1915.

CLAUD SEVERN,

Colonial Secretary.

26th November, 1915.

INDO-CHINA.

Passports for foreigners proceeding to Indo-China. (New Regulations.)

Section 1.—All persons of foreign nationality proceeding to Indo-China by sea or land must be provided with a properly issued passport.

Section 2.—Passports for Indo-China may be obtained—

Abroad, from the Diplomatic Officials, Consuls-General, Consuls and Vice-Consuls of France.

In France, Algiers, French Colonies and Protectorates, from the officials deputed to issue them.

Section 3.—The passport must be accompanied by a supplementary document stating the proofs of identity requisite to obtain it, and bearing a signed and stamped photograph of the person concerned. The reasons for the journey and the destination will be stated therein and should the bearer visit any place other than that so stated he will render himself liable to servere penalties.

This supplementary document must be viséd on arrival by the authorities concerned (provincial, municipal or police) at the port of entry or in case of arrival by land at such place as is nearest to the frontier.

Section 4.—The supplementary document will be issued together with the passport by the officials specified in Section 2, who will obtain such information as is necessary to substantiate the identity of the person applying for the passport.

Section 5.—The supplementary document may be used on subsequent journeys provided that it be viséd by the officer who first issued it.

Section 6.—Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 subjects of allied nations will be allowed to enter Indo-China with their national passports on condition that such passport, either is accompanied by the supplementary document, or bears a recent photograph stamped by the official who issued the passport and has further such information, contained in the supplementary document, as would not ordinarily be found in the passport.

If possible the passport must be submitted for the visa of the French Diplomatic Official or Consul in the place of issue; otherwise, if this visa has not been procured at departure, this formality may be complied with at a French Consulate immediately before proceeding to Indo-China, but, in such a case, the bearer should previously have his passport examined and endorsed by his own consul resident in the same place.

Section 10.—Bearers of diplomatic passports and officers and soldiers in uniform, of allied nations, who carry papers showing their rank will not be required to produce any further papers.

Section 11.—The above regulations apply only to foreigners other than the Asiatics, etc., enumerated in Section 1 of the Order of October 16, 1906, who continue to be subject to the particular regulations which concern them.

Section 12.—French citizens proceeding to Indo-China are not required to carry passports, but in order to prove their French nationality, they should produce, either the passport issued to them on leaving French territory, or a statement of identity with which they should provide themselves before proceeding to Indo-China. This passport must be viséd and stamped on the photograph by the officials named in Section 2.

The following are exempt from the preceding regulation:—French citizens who can prove domicile in Indo-China, also French civil and military officers provided with the necessary papers.

Section 13.—The foregoing will not affect the action of the Order of October 3, 1911, regulating foreign immigration into Indo-China, which will still apply to all foreigners intending to reside in the Colony.

Section 14.—These regulations will take effect as from September 1st, 1915.

LAND OFFICE.

No. 514.—It is hereby notified for general information that a Memorial of Reentry by the Government on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 897 and Remaining Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 888 has been registered in the Land Office according to law.

G. H. WAKEMAN, Land Officer.

26th November, 1915.