

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 519.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 19.

THURSDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 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, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX).

,, 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. LAU CHÜ PAK.

ABSENT :

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

,, Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 14th October, 1915, were confirmed.

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

Return of Excesses on Sub-Heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure for the 3rd Quarter, 1915.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 49 to 51, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 49.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Married Quarters for Police,	\$ 9,600.00.
No. 50.—Military Expenditure, Volunteer Reserve, Uniform,	4,125.00.
No. 51.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Capital Account,	45,000.00.

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. 14), dated the 14th October, 1915, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

THE KING'S APPEAL.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council in connection with the Appeal of His Majesty the KING for recruits, etc.

FULL COURT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Full Court Ordinance, 1912, and to make further provision for the constitution of the Full Court.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY THIRD AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Trading with the Enemy Ordinance, 1914.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, and for purposes connected therewith.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1916.—The Colonial Secretary moved the Second reading of the 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.

MR. HEWETT, MR. SHELLIM, the Colonial Treasurer, the Colonial Secretary and His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

MR. HEWETT moved that the items on page 35 of the Estimates, *viz.*, \$140,000 for the part purchase of private moorings in the harbour, and of \$10,000 on page 31 for relaying moorings be deleted from the Estimates.

MR. WEI YUK seconded.

On the motion being put to the vote it was declared lost, seven members voting against and four—MR. LAU CHÜ PAK, MR. SHELLIM, MR. HEWETT and MR. WEI YUK—for the motion.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF THE CANOSSIAN INSTITUTE INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. HEWETT, in the absence of Mr. POLLOCK, addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the 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 second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, Mr. HEWETT reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment and moved that it be read a third time.

Mr. SHELLIM 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 2nd day of December, 1915.

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

No. 520.—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. 27 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Full Court Ordinance, 1912, and to make further provision for the constitution of the Full Court.

Ordinance No. 28 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend further the Trading with the Enemy Ordinance, 1914.

Ordinance No. 29 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, and for purposes connected therewith.

Ordinance No. 30 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to “Chinese Passenger Ships” as defined by the Chinese Passengers Act, 1855, and concerning Asiatic Emigrants generally.