ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 23rd day of December, 1915.

F. H. MAY, Governor.

Read and confirmed this 23rd day of December, 1915.

A. G. M. Fletcher, Clerk of Counicls.

No. 558.

Resolution passed by the Legislative Council under Section 31 (1) of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, (Ordinance No. 6 of 1901), this 23rd day of December, 1915.

Resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentages on the valuations of the tenements in the undermentioned places be altered as follows with effect from the 1st of January, 1916:—

Taikoktsui, from 11½% to 13%.

 $11\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 13%.

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

Council Chamber, 23rd December, 1915.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 559.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. RICHARD ARTHUR BRABAZON PONSONBY to be his Private Secretary, with effect from the 18th December, 1915.

20th December, 1915.

NOTICES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

No. 560.—It is hereby notified that all officials of the Hongkong Government and all officers of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces stationed in the Colony are expected to write their names in His Excellency the Governor's visitors' book as early as possible in the month of January.

By Order,

RICHARD PONSONBY,

Private Secretary.

20th December, 1915.