

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 192.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 2.

THURSDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1918.

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, C.M.G.).  
 „ 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).  
 „ SIR CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, Kt., C.M.G. } Members of the Executive  
 „ MR. ERNEST HAMILTON SHARP, K.C. } Council.  
 „ MR. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.  
 „ MR. EDWARD SHELLIM.  
 „ MR. DAVID LANDALE.  
 „ MR. LAU CHÜ-PAK.  
 „ MR. PERCY HOBSON HOLYOAK.  
 „ MR. HO FOOK.

The Council, together with the Executive Council, met pursuant to summons.

HAPPY VALLEY CATASTROPHE.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

*The Executive and Legislative Councils of Hongkong desire to record their heartfelt sympathy with the relatives and friends of all those who perished, or suffered injury, in the catastrophe occasioned by the collapse and burning of the matchsheds at the Happy Valley on the 26th instant.*

The Resolution was passed in silence, all the Members standing.

THE LATE SIR HENRY BLAKE.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Councils and moved the following Resolution:—

*That the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Hongkong desire to record their deep sympathy with the widow and family of the late Sir Henry Blake, formerly Governor of Hongkong.*

MR. LAU CHÜ-PAK seconded, and the Resolution was passed in silence, all the Members standing.

SIR C. PAUL CHATER and MR. SHARP, Members of the Executive Council, then left the Council Chamber, and a meeting of the Legislative Council was held.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 21st February, 1918, were confirmed.

CORONER'S ABOLITION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Coroner's Abolition Ordinance, 1888.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the suspension of the Standing Orders so that the Bill might be read a second and third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General then moved the Second reading of the Bill.

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.

Mr. HOLYOAK addressed the Council, and His Excellency the Governor replied.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

F. H. MAY,  
Governor.

Confirmed this 23rd day of May, 1918.

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

### APPOINTMENTS, &c.

**No. 193.**—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. ADAM GIBSON to act as Head of the Sanitary Department, in addition to his other duties, and Mrs. ALICE DEBORAH HICKLING to act as Secretary to the Sanitary Board, until further notice, with effect from the 18th instant.

23rd May, 1918.

**No. 194.**—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. DAVID WOOD to act as Assessor of Rates, in addition to his other duties, during the absence on leave of Mr. ARTHUR CHAPMAN, V.D., or until further notice, with effect from the 22nd May, 1918.

22nd May, 1918.

### NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

**No. 195.**—The following notification is published for general information.

CLAUD SEVERN,  
Colonial Secretary.

23rd May, 1918.