

QUESTIONS.—Mr. BIRD, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:—

1. Will the Government take immediate steps to disconnect the Pokfulum reservoir from the drinking supply of the Colony so that the catchment area of this reservoir may be opened up for building purposes?
2. Will the Government take in hand the construction of a road connecting the Pokfulum Road with the Craigmin Road round the South face of Mt. Kellett somewhere about the 1000 foot contour?
3. Will the Government take in hand the construction of a motor road to the Peak on the South face of Mt. Kellett on the lines suggested by the Hongkong Automobile Association?
4. For what purpose does the Government intend to use the area above Wongneicheong Valley previously reserved for Mr. Ede's Portuguese Housing Scheme?
5. Will the Government take in hand the construction of a 20-foot road between the 100 and 200 foot contour from the back of Tai Hang Village round North Point joining the road leading to Quarry Gap thereby opening up a considerable area of easily developed land?
6. In connection with the construction of new roads opening up building sites, will the Government undertake to lay water mains therein so that intending purchasers of land may not have to pay for their water supply out of all proportion to the cost of the building?
7. Will the Government consider a project to move the Government Civil Hospital and Lunatic Asylum from their present situation to a more suitable site at Kennedy Town where the present Tung Wah Plague and Infectious Diseases Hospitals are located which would be easily accessible for stretcher cases by motor ambulance, for out-patients by tram, and harbour cases by launch, so that the existing Civil Hospital site together with the Berlin Mission property might be available at a reasonable price for the erection of a large number of cheap flats at low rentals.

The Colonial Secretary replied.

OPIUM BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved that the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Opium Ordinance, 1914, and the Opium Ordinance, 1917, be withdrawn.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General then moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Opium Ordinance, 1914, and the Opium Ordinance, 1917.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1919.—The Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Ten million six hundred and five thousand three hundred and forty-five Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1919.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 17th day of October, 1918.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Officer Administering the Government.

Confirmed this 17th day of October, 1918.

A. D. BALL,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 407.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government 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. 13 of 1918.—An Ordinance to amend the Opium Ordinance, 1914, and the Opium Ordinance, 1917.

Ordinance No. 14 of 1918.—An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Ten million six hundred and five thousand three hundred and forty-five Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1919.

HONGKONG.

No. 13 of 1918.

I assent to this Ordinance.

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CLAUD SEVERN,
Officer Administering the Government.

18th October, 1918.

An Ordinance to amend the Opium Ordinance,
1914, and the Opium Ordinance, 1917.

[18th October, 1918.]

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 Opium Ordinance, 1918, and shall be read and construed as one with the Opium Ordinance, 1914, and with the Opium Ordinance, 1917, and the said Ordinances and this Ordinance may be cited together as the Opium Ordinances, 1914 to 1918. Short title and construction.
Ordinance No. 4 of 1914.
Ordinance No. 27 of 1917.
2. Sub-section (2) of section 46 of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, is amended by the substitution of the words "net register tonnage" for the word "burden" in paragraphs (a) and (b) thereof. Amendment of Ordinance No. 4 of 1914, s. 46 (2).
3. Sub-section (2) of section 49 of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, is amended by the insertion of the words "net register tonnage" between the word "tons" and the word "in" in the eighth line thereof. Amendment of Ordinance No. 4 of 1914, s. 49 (2).
4. Section 57 of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, is amended by the substitution of the letter "a" for the figure "1" in the ninth line thereof, of the letter "b" for the figure "2" in the eleventh line thereof, and of the letter "c" for the figure "3" in the thirteenth line thereof. Amendment of Ordinance No. 4 of 1914, s. 57.
5. Section 2 of the Opium Ordinance, 1917, is amended by the insertion of the word "so" between the word "mark" and the word "resembling" in the third line thereof, and by the insertion of the words "as to constitute a colourable imitation thereof" between the words "dross opium" and the words "or has" in the fifth line thereof. Amendment of Ordinance No. 27 of 1917, s. 2.
6. Every person who, without lawful authority or excuse, has in his possession any label or wrapper which was issued by the Superintendent affixed to any receptacle containing Government prepared opium or Government dross opium, and which has been detached from such receptacle, shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars and to imprisonment for any period not exceeding twelve months. Possession of Government opium labels and wrappers detached from the Government receptacles.

Presumption. 7. Every person who is proved to have had in his possession or under his control any box, chest, package, or other article whatsoever containing opium, shall, until the contrary be proved, be presumed to have known that the said opium was contained in such box, chest, package or other article.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 17th day of October, 1918.

A. D. BALL,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the 18th day of October, 1918.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

HONGKONG.

No. 14 OF 1918.

I assent to this Ordinance.



CLAUD SEVERN,
Officer Administering the Government.

18th October, 1918.

An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Ten million six hundred and five thousand three hundred and forty-five Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1919.

[18th October, 1918.]

WHEREAS the expenditure required for the service of this Colony for the year 1919 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 Ten million six hundred and five thousand three hundred and forty-five 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 1919".

2. A sum not exceeding Ten million six hundred and five thousand three hundred and forty-five Dollars shall be and the same is hereby charged upon the revenue

and other funds of the Colony for the service of the year 1919, and the said sum so charged may be expended as hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

EXPENDITURE.	\$
Governor, - - - - -	79,615
Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature,	78,066
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, - - - - -	57,152
Audit Department, - - - - -	37,262
Treasury, - - - - -	65,275
Harbour Master's Department, - - - - -	200,625
Do., Special Expenditure, -	180
Imports and Exports Department, - - - - -	929,888
Do., Special Expenditure, -	50,000
Royal Observatory, - - - - -	23,209
Do., Special Expenditure, -	800
Miscellaneous Services, - - - - -	1,711,107
Judicial and Legal Departments, - - - - -	262,394
Do., Special Expenditure, -	1,640
Police and Prison Departments, - - - - -	1,022,312
Do., Special Expenditure, -	20,567
Medical Department, - - - - -	275,812
Do., Special Expenditure, -	1,500
Sanitary Department, - - - - -	399,146
Do., Special Expenditure, -	11,810
Botanical and Forestry Department, - - - - -	53,763
Education, - - - - -	383,458
Do., Special Expenditure, -	15,500
Military Expenditure,—	
Defence Corps, - - - - -	82,848
Public Works,—	
Public Works Department, - - - - -	465,625
Do., Special Expenditure, -	1,540
Public Works, Recurrent, - - - - -	702,000
Public Works, Extraordinary, - - - - -	2,610,450
Post Office, - - - - -	289,772
Kowloon-Canton Railway,—	
Working Expenses, - - - - -	412,635
Special Expenditure, - - - - -	67,330
Pensions, - - - - -	249,000
Charitable Services, - - - - -	43,064
Total, - - - - -	<u><u>\$ 10,605,345</u></u>

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 17th day of October, 1918.

A. D. BALL,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the 18th day of October, 1918.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 408.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, under instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been pleased to appoint Mr. BERTRAM TANNER to be Headmaster of Queen's College in succession to Mr. THOMAS KIRKMAN DEALY, retired on pension, with effect from the 14th July, 1918.

18th October, 1918.