

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 480.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in Council has, under Section 7 of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, appointed Thursday, the 2nd day of January, 1919, to be observed as a General Holiday.

A. D. BALL,  
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
12th December, 1918.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 481.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1918

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT  
(Mr. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General FRANCIS VENTRIS).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (ARTHUR GEORGE MURCHISON FLETCHER).

„ the Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, C.B.E.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

„ the Director of Public Works, (THOMAS LUFF PERKINS).

„ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, O.B.E.).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).

„ Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

„ Mr. PERCY HOBSON HOLYOAK.

„ Mr. Ho Fook.

„ Mr. HERBERT WILLIAM BIRD.

„ Mr. CHAN KAI-MING.

„ Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 3rd October, 1918, were confirmed.

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

Report on the Investigations of the Outbreak of Epidemic Meningitis in Hong-kong by First Lieutenant Peter K. Olitsky, M.R.C., U.S.A., of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council in connection with the Report.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 79 to 82, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 79.—Department of Director of Education, Cheung Chau School, Rent, .....	\$	110.00
No. 80.—Fire Brigade, Repairs to Engines and Plant, ...		300.00
No. 81.—Miscellaneous Services, Special War Allowance on Salaries, .....		200,000.00
No. 82.—Fire Brigade, Repairs to Engines and Plant, ...		424.00

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. 7), dated the 3rd October, 1918, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

GENERAL.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council regarding certain matters which have been the subject of discussion between the Government and the Unofficial Members during the year.

OPIUM BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the 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 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.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1919.—The Colonial Secretary moved the Second reading of the 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.

Mr. LANDALE, Mr. HOLYOAK, Mr. HO FOOK, Mr. BIRD, Mr. CHAN KAI-MING, Mr. DODWELL, the Director of Public Works, the Colonial Treasurer, the Colonial Secretary, and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until after the meeting of the Finance Committee.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1919.—On Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary reported that the 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, had been approved by the Finance Committee, 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.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 8), dated the 17th October, 1918, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

CLAUD SEVERN,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

Confirmed this 10th day of December, 1918.

A. D. BALL,  
*Clerk of Councils.*