

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 106.—His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct, under section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, that the name of Mr. WILLIAM EWART DOUGLAS be added to the List of Authorized Architects published in Government Notification No. 117 of the 14th March, 1919.

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
26th February, 1920.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 107.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 2.

THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1920.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
(SIR REGINALD EDWARD STUBBS, K.C.M.G.).

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.).

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

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ROBERT OLIPHANT HUTCHISON, M.B.E.).

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).

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

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE).

„ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

„ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.

„ Mr. Ho Fook.

„ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.

„ Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.

ABSENT:

„ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 29th January, 1920, were confirmed.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.—Mr. POLLOCK gave notice that he will put the following question at the next meeting of the Council:—

*“In view of the serious economic position which is being created by the continued raising of rents in the southern portion of the Kowloon Peninsula, will the Government state what steps it is taking with a view to controlling or regulating such raisings of rents?”*

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and made a statement on the subject.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 3 to 6, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 3.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Latrine at junction of Ning Po and Woo Sung Streets, ...\$	1,500.00
No. 4.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Training Stream in the Lam Chun Valley, New Territories, .....	6,399.00
No. 5.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Erection of an iron shed, .....	600.00
No. 6.—Police Department, Personal Emoluments, .....	7,352.00

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. 1), dated the 29th January, 1920, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

1. *Is it a fact that the Indians on the Gaol staff are recruited locally whilst the Indians in the Police are recruited in India? If so, what is the explanation? Will the Government put both Services on the same footing as regards the field for recruiting?*
2. *Was Government rice supplied to the prisoners in the Gaol during the rice control period last year? Was this rice inferior in quality to the rice which had been previously supplied?*
3. *Is the food which prisoners in the Gaol refused or were unable to eat added to surplus and sold by the Government? If so, how many pounds of surplus food was so sold during each month in the last six months of the year 1919?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

FOREIGN CORPORATIONS (EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS UNDER SEAL) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to make provision with regard to the execution of instruments under seal by the agents of certain foreign corporations.

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.

VOLUNTEER BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Force.

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.

TREATY OF PEACE ORDER, 1919, BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General, it was agreed that the words “within one month from the date when this Ordinance comes into force” in the sixth paragraph of the fourth column of the Schedule be deleted and that the following be substituted therefor:—“on or before the 31st March, 1920.”

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with a slight 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.

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

R. E. STUBBS,  
*Governor.*

Confirmed this 26th day of February, 1920.

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

### No. 108.

*By-law made under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903.*

By-law No. 1 of the Disinfection of Infected Premises By-laws contained in Schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, and published in the *Gazette* on the 22nd day of February, 1918, as Government Notification No. 72, is hereby repealed and the following by-law substituted therefor:—

1. In the following by-laws the words “epidemic, endemic, contagious or infectious disease” shall mean and include plague, cholera, small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhus fever, enteric fever, relapsing fever, puerperal fever, para-typhoid fever, cerebro-spinal fever, and yellow fever. The words “infected premises” shall mean and include any premises in which any person suffering from any epidemic, endemic, contagious or infectious disease is or has been recently located, and any premises in which any animal infected with plague or dead from the same has been found.

Made by the Sanitary Board this 3rd day of February, 1920.

C. M. W. REYNOLDS,  
*Secretary.*

Approved by the Legislative Council of Hongkong this 26th day of February, 1920.

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