

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 531.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

THURSDAY, 24TH JUNE, 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, (ARTHUR GEORGE MURCHISON FLETCHER, C.B.E.).
 „ the Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, K.C., C.B.E.).
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (DAVID WILLIAM TRATMAN).
 „ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, O.B.E.).
 „ the Director of Education, (EDWARD ALEXANDER IRVING).
 „ Mr. PERCY HOBSON HOLYOAK.
 „ Mr. HO FOOK.
 „ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.
 „ Mr. ARTHUR RYLANDS LOWE.

ABSENT:

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).
 „ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.
 „ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENTATION OF A MILITARY CROSS.—His Excellency the Governor presented the Military Cross to Major ERIC CAREW HUDSON, of the Machine Gun Corps, for services in France and Salonica.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th June, 1920, were confirmed.

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

Report on the Assessment for the year 1920-1921.
 Report on the New Territories for the year 1919.
 Report on the Botanical and Forestry Department for the year 1919.
 Report of the Director of Education for the year 1919.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 51 to 54, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 51.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (79) Compensation and Resumptions,.....	\$ 35,000.00
No. 52.—Police Department, Secret Service,	4,000.00
No. 53.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, General Charges, Incidental Expenses, Offices,	700.00
No. 54.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, (20) Main- tenance of Water Works,	600.00

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. 5), dated the 17th June, 1920, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

1. *In view of the fact that a strong local Commission, appointed by the Officer Administering the Government, reported in or about March, 1919, their findings regarding the emoluments of the public service of the Colony, and having regard to the fact that such emoluments are defrayed out of local revenue and not out of Imperial Funds, will the Government lay on the table the following documents, viz., the Report of the Commissioners; the despatches from the Secretary of State dealing with such report?*
2. *Will the Government, having regard to the desire of the taxpayers that the public servants should be remunerated on a fair and reasonable basis only, and in view of the undoubted dissatisfaction still existing amongst several classes of such servants as a result of the Secretary of State's decision, lay on the table a statement showing in what respect the recommendations of the Commission differ from the directions of the Secretary of State?*
3. *Will the Government state on broad lines what financial assistance they are prepared to make to assist applicants desiring to build houses for their own occupation and also how many of such applications have been received to date, specifying how many of such have been accepted or refused or with which they are still in treaty?*
4. *How many patients resident in Kowloon have been inmates of the Government and other hospitals in Victoria during 1919 and what steps, if any, have been taken to further a scheme for a general and maternity hospital at Kowloon?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Trade Marks Ordinance, 1909.

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.

SOCIETIES BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to societies.

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.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

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.

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

R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.

Confirmed this 28th day of October, 1920.

W. J. CARRIE,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 532.

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

By-law No. 14 contained in Schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and published on pages 33 to 35 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914, under the heading "Offensive Trades" is hereby repealed and the following by-law is substituted therefor:—

"14. The Board may require the adoption of such special measures and appliances as may seem to them to be necessary in the case of dusty offensive trades for mitigating as far as possible the danger and nuisance arising from the dissemination of dust through the atmosphere of the premises, and in the case of the trade of rag-picking, rag-storing, hair-cleaning, feather-storing or feather-cleaning, for disinfecting the premises and the materials used and for the destruction of vermin therein."

Made by the Sanitary Board this 6th day of July, 1920.

C. M. W. REYNOLDS,
Secretary.

Approved by the Legislative Council of Hongkong this 28th day of October, 1920.

W. J. CARRIE,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 533.

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

The By-laws contained in Schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and published on pages 22 and 23 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1914, as amended by the addition made on the 29th day of June, 1915, and published in the