

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

THURSDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 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, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).
 „ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).
 „ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, O.B.E.).
 „ the Director of Education, (EDWARD ALEXANDER IRVING).
 „ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.
 „ Mr. PERCY HOBSON HOLYOAK.
 „ Mr. Ho Fook.
 „ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.
 „ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.

ABSENT:

„ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th December, 1920, were confirmed.

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

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Plants Ordinance, 1920, on the 9th day of December, 1920.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 119 to 134, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 119.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Tyres for Engines, Carriages and Wagons, ...\$	286.00
No. 120.—Post Office, Naval Ratings, &c., D'Aguilar Station,	5,712.00
No. 121.—Treasury, Stamp Office, Incidental Expenses, ...	70.00
No. 122.—Harbour Master's Department, D.—Steam Launches, Repairs,.....	2,500.00
No. 123.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, (2) Im- provements to Buildings,	2,700.00
No. 124.—Governor:—	
Electric Fans and Light for Public Rooms,	\$ 494.00
Incidental Expenses,.....	2,223.00
Special Expenditure, Furniture,	1,205.00
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No. 125.—Public Works Department :—	
Incidental Expenses,.....	\$ 750.00
Electric Fans and Light,	200.00
	—————\$ 950.00
No. 126.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Water Works :—	
(19) Maintenance of City and Hill District,	\$ 15,000.00
(20) Maintenance of Shaukiwan,	100.00
(22) Water Account, (Meters, &c.),.....	2,000.00
	————— 17,100.00
No. 127.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Water Works, (42) Peak Distribution System :—	
Substitution of 5" and 4" mains for existing 3" from Victoria Gap to R. B. L. 76,	800.00
No. 128.—Fire Brigade, Repairs to Floating Engines,	1,200.00
No. 129.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, (46) Fire Station, Tsimshatsui,.....	4,500.00
No. 130.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, (50) Tsimshatsui Police Station Extensions,	8,500.00
No. 131.—Public Works, Recurrent :—	
Kowloon, Miscellaneous :—	
(34) Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages,	\$ 1,700.00
New Territories, Miscellaneous :—	
(45) Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages,	5,100.00
	————— 6,800.00
No. 132.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (3) Quarters for European Officers, Leighton Hill,	19,000.00
No. 133.—Police Department :—	
Arms,	\$ 80.00
Clothing and Accoutrements, ...	22,500.00
Coolie Hire,	200.00
Interpretation Fees,	40.00
Light and Electric Fans,	2,700.00
Small Stores,	250.00
Subsistence of Prisoners,	100.00
	————— 25,870.00
No. 134.—Medical Department, Office of Health Officer of Port, Launch-Repairs,	1,535.00

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. 9), dated the 9th December, 1920, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

OFFENSIVE TRADES BY-LAWS.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the approval of the new By-laws made by the Sanitary Board on the 7th day of December, 1920, under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, in substitution for By-laws Nos. 2 and 3 of the Offensive Trades By-laws.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

UNIVERSITY BILL, 1920.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

VOLUNTEER AMENDMENT BILL, 1920.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

TREATY OF PEACE (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1920, BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, as amended by the Treaty of Peace (Amendment) Order, 1920, 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 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 (AUSTRIA) ORDER, 1920, BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace (Austria) Order, 1920, 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 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 (BULGARIA) ORDER, 1920, BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituted An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace (Bulgaria) Order, 1920, 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 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 until after the meeting of the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—On Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary reported that the Finance Committee had approved Financial Minutes Nos. 119 to 134, and he moved their adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL VENTRIS.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council in connection with the retirement of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops.

Major-General Ventriss replied.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.—His Excellency the Governor thanked the Members of the Council for the assistance they had given him throughout the year and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1921.

R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.

Confirmed this 13th day of January, 1921.

S. B. B. McELDERRY,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 7.—His Excellency the Governor 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. 1 of 1921.—An Ordinance to amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1921.—An Ordinance to amend the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.