

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 61.—The following telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor is published for general information :—

“In informing you that His Majesty the KING has entrusted to me the seals of the Colonial Department I wish to assure you of my interest in the fortunes of the community over which you preside. I look forward to receiving your earnest co-operation in dealing with the difficulties which the war has left in its train and in developing our great inheritance for the common good. You may rely on my support in your task.

WINSTON CHURCHILL.”

16th February, 1921.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 62.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. I.

THURSDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1921.

PRESENT :

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

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General Sir GEORGE MACAULAY KIRKPATRICK, K.C.S.I., K.C.B.).

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

„ 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, (STEWART BUCKLE CARNE ROSS).

„ the Director of Education, (EDWARD ALEXANDER IRVING).

„ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

„ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.

„ Mr. PERCY HOBSON HOLYOAK.

„ Mr. Ho Fook.

„ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.

„ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

INVESTITURE.—His Excellency the Governor invested Major CHRISTOPHER WILLSON as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military).

NEW MEMBERS.—His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops and Mr. ROSS took the Oath and assumed their seats as Members of the Council.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23rd December, 1920, were confirmed.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE.—His Excellency the Governor appointed the following to be Members of the Standing Law Committee :—The Attorney General (*Chairman*), the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. POLLOCK, Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK, and Mr. HOLYOAK.

QUESTION.—Mr. POLLOCK, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

Will the Government appoint a Committee consisting of the Colonial Secretary and one Chinese and one British Unofficial Member of this Council for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting to this Council on

- (1) *The feasibility of providing adequate Public facilities for sea-bathing for the residents of*
 - (a) *The Island of Hongkong; and*
 - (b) *Kowloon; and*
- (2) *The question of supplying cheap and easy means of transport to the Public in connection with such sea-bathing.*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

HOLTS WHARF BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorise the making of by-laws in respect of Holts Wharf.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On section 4, on the motion of the Attorney General it was agreed that the word “constitution” be inserted after the word “the” in the fifth line of the new sub-section.

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

TRIBUTE TO THE RETIRING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council in connection with the retirement of Mr. CHATHAM.

The Colonial Secretary also addressed the Council on the subject.

Mr. CHATHAM replied.

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

R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.

Confirmed this 17th day of February, 1921.

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