

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 190.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 12 of the Trading with the Enemy Amendment Ordinance, 1916, Ordinance No. 8 of 1916 on the 14th day of April, 1921.

In pursuance of section 12 of the Trading with the Enemy Amendment Ordinance, 1916, the Governor in Council hereby declares that the fee of 1% to be charged on all sums received by the Custodian under the Trading with the Enemy Second Amendment Ordinance, 1915, the Trading with the Enemy Third Amendment Ordinance, 1915, and the Trading with the Enemy Amendment Ordinance, 1916, the said fee having been fixed by Government Notification No. 328, published in the *Government Gazette* of 28th July, 1916, shall be charged, and shall be deemed to have been rightly charged, on the proceeds of all sales by the Custodian under the said Ordinances, and on all rents collected by the said Custodian, as well as on all dividends, interest, and shares of profits paid to the said Custodian.

14th April, 1921.

No. 191.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in Council has given directions for the rescission of the Order of the 20th May, 1920, published in the *Gazette* of the 21st May, 1920, as Government Notification No. 287 proclaiming Formosa to be a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevailed, and the same is hereby rescinded.

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
28th April, 1921.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 192.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No 5.

THURSDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1921.

PRESENT:

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

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE).

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

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).

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

The Honourable the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (STEWART BUCKLE CARNE ROSS).
 „ the Director of Public Works, (THOMAS LUFF PERKINS).
 „ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
 „ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.
 „ Mr. PERCY HOBSON HOLYOAK.
 „ Mr. Ho FOOK.
 „ Mr. HERBERT WILLIAM BIRD.
 „ Mr. ALEXANDER GORDON STEPHEN.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

NEW MEMBER—Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, having taken the Oath previous to the meeting, assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th April, 1921, were confirmed.

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

“ In view of the fact that the housing problem is still acute and that the Dairy Farm Co. hold some 210 acres of highly suitable and accessible building land on the cool side of the Island, will the Government take preliminary steps to develop some spot on the mainland, such as the slopes of the Shatin Valley, with a view to the ultimate removal of that Company's sheds and cattle to such spot and the resumption of the land at present in its possession ? ”

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 18 to 24, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 18.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Platform Awnings,.....	\$ 1,050.00
No. 19.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Extensions and alterations to No. 1 Motor House, Garden Road,	1,550.00
No. 20.—Miscellaneous Services, Bathing Places, North Point and Kennedy Town,	5,300.00
No. 21.—Harbour Master's Department, Personal Emolu- ments,	660.00
No. 22.—Sanitary Department, Launches, Steam Barges and Lighters, Repairs,	\$ 4,500.00
No. 23.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Installation of Water Closets and extension of sewer in Kennedy Town Hospital,	600.00
No. 24.—Education Department, Typewriters,	401.00

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. 3), dated the 7th April, 1921, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

1. *In view of the fact that additional taxation is being imposed on all the inhabitants of the Colony in an unsuccessful endeavour to balance the Budget for the Current Year, 1921, will the Government take a Referendum of Magazine Gap and Peak Residents with a view to ascertain whether it is the wish of the majority of such Residents that a Motor Road should be made from Magazine Gap to the Peak? if not, why not?*
2. *What is the estimated cost of making such Motor Road, and when was such estimate obtained?*

The Colonial Secretary, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, and the Director of Public Works replied.

CUSTODIAN BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the transference of property, rights and powers to successive holders of the office of Custodian of Enemy Property.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

TREATY OF PEACE (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) ORDER, 1920, BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a 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, and by the Treaty of Peace (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 first time.

STAMP DUTIES BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to stamp duty.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. POLLOCK, Mr. HOLYOAK, and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council with reference to the date to be fixed for the second reading and with reference to certain facilities to be given in the meantime for the consideration of the Bill.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. HOLYOAK and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council with reference to the date to be fixed for the second reading.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government agreed to postpone until the 25th instant the discussion of the Bill.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Monday, the 25th day of April, 1921.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Officer Administering the Government.

Confirmed this 25th day of April, 1921.

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