

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 286.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No 9.

THURSDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1921.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Colonel CECIL WILLIAM DAVY, C.M.G.).

- „ the Colonial Secretary, (Mr. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.).
- „ the Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, C.B.E., K.C.).
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).
- „ the Director of Education, (EDWARD ALEXANDER IRVING).
- „ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (STEWART BUCKLE CARNE ROSS, O.B.E.).
- „ the Director of Public Works, (THOMAS LUFF PERKINS).
- „ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
- „ Mr. PERCY HOBSON HOLYOAK.
- „ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.
- „ Mr. Ho Fook.
- „ Mr. HERBERT WILLIAM BIRD.
- „ Mr. ALEXANDER GORDON STEPHEN.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

NEW MEMBER.—Colonel CECIL WILLIAM DAVY, having taken the Oath previous to the meeting, assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

PRESENTATION OF DECORATIONS.—His Excellency the Governor presented the badge of Officer of the Order of the British Empire to the Honourable Mr. STEWART BUCKLE CARNE ROSS, and the badge of Member of the Order of the British Empire to Mr. GASTON PACROS DE MARTIN, and to Mr. FRANCIS JOHN DE ROME, for services rendered in the censorship at the Post Office during the war.

MINUTES.—The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 28th and 30th April, 1921, were confirmed.

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

- Report of the Harbour Master for the year 1920.
- Report of the Police Magistrate for the year 1920.
- Report of the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the year 1920.
- Report on the New Territories for the year 1920.
- Report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) for the year 1920.

Preliminary Report on the Census of Hongkong, 1921.

Return of Excesses on Sub-Heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure for the 1st Quarter, 1921.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 28 to 49, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 28.—Harbour Master's Department, Special Expenditure, New Hull for H. D. 3,	\$ 1,000.00
No. 29.—Sanitary Department, Special Expenditure, Motor Meat and Poultry Vans,	21,500.00
No. 30.—Miscellaneous Services, Special Expenditure, Census Expenses,	10,000.00
No. 31.—Military Expenditure, B.—Volunteer Defence Corps, Uniform, including boots,.....	7,000.00
No. 32.—Medical Department, Sterilizer for the operating theatre,	160.00
No. 33.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Roads: Raising the Praya Wall, Surfacing with Setts in the Government portion of roadway between Whitty Street and Kennedy Town—between the tracks, and surfacing the remainder of road with Macadam,	25,000.00
No. 34.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Praya East Reclamation Scheme, (46) Road improvement at Arsenal Street, Resumption and alterations of Buildings,	194,800.00
No. 35.—Police and Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure, Difference between cost of two motor pumps (\$32,000) and amount provided for in the Estimates for one motor pump (\$8,400) and one patrol wagon (\$7,000),	16,600.00
No. 36.—Harbour Master's Department, New buoys for Deep Bay Channel,	450.00
No. 37.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Repairs to Railway Embankment,	4,760.00
No. 38.—Imports and Exports Department, Personal Emoluments,.....	3,647.00
No. 39.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Buildings, Belilios Girls' School—Adaptation and alterations to recently erected teachers' room and existing cloak room to Class Rooms, etc.,	10,500.00
No. 40.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, two Motor Coaches and one Trailer,	283,000.00
No. 41.—Post Office, Personal Emoluments, Salary for Mr. Bradshaw, Superintendent of Wireless Telegraphy, for the period from 1st June to 31st December, 1921,	2,800.00
No. 42.—Medical Department, Office of Health Officer of Port, Personal Emoluments,.....	2,012.00
No. 43.—Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon, Improvements to Buildings,	1,000.00
No. 44.—Police and Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure, one Extension Ladder,	680.00
No. 45.—Police and Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure, one Searchlight set for No. 1 Fire Float,	5,000.00
No. 46.—Public Works, Recurrent, (36) Kowloon, Water Account, (Meters, etc.),.....	6,000.00

No. 47.—Governor :—

Electric Fans and Light for Public Rooms,	\$ 1,000.00
Incidental Expenses,.....	1,000.00
	—————\$ 2,000.00

No. 48.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Installation of Clock,..... 1,236.00

No. 49.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Water Works, (43), 3" Main from Wongneichong Gap Reservoir to Repulse Bay, 2,000.00

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. 6), dated the 30th April, 1921, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REGULATIONS. —The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Regulations made under :—

- (a.) *The Stamp Ordinance, 1921, by the Officer Administering the Government in Council on the 30th April, 1921.*
- (b.) *The Stamp Ordinance, 1921, by the Officer Administering the Government in Council on the 11th May, 1921.*
- (c.) *The Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919, by the Governor in Council on the 26th May, 1921.*
- (d.) *The Stamp Ordinance, 1921, by the Governor in Council on the 9th June, 1921.*

SUPREME COURT RULE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Rule made under the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1873, by the Chief Justice on 14th June, 1921, and moved that it be approved by the Council.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RATES.—The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution :—

Resolved that the Resolution made by the Legislative Council under section 31 (1) of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, on the 7th day of April, 1921, and published in the Gazette on the 8th day of April, 1921, as Government Notification No. 114 be rescinded and that the percentages on the valuation of tenements payable as rates on and after the 1st day of July, 1921, be the same as are now payable.

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

His Excellency addressed the Council in connection with the increases of rent.

LIQUOR DUTIES.—The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution :—

Resolved that the Resolution made by the Legislative Council under the provisions of Section 41 (1) of the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, on the 7th day of April, 1921, and published in the Gazette of the 7th day of April, 1921, as Government Notification No. 139 be amended by cancelling the clauses thereof marked (1) and (2) respectively and substituting therefor the following clauses :—

- (1) *\$0.20 cents per gallon on all native liquor distilled in the New Territories, not including New Kowloon, for consumption in the said Territories.*

- (2.) *Stills in the New Territories, not including New Kowloon, shall be prohibited from sending liquor produced in these stills to Hongkong or to New Kowloon, provided that any licensee of a distillery who desires to send such liquor to Hongkong or to New Kowloon may be granted a permit to do so, upon payment of the duties charged in Hongkong and New Kowloon.*

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

“Will the Government instruct the Police to afford facilities to Contractors for the temporary storage of building materials on the Praya during transit from the lighters or junks in which they arrive?”

The Colonial Secretary replied.

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

1. *Has the new Telephone Cable from the Island of Hongkong to Cheung Chau, which was referred to by the Colonial Secretary in this Council on the 18th September, 1919, been laid?*
2. *Is it the fact that an European Sergeant is the only European Police Officer stationed at Cheung Chau, and is he constantly, in the course of his duty, absent from that Island? Is not the Government yet in a position to comply with the requests which have been repeatedly made in this Council for the stationing of a second European Police Officer at Cheung Chau?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

MAINTENANCE ORDERS (FACILITIES FOR ENFORCEMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to facilitate the enforcement in the Colony of Maintenance Orders made in England or Ireland and *vice versa*, and to declare the application of the Married Women (Desertion) Ordinance, 1905, and to amend the said Ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to criminal procedure in the Supreme Court.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

NON-FERROUS METAL INDUSTRY BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to repeal the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance, 1919, and the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Amendment Ordinance, 1920.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

COMPANIES BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the law relating to companies.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 30th day of June, 1921.

R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.

Confirmed this 30th day of June, 1921.

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

No. 287.—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. 9 of 1921.—An Ordinance to facilitate the enforcement in the Colony of Maintenance Orders made in England or Ireland and *vice versâ*, and to declare the application of the Married Women (Desertion) Ordinance, 1905, and to amend the said Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 10 of 1921.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to criminal procedure in the Supreme Court.

Ordinance No. 11 of 1921.—An Ordinance to repeal the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance, 1919, and the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Amendment Ordinance, 1920.

Ordinance No. 12 of 1921.—An Ordinance to amend further the law relating to companies.