

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 558.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 18.

THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1921.

PRESENT:

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

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (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 Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, O.B.E.).
 „ the Director of Education, (EDWARD ALEXANDER IRVING).
 „ the Director of Public Works, (THOMAS LUFF PERKINS).
 „ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.
 „ Mr. HERBERT WILLIAM BIRD.
 „ Mr. ALEXANDER GORDON STEPHEN.
 „ Mr. ARCHIBALD ORR LANG.
 „ Mr. CHOW SHOU-SON.

ABSENT:

- „ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENTATION OF DECORATIONS.—His Excellency the Governor presented the badge of Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to Captain B. D. CRAWFORD MORGAN and also presented the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' decoration to Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander CHAS. P. MARCEL.

MINUTES.—The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th December, 1921, were confirmed.

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

Report on the Census of the Colony for 1921.

Order under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on 8th December.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 11 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1871, on 8th December.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 134 to 136, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 134.—Police, Motor Ambulance,\$ 4,989.00

No. 135.—Public Works, Recurrent :—

Hongkong Communications :—

(6) Maintenance of Roads and
Bridges outside city,\$ 8,000.00

(7) Improvements to Roads and
Bridges outside city, 1,500.00

Lighting :—

(10) Gas Lighting, City and
Suburbs and Hill District, 1,200.00

(11) Electric Lighting, City, Hill
District and Shaukiwan, ... 200.00

—————\$ 10,900.00

No. 136.—Public Works, Extraordinary :—

New Territories, Communications :—

(77) Roads: (b) Taipo Road,—
Widening and improving
road between 3rd and 5th
milestones,\$ 20,700.00

Miscellaneous :—

(82) Pier at Cheung Chau, 6,100.00

————— 26,800.00

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. 15), dated the 8th December, 1921, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

When will the final Report on the Census, which was taken last Spring, be published?

His Excellency the Governor replied.

JUDGMENTS (FACILITIES FOR ENFORCEMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to facilitate the reciprocal enforcement of judgments and awards in the Colony of Hongkong and in other parts of His Majesty's dominions and in certain other territories.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

RENTS SECOND AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Rents Ordinance, 1921.

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.

STOCKS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate the imposition of the penalty of stocks.

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.

INDEMNITY BILL.—With the consent of the Council, the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to restrict the taking of legal proceedings in respect of certain acts and matters done during the war and to provide in certain cases remedies in substitution therefor was postponed to the next meeting of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 29th day of December, 1921.

R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.

Confirmed this 29th day of December, 1921.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 559.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the KING, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 32 of 1921.—An Ordinance to facilitate the reciprocal enforcement of judgments and awards in the Colony of Hongkong and in other parts of His Majesty's dominions and in certain other territories.