

14 (c.) The faces of the centre rail, where the gradient exceeds 1 in 3, shall be roughened by chisel cross cuts; the roughened faces shall be treated with a coating of tar applied whilst hot.

14 (d.) The roughened faces of the centre rail shall be subjected to a careful examination by the Superintendent Engineer at least once a week; any smoothing shall be remedied as soon as practicable by re-roughening in manner aforesaid and by again treating with a coating of tar applied whilst hot. The cause of smoothing shall be ascertained and removed if practicable.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
30th June, 1927.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 396.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

Thursday, 23rd June, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR CECIL CLEMENTI, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General CHARLES CAMAC LUARD, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHORN, C.M.G.).

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

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

„ Mr. EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E., (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

„ Mr. HENRY THOMAS JACKMAN, (Acting Director of Public Works).

„ Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, (Captain Superintendent of Police).

„ Sir SHOUSON CHOW, Kt.

„ Mr. DALLAS GERALD MERCER BERNARD.

„ Mr. ARTHUR CECIL HYNES.

„ Mr. JOHN OWEN HUGHES.

„ Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON.

ABSENT:

„ Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the Governor occupied the Chair.

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th June, 1927, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

3. The following papers were laid on the table :—

Administration Reports, 1926 :—

Part I.—General Administration :—

Financial Returns for the year 1926.

Report on the Finances for the year 1926.

Report on the Assessment for the year 1927-1928.

Part II.—Law and Order :—

Report on the New Territories.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 4 (1) of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1916, on 16th June, 1927.

MOTIONS.

4. The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution :—

That Whereas by the provisions of section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, it is *inter alia* provided that subject to the approval of the Governor in Council after timely and adequate notification by public advertisement or otherwise of the intention of the company to apply for such approval and after such approval has been confirmed by a resolution of the Legislative Council the company may construct and maintain subject to the provisions of the said Ordinance and in accordance with plans to be previously deposited in the office of the Director of Public Works all such lines, crossings, passing places, sidings, junctions, turn-tables and other works in addition to or as extension of those particularly specified in and authorized by the said Ordinance as may be approved of by the Governor in Council and may work and use the same :

And whereas timely and adequate notification by public advertisement of the intention of the company to apply for the approval of the Governor in Council to the construction of approximately 145 yards of single track tramway in Percival Street and also to the provision of an additional curve leading from Morrison Street into Connaught Road Central with the necessary points in accordance with the plans dated 23rd February, 1927, and 21st April, 1927, respectively and deposited with the Director of Public Works :

And whereas the company has duly applied for the approval of the Governor in Council to the construction and maintenance of the said track and additional curve :

And whereas the Governor in Council did on the 1st day of June, 1927, approve the construction and maintenance of the said track and additional curve, subject to certain conditions :

NOW it is hereby resolved that the approval of the Governor in Council so given as aforesaid shall be and is hereby confirmed: Provided that (1) any alteration of mains, cables, services, sewers, drains, manholes or other works belonging to the Government of the Colony shall be carried out by the Director of Public Works at the cost of the company, (2) all the other works shall be subject to the approval and shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works, and (3) the said track and additional curve respectively and all the works in connection therewith shall be subject to all the powers and provisions of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 6), dated the 16th June, 1927, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILLS.

6. *Public Health and Buildings Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

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 with technical amendments 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.

7. *Japanese Residents Association Bill.*—Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for incorporation of the Directors of the Japanese Residents Association of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Nipponjin Kwai 香港日本人會).

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.

8. *Supplementary Appropriation Bill.*—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of One million and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and ninety-two Dollars and forty-two Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1926.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Public Revenue Protection Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to protect the revenue of the Colony.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

10. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 30th day of June, 1927.

C. CLEMENTI,
Governor.

Confirmed this 30th day of June, 1927.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.