

The Colonial Secretary, the Director of Public Works, and the Colonial Treasurer replied.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of Asylums for the Custody and Care of persons of unsound mind, and others.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Two hundred and seventy-eight thousand four hundred and twelve Dollars and eight Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1905.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

• The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 14th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 14th day of June, 1906.

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

No. 509.—The following Bill was read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 14th June, 1906:—

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to authorize the construction and maintenance of certain Naval and Military Works upon and over certain portions of the Crown foreshore and sea bed situate upon the Harbour frontage of the City of Victoria, in this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :—

- Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as The Naval and Military Works Ordinance, 1906.
- Authority to construct and maintain certain works over the foreshore and sea bed. 2.—(a.) It shall be lawful for the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (hereinafter called the Commissioners) to construct upon and over the Crown foreshore and bed of the sea between Murray Pier and Arsenal Street in Victoria in this Colony the works shown and delineated generally in red colour upon a plan signed by Archibald Deacon Shortridge Esquire, Superintendent Civil Engineer of such works and countersigned by the Director of Public Works, dated the 12th day of April, 1906 and deposited in the Office of the Director of Public Works.
- (b.) The Commissioners may make such alterations in the said works as they may deem expedient so long as such works, so altered, shall not extend beyond the limits shown in red colour on the said plan and marked "Harbour Boundary," Eastern Boundary and Western Boundary respectively.
- (c.) During the construction of the said works, such cofferdams, stayings, and other accessory works as may be necessary or convenient for the execution of the said works, may be temporarily constructed and maintained within the limits specified in sub-section (b).
- (d.) Such works when constructed may be maintained so long as they may be required for the use of His Majesty's Services.
- Duplicate plan. 3. A duplicate of the said plan signed and countersigned as aforesaid shall be deposited in the Land Registry Office.
- Past work legalized. 4. So far as the said works (including any accessory works) have heretofore been constructed and maintained, such construction and maintenance is hereby validated and legalized, for all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly effected under this Ordinance.
- Determination of certain public rights. 5. All public rights, privileges and easements in, upon, and over such portions of the Crown foreshore and sea bed as are or shall be occupied by the said works, are hereby determined, and shall be deemed to have ceased to exist prior to the commencement of the said works.
- Ordinance only to affect works over foreshore and sea bed. 6. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to affect the said works except so far as they are upon or over the said foreshore or sea bed.
- Saving of rights of the Crown. 7. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be in derogation of any of the powers or rights of the Crown in respect of the said foreshore or sea bed.

Objects and Reasons.

The construction and maintenance of certain works, upon and over part of the foreshore and sea bed have been deemed expedient in the interests of His Majesty's Naval and Military Services in this Colony. This Ordinance confers the necessary statutory authority for such construction and maintenance in the future and also legalizes what has been already done.

HENRY S. BERKLEY,
Attorney General.