

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 534.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

THURSDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1906.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General VILLIERS HATTON, C.B.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).

„ the Attorney General, (Sir HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

„ the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).

„ the Harbour Master, (Captain LIONEL AUBREY WALTER BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N.).

„ Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

„ Mr. WEI YUK.

„ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

„ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

„ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.

„ Mr. WILLIAM JARDINE GRESSON.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 7th June, 1906, were read and confirmed.

COMMITTEE.—His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with Standing Order No. 47, appointed the Honourable Mr. WILLIAM JARDINE GRESSON to be a Member of the Public Works Committee *vice* Mr. CHARLES WEDDERBURN DICKSON.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 34 to 38), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

M. NATHAN.

No. 10169 of 1904, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to re-vote a sum of Two thousand one hundred and sixty-four Dollars (\$2,164) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Buildings:—1. Government Civil Hospital—Extension to Staff Quarters.

Government House, Hongkong, 6th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 1309 of 1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in aid of the vote, Police and Prison Departments, A.—Police—Other Charges, for the following items:—

Meals for Prisoners in Cells,	\$400
Secret Service,	600

Total,	<u>\$1,000</u>
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Government House, Hongkong, 7th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 8023 of 1904, C.O.D.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand three hundred and seventy-five Dollars and seventy-nine Cents (\$3,375.79) in aid of the vote, Military Expenditure, B.—Volunteers—Other Charges, Rifles and Equipment.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 4344 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand six hundred Dollars (\$1,600) in aid of the vote, Medical Departments, Other Charges, B.—Hospitals and Asylums, Civil Hospital: Washing.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 4059 of
1906, C.O.D.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and seventy Dollars (\$470) in aid of the vote, Post Office, A.—Hongkong Post Office Other Charges, for the following items:—

Contingencies,	\$ 50
Rent of a floor,	420
	Total,.....\$470
	Total,.....\$470

Government House, Hongkong, 9th June, 1906.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 7th June, 1906, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE LAW COMMITTEE.—The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Law Committee, dated the 7th June, 1906, and moved its adoption.

After some discussion the motion was withdrawn.

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

With reference to the Draft Supplementary Colonial Estimates giving a comparative statement of the Estimated and Actual Expenditure of the Colony for the year 1905 as presented to the Legislative Council at the last meeting, will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary state what saving, if any, has been effected in the personal emoluments of the whole of the Civil Service during that period?

Is the saving entirely due to the difference in the rate of exchange between that calculated on in the Estimates and the rate at which payment was made, or if to other causes, what causes?

On what rate were the Estimates based, and at what rate or rates were payments made?

The Colonial Treasurer replied.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WORKS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of 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.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ASYLUMS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the 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 second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole Council on the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the third 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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to the Property of Married Women.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 21st June, 1906.

M. NATHAN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 21st day of June, 1906.

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

No. 535.

*Resolutions passed by the Legislative Council,
this 21st day of June, 1906.*

1. Resolved that the Resolution regarding the running of Workmen's Cars by the Hongkong Tramway Electric Company, Limited, passed by the Legislative Council on the 15th September 1904 be rescinded as from to-day.

2. Resolved that until further notice the Hongkong Tramway Electric Company, Limited, shall provide the following number of cars every morning and evening, at such hours not being later than 7 a.m. nor earlier than 5.30 p.m. as the Company shall think most convenient, for artisans, mechanics and daily labourers, at fares not exceeding 2 cents for the single journey and 3 cents for the return journey :—

MORNING.

From Kennedy Town to Arsenal Street,2 Cars.

From North Point to the junction of Wing Lok Street
and Connaught Road,.....4 Cars.

EVENING.

From Arsenal Street to Kennedy Town,2 Cars.

From the junction of Wing Lok Street and Connaught
Road to North Point,.....4 Cars.

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
21st June, 1906.