

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 554.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 7.

THURSDAY, 21ST 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. EDWARD OSBORNE.

„ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.

„ Mr. WILLIAM JARDINE GRESSON.

ABSENT:

The Honourable Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 14th June, 1906, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—

Report on the Botanical and Forestry Department, for the year 1905.

Report on the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, for the year April 1st, 1905, to March 31st, 1906.

Report of the Inspector of Schools, for the year 1905.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 39 to 41), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

M. NATHAN.

No. 4385 of 1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in aid of the vote, Sanitary Department—Other Charges, Plague, for the following items:—

Compensation for damages by disinfection,	\$1,000
Plague corpses, cost of burial,	2,000

Total,.....	<u>\$3,000</u>
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Government House, Hongkong, 14th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 2325 of 1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and seventy Dollars (\$170) in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, B.—Magistracy—Other Charges, Bonus to Mr. T. A. HANMER.

Government House, Hongkong, 18th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 3182 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five thousand seven hundred Dollars (\$5,700) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Buildings :—Post Office, Kowloon.

Government House, Hongkong, 16th 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 14th June, 1906, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the following resolutions :—

- “ 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.”*

The Registrar General addressed the Council, and seconded the motion.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

The motion was carried unanimously.

PROSPECTING AND MINING BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to empower the Governor to grant licences to search for and prove minerals and to grant licences and leases of land for the purpose of working mines and minerals.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WORKS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the 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 second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without any material amendment.

DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred back to the Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ASYLUMS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of Asylums for the Detention, Custody and Care of persons of unsound mind, and others.

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 28th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 28th day of June, 1906.

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

No. 555.—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. 7 of 1906.—An Ordinance to empower the Governor to grant licences to search for and prove minerals and to grant licences and leases of land for the purpose of working mines and minerals.

Ordinance No. 8 of 1906.—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.