

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 741.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 8.

THURSDAY, 28TH 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 :

„ MR. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 21st June, 1906, were read and confirmed.

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

Report on Refuse Destructors by MR. T. L. PERKINS.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 42 and 43), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

M. NATHAN.

No. 4696 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred Dollars (\$100) in aid of the vote, Police and Prison Departments, Prison—Other Charges, Executioners' Fee, and for Inflicting Corporal Punishment.

Government House, Hongkong, 22nd June, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 7355 of
1905,
Extension.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and eighteen Dollars and thirty Cents (\$418.30) in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, B.—Magistracy—Other Charges, New Territories, Weights.

Government House, Hongkong, 23rd 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 21st 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 22nd June, 1906, addressed the Council, and moved its adoption.

Dr. HO KAI addressed the Council, and seconded the motion.

Mr. HEWETT addressed the Council.

After some discussion the motion was carried.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Public Works Committee, dated the 21st June, 1906.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

PROSPECTING AND MINING BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the 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.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Order of the Day for the consideration of the Bill in Committee be discharged.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WORKS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third 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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until after the meeting of the Finance Committee, and on the Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary reported that Financial Minutes Nos. 42 and 43 had been considered by the Finance Committee and that the recommendations had been approved.

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 28th June, 1906, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 6th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 6th day of September, 1906.

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

No. 742.—The following Bills were read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 6th September, 1906:—