

NEW TERRITORIES LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the New Territories Land Ordinance, 1905.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

PRAYA RECLAMATION FUND TRANSFER BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to transfer to the General Revenue certain sums forming part of the Praya Reclamation Fund.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

REGULATION OF CHINESE (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 1888.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 13th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed this 13th day of September, 1906.

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

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No. 775.—The following Bills were read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 13th September, 1906:—

## A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million two hundred and two thousand one hundred and thirty-five Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1907.

WHEREAS the expenditure required for the service of this Colony for the year 1907 has, apart from the contribution to the Imperial Government in aid of Military Expenditure, been estimated at the sum of Five million two hundred and two thousand one hundred and thirty-five Dollars:

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 "Appropriation Ordinance for 1907."

2. A sum not exceeding Five million two hundred and two thousand one hundred and thirty-five Dollars shall be and the same is hereby charged upon the revenue of the Colony for the service of the year 1907, and the said sum so charged may be expended as hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

EXPENDITURE.	\$
Charge on account of Public Debt, - -	192,680
Pensions, - - - - -	214,600
Governor, - - - - -	74,512
Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature,	66,577
Registrar General's Department, - - -	38,332
Audit Department, - - - - -	14,783
Treasury, - - - - -	57,152
Post Office, - - - - -	414,698
Hongkong Post Office,—Special Expenditure,	4,100
Harbour Master's Department, - - -	163,234
Observatory, - - - - -	20,530
Judicial and Legal Departments, - - -	196,720
Police and Prison Departments, - - -	689,490
Fire Brigade,—Special Expenditure, - -	9,200
Medical Departments, - - - - -	235,175
Sanitary Department, - - - - -	454,229
Botanical and Forestry Department, - -	46,751
Education, - - - - -	181,484
Ecclesiastical and Charitable Services, -	17,925
Transport, - - - - -	10,000
Miscellaneous Services, - - - - -	143,712
Military Expenditure,—	
Volunteers, - - - - -	47,015
Public Works,—	
Public Works Department, - - - - -	261,036
Public Works, Recurrent, - - - - -	437,500
Public Works, Extraordinary, - - - -	1,210,700
Total, - - - - -	\$ 5,202,135

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend The Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891.

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as The Prepared Opium Amendment Ordinance, 1906, and shall be read and construed as one with The Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891, hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance.

Short title and construction.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance shall be amended by the addition of the following definitions:—

Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Ordinance.

“The expression “compound of opium” means any substance, not coming within the above definition of prepared opium, which contains opium, or any constituent or alkaloid thereof, however the original form of such opium may have been altered.

Definitions of “compound of opium” and “morphine”.

“Morphine” includes morphia and all salts of morphine and any solution or preparation containing morphine.”

3. The proviso to section 10 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

New proviso substituted for proviso to section 10 of the Principal Ordinance.

“Provided that no trader in opium shall be prevented from *bonâ fide* testing samples of opium obtained in accordance with the provisions of any Ordinance for the time being in force relating to raw opium and keeping the same for the purposes of his trade, the burden of proof whereof shall in each case be upon any person alleging the same in his defence.”

4. After section 12 of the Principal Ordinance the following shall be inserted:—

Conditional licence for importing &c., morphine and compounds of opium for sale or use within the Colony.

“Compounds of Opium.”

12a. (1.) It shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to grant licences to such persons as he may think fit in such numbers as he may deem suitable and on such conditions as he may consider proper for importing for sale or use within the Colony, preparing, manufacturing, or dealing in morphine and compounds of opium, and any person so importing, manufacturing, or dealing in morphine or any compound of opium without such licence shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

(2.) Any such licence may be revoked by the Governor-in-Council at his discretion and without assigning cause.

(3.) There shall be paid for each such licence an annual fee of twenty-five dollars which shall be awarded to the Opium Farmer.

(4.) If the holder of any such licence does not comply with the conditions he shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

12b. Every importer whether for exportation from or for sale or use within the Colony of morphine or any compound of opium shall on the importation thereof truly declare before the Superintendent of Imports and Exports the amount of morphine or opium contained therein and any such importer making a false declaration in this regard shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

Declaration of value on importation.

Royalty on morphine and compounds of opium imported for use in the Colony.

12c. Every importer of morphine or any compound of opium which is intended for sale or use in the Colony shall pay to the Opium Farmer a royalty thereon calculated at the rate of thirty dollars per tael of morphine and three dollars per tael of opium which royalty shall be paid to the Opium Farmer and may be recovered by the Opium Farmer in a summary way before a Magistrate.

Exemptions.

The Governor-in-Council may at his discretion exempt any medicine containing morphine or opium or any compound of opium manufactured in and imported from Europe, America, or any British Colony from the provisions of the Principal Ordinance and this Ordinance: the name and description of any medicine so exempted shall be published in *The Gazette*.

Bonded warehouses for morphine and compounds of opium.

12d. The Governor shall and the Opium Farmer may establish one or more bonded warehouses for the use of dealers in morphine and compounds of opium imported for exportation and not for use or sale in the Colony and all morphine and compounds of opium shall be stored in such warehouse or warehouses.

Regulations.

The Governor-in-Council may from time to time make, vary and rescind regulations with regard to the storage and removal of morphine and compounds of opium in and from such warehouses, to the payment of charges for storage therein and to such other purposes as the Governor-in-Council may deem desirable and such regulations when published in *The Gazette* shall have the force of law.

Amendment of section 30 of the Principal Ordinance to include compounds of opium and morphine.

5. Section 30 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting the words "compounds of opium, morphine," after the words "gross opium".

Repeal of Ordinance No. 10 of 1904.

6. The Prepared Opium Amendment Ordinance, 1904, is hereby repealed.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object of this Bill is to make better provision for the establishment of bonded warehouses for morphine and compounds of opium, and to remove any doubt as to whether the provisions of the Principal Ordinance with regard to searches, arrests, possession, seizure and disposal and with regard to penalties and otherwise apply to morphine and compounds of opium.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,  
*Attorney General.*

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

**No. 776.**—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, under the provisions of Section 2 (1) of the Marriage Ordinance, 1875 (Ordinance No. 7 of 1875), JOHN ROSKRUGE WOOD to be a Deputy Registrar of Marriages, during the absence on vacation leave of JAMES DYER BALL, or until further notice, with effect from the 1st instant.

14th September, 1906.