

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 905.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 14.

THURSDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1906.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Colonel CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
R.E.).

the Colonial Secretary, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).
the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).
the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).
the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS JOSEPH BADELEY).
Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.
Mr. WEI YUK.
Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.
Mr. WILLIAM JARDINE GRESSON.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Attorney General, (SIR HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt., K.C.).
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 11th October, 1906, were read and confirmed.

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

Report by the Examiners of Queen's College.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 78 to 83), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

M. NATHAN.

V in
No. 7116 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand nine hundred and forty-two Dollars (\$1,942) in aid of the vote, Harbour Master's Department, for the following items:—

A.—Harbour Office.

Other Charges.

New Boats,\$ 720

G.—Lighthouses,

Gap Rock Lighthouse.

Other Charges.

Gunpowder Charges and Tubes for Fog

Signalling Guns, 1,222

Total,\$1,942

Government House, Hongkong, 12th October, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

H in
No. 7416 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and ten Dollars (\$110) in aid of the vote, Sanitary Department—Other Charges, Typhoon Expenses.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th October, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 7616 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and thirteen Dollars (\$113) in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, B.—Magistracy—Other Charges, for the following items :—

Advertising Meetings of Justices of the Peace,	\$ 50
New Territory.	
Incidental Expenses,	63
Total,	\$113

Government House, Hongkong, 12th October, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

VIII in
No. 7416 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and fifty Dollars (\$450) in aid of the vote, Medical Departments, Typhoon Expenses,—Hire of Launch for Health Officer of Port.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th October, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 2691 of
1906, C.S.O.,
Confidential.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Fourteen thousand Dollars (\$14,000) in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance Commission.

Government House, Hongkong, 20th October, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

H in
No. 7416 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Six thousand Dollars (\$6,000) in aid of the vote, Sanitary Department, Typhoon Expenses.

Government House, Hongkong, 22nd October, 1906.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

CHINESE CEMETERIES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following Additional Bye-law made by the Sanitary Board on the 2nd October, 1906, under Section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and moved that it be approved by the Council :—

“19.—The areas of the grave spaces in the various sections shall not exceed the following dimensions :—

- Section A 7 feet long by 2½ feet wide with 18 inches interspaces.
- Section B 7 feet 6 inches long by 2¾ feet wide with 18 inches interspaces.
- Section C 8 feet long by 3 feet wide with 18 inches interspaces.
- Section D 10 feet long by 8 feet wide with 18 inches interspaces.
- Section E 10 feet long by 8 feet wide with 18 inches interspaces.”

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

WORKMEN'S TRAMS.—Consideration of the following Resolution was postponed:—

“Resolved that the Resolutions regarding the running of Workmen's Cars by the Hongkong Tramway Electric Company, Limited, passed by the Legislative Council on the 21st day of June 1906 be rescinded as from to-day.”

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSION FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Colonial Treasurer moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund Ordinance, 1900.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Trade Marks, be withdrawn from the “Orders of the Day.”

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill entitled An Ordinance further to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole Council.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with minor amendments.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 1st November, 1906.

M. NATHAN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 1st day of November, 1906.

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

No. 906.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the KING, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 17 of 1906.—An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund Ordinance, 1900.