

- (b) The revolver is the weapon most commonly used. Knives, daggers, choppers, and chisels have also been carried. On the 18th May, 1918, an armed robbery was committed by a gang of five men, four of whom were armed with toy pistols. It is not known whether toy pistols were used in any of the armed robberies during the period under review, but various seizures of toy pistols in the possession of known bad characters have been made.
2. The Government does not consider that it will serve any useful purpose to make such enquiry.
 3. The reply to Mr. Lau Chü-pak's question, printed above, details the steps which have been taken to augment the Police Force, and the Government has made such use as it has found possible of the Police Reserve. It is not considered to be in the public interest to give particulars of the steps that have been taken or will be taken for the suppression of armed robberies, but if the Honourable Member cares to call upon the Captain Superintendent of Police he will be fully informed upon the subject.
 4. The Government has taken and is taking all possible steps to this end.

A. D. BALL,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
22nd May, 1919.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 233.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Honourable Mr. PERCY HOBSON HOLYOAK or until further notice.

17th May, 1919.

No. 234.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Colonel ARTHUR CHAPMAN, V.D., to act as Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, in addition to his other duties, during the absence on leave of Mr. WILLIAM JAMES TUTCHER or until further notice, with effect from the 23rd May, 1919.

23rd May, 1919.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 235.—The following corrected copy of the Register of Medical and Surgical Practitioners qualified to practise Medicine and Surgery in this Colony is published by me in accordance with the provisions of Ordinances No. 1 of 1884 and No. 31 of 1914.