

9. The Licensee may not transfer the business of money changer to other premises without first obtaining the permission in writing of the Captain Superintendent of Police, who will endorse any alterations on the licence.

10. The Licensee must carry on his business entirely on his own premises and no obstruction to any street, thoroughfare or footpath by himself or his customers is permissible.

11. The Licence may be cancelled by the Captain Superintendent of Police on one month's notice in writing being given to the Licensee at the licensed premises.

12. Every money changer who carries on business on board ships in Victoria Harbour must have a licence in his own name, and must produce the same when demanded by the Captain Superintendent of Police or any person deputed by him for this purpose.

13. No money changer may transfer his licence without the consent in writing of the Captain Superintendent of Police who will endorse the alteration of name on the licence.

14. No person may carry on the business of money changer between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. without the permission in writing of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

A. D. BALL,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
28th August, 1919.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 394.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 8.

THURSDAY, 17TH JULY, 1919.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(Mr. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General FRANCIS VENTRIS).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (ARTHUR GEORGE MURCHISON FLETCHER, C.B.E.)

„ the Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.).

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).

„ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, O.B.E.).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE).

„ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.

„ Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.

„ Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, O.B.E.

„ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.

ABSENT:

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).

„ Mr. Ho Fook.

„ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 21st June, 1919, were confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 46 to 58, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 46.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (13) Roads, (f) Aberdeen to Little Hongkong, Improving and widening existing Road, ... \$	4,500.00
No. 47.—Fire Brigade, Clothing,.....	460.00
No. 48.—Miscellaneous Services, Peace Celebrations,	8,500.00
No. 49.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Latrine at junction of Ning Po and Woo Sung Streets,	9,500.00
No. 50.—Charitable Services, Charitable Allowance to Tam Mei-kui (Mrs. L. J. da Silva),	35.00
No. 51.—Imports and Exports Department, Secret Service,	500.00
No. 52.—Charitable Services, Other Charitable Allowances,	2,000.00
No. 53.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (4) Additional Storey to Public Works Depart- ment Annex,	8,000.00
No. 54.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Mis- cellaneous, Additions and Alterations to Shaukiwan Police Station,	9,000.00
No. 55.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Training stream in the Lam Cheun Valley, New Territories,.....	6,300.00
No. 56.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Communications, (32) Roads, (a) Shanghai Street to Taikok- tsui,	2,000.00
No. 57.—Royal Observatory, Maintenance of Wireless Installation,	200.00
No. 58.—Public Works, Recurrent :— Hongkong :— (1) Maintenance of Buildings, ... \$	14,000
(3) Maintenance of Lighthouses,	2,000
Kowloon, (23) Maintenance of Build- ings,	2,000
New Territories, (37) Maintenance of Buildings,	3,000
	21,000.00.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 6), dated the 12th June, 1919, and moved its adoption.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following papers :—

Draft Appropriation Account for the year 1918.

Report of Proceedings of the Standing Law Committee on the Marine Stores Protection Bill, 1919.

Reports of the Public Works Committee (Nos. 3 and 4) dated the 12th June and 10th July, 1919.

Report of the Director of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, for the year 1918.

- Report of the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the year 1918.
 Report of the Land Officer for the year 1918.
 Report on the New Territories for the year 1918.
 Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police and of the Superintendent of Fire Brigade for the year 1918.
 Report of the Superintendent of Prison for the year 1918.
 Report on the Botanical and Forestry Department for the year 1918.
 Report of the Director of Education for the year 1918.
 Report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) for the year 1918.

QUESTIONS.—MR. ALABASTER, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:—

1. *With reference to the report of the Committee of the Sanitary Board appointed to consider the question of scavenging, is the Hon. Director of Public Works correctly reported to have minuted ".....The present system of collection and disposal is economical and with the provision of suitable pier accommodation would be efficient."?*
2. *If so, what steps does the Government propose to take to provide the suitable pier accommodation which would render the present system efficient?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

HOUSING PROBLEM.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council in connection with the Housing Problem in the Colony.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Five million four hundred and sixty-six thousand three hundred and twenty-seven Dollars and sixty-three Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1918.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CHEUNG CHAU (RESIDENCE) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide that no person shall reside within the southern portion of the Island of Cheung Chau (長洲) otherwise known as Dumb-bell Island without the consent of the Governor in Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT REGULATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to Places of Public Entertainment.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

RATING (SPECIAL WAR RATE) AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Rating (Special War Rate) Ordinance, 1917.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

"CHINA COMPANIES" CUSTODIAN BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance for the appointment of a Special Custodian of Enemy Interests in China Companies.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the following amendments were agreed to:—

In the title the words “for the appointment of a Special” were deleted and the words “relating to the” substituted therefor.

Section 3 was deleted and the following new sections, numbered 3 and 4, were substituted therefor:—

3. In the case of every China Company the term “Custodian” means and shall as from the commencement of the Trading with the Enemy (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 1915, be deemed to have meant the Custodian of Enemy Property in China. Custodian of Enemy Property in China to be Custodian of China Companies.
4. All shares, stock, debentures, debentures stock, annuities and other obligations of every China Company (including any rights, whether legal or equitable, in or arising out of the same) held by or on behalf of an enemy or enemy subject and the right to transfer the same shall be deemed to have vested or shall vest (as the case may be), without the necessity of any further conveyance, assurance or other document, in the person appointed, whether before or after the commencement of this Ordinance (as the case may be), Custodian of Enemy Property in China, and such Custodian shall, as from the date of his appointment as such Custodian, be deemed to have had and shall have full powers of selling, managing and otherwise dealing with and transferring such shares, stock, debentures, debentures stock, annuities and other obligations of such China Company (including all such rights as aforesaid). Vesting of shares etc. of China Companies in Custodian of Enemy Property in China.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with amendments and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

MARINE STORES PROTECTION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance for the more effectual protection of marine stores.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. ALABASTER and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the following amendments were agreed to:—

Throughout the Bill, the word “collector” was substituted for the word “hawker”.

Section 6 was re-numbered 6 (1), and the following new sub-section numbered (2) was added at the end thereof:—

- (2.) No dealer shall have in his possession any marine stores except at such premises as are registered by him with the Captain Superintendent of Police as places for storing his (the dealer's) marine stores.

Section 11 was amended to read as follows:—

11. It shall not be lawful for any person, without permission in writing from the Harbour Master, to dredge in the waters of the Colony between a line drawn from the Westernmost point of the Island of Hongkong to the Western side of Green Island and continued to the Western point of Stonecutters Island and from thence to the Naval Torpedo Range at Laichikok, on the West, and the Lyemun Pass, on the East.

In section 12, the words “any of” were inserted after the word “of” in the first line.

Mr. ALABASTER moved that the words “and approved by the Legislative Council” be inserted after the word “Regulation” in section 3.

Mr. DODWELL seconded.

On the amendment being put to the vote it was declared lost, six members voting against and four—Mr. PARR, Mr. ALABASTER, Mr. DODWELL, and Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK—for the amendment.

Mr. ALABASTER also moved that the words “and approved by the Legislative Council” be inserted after the word “Council” at the end of section 4. He stated that he did not propose to force the motion to a division and the amendment was not put to the vote.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with amendments and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Officer Administering the Government.

Confirmed this 28th day of August, 1919.

A. D. BALL,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 395.

Resolution made by the Legislative Council under the provisions of section 170 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, this 28th day of August, 1919.

Whereas application has been duly made by the Sanitary Board to the Governor under section 167 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for the erection of a Public Latrine and Urinals under the steps in Duddell Street :

And whereas such application having been duly approved by the Governor and a notification of the intention to erect a Public Latrine and Urinals at such site having been duly published in three successive numbers of the *Gazette*, certain owners and occupiers of property in the vicinity have objected to such erection :

And whereas such objections have been duly considered :

It is hereby resolved by this Council that the above mentioned site and the erection thereat of a Public Latrine and Urinals be and the same are hereby approved.

A. D. BALL,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
28th August, 1919.

No. 396.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government 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. 14 of 1919.—An Ordinance to provide that no person shall reside within the southern portion of the Island of Cheung Chau (長洲) otherwise known as Dumb-bell Island without the consent of the Governor in Council.

Ordinance No. 15 of 1919.—An Ordinance to amend the Rating (Special War Rate) Ordinance, 1917.

Ordinance No. 16 of 1919.—An Ordinance to prohibit former Enemy Aliens from being within the Colony without a permit.