

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 486.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 12.

THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 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, C.B.).

- The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (ARTHUR GEORGE MURCHISON FLETCHER, C.B.E.).
 „ the Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.).
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).
 „ 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. Ho FOOK.
 „ Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.
 „ Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, O.B.E.
 „ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.

ABSENT :

- „ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the Meeting, held on the 4th September, 1919, were confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 89 to 102, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 89.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Repairs to Chairs in Council Chamber,	\$	530.00
No. 90.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (16) Extensions of Lighting,		550.00
No. 91.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Water Works, Tytam Tuk Scheme—Second Section,..		1,500.00
No. 92.—Medical Department, Civil Hospital :—		
Cleansing Materials,	\$	300.00
Incidental Expenses,		100.00
Provisions for Patients,		7,000.00
Washing,		1,000.00
		8,400.00

No. 93.—Medical Department, Victoria Hospital for Women and Children, Incidental Expenses, ...\$	50.00
No. 94.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (29) Miscellaneous Water Works,	2,800.00
No. 95.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, (13) Roads, (n) Pokfulum Road, Improvement of Bridge No. 8,.....	3,000.00
No. 96.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, (2) Improvements to Buildings,	1,500.00
No. 97.—Education, A.—Department of Director of Education, Queen's College, Typewriter,	120.00
No. 98.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Communications, (7) Improvements to Roads and Bridges outside City,.....	2,000.00
No. 99.—Police Department, Rent of Married Police Quarters,.....	1,210.00
No. 100.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, (38) Compensation and Resumptions,.....	15,000.00
No. 101.—Harbour Master's Department, Acquisition and re-arrangement of moorings in Victoria Harbour,	2,290.00

The Colonial Treasurer 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. 9), dated the 4th September, 1919, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

Return of Excesses on Sub-Heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure for the 1st and 2nd Quarters, 1919.

Report of the Police Magistrates' Courts for the year 1918.

Report of the Director of Public Works for the year 1918.

SUGAR CONVENTION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to repeal the Sugar Convention Ordinance, 1904.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment 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.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. ALABASTER addressed the Council, and the Attorney General moved that the Bill stand over for further consideration and that the Regulations be referred to the Standing Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RICE BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Council go into Committee to consider the Bill intituled An Ordinance for the acquisition and disposal of Rice by the Hongkong Government, and for validating acts previously done.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

On the motion of the Attorney General, it was agreed to insert a new clause in the Bill, in place of the original clause 4, as per the draft Bill dated September 12th, 1919.

On the motion of the Attorney General, it was also agreed that clause 14 be omitted and that clause 15 should be renumbered 14 and that clause 16, as per the said draft Bill, should be inserted, but should be renumbered 15.

Question—put and agreed to.

On Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.

Confirmed this 16th day of October, 1919.

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

No. 487.

Resolution passed by the Legislative Council under section 31 of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, this 16th day of October, 1919.

Resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentages on the valuation of tenements payable as rates in the undermentioned area be altered as follows, with effect from the 1st of January, 1920:—

The area bounded by the extension of Argyle Street on the North, by the extension of Waterloo Road on the South-East, by Victory Avenue on the North-East, and by the Kowloon-Canton Railway on or towards the West,from 7% to 13%.

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
16th October, 1919.