

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. 10), dated the 18th September, 1919, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution :—

*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 %.*

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1920.—The Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Eleven million one hundred and seventy-three thousand two hundred and twenty-six Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1920.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 30th day of October, 1919.

R. E. STUBBS,  
Governor.

Confirmed this 30th day of October, 1919.

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

No. 510.—His Excellency the Governor 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. 21 of 1919.—An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Eleven million one hundred and seventy-three thousand two hundred and twenty-six Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1920.

Ordinance No. 22 of 1919.—An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to Places of Public Entertainment.

HONGKONG.

No. 21 OF 1919.

I assent to this Ordinance.

LS

R. E. STUBBS,  
*Governor.*

31st October, 1919.

An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Eleven million one hundred and seventy-three thousand two hundred and twenty-six Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1920.

[31st October, 1919.]

WHEREAS the expenditure required for the service of this Colony for the year 1920 has, apart from the contribution to the Imperial Government in aid of Military Expenditure and Charges on account of Public Debt, been estimated at the sum of Eleven million one hundred and seventy-three thousand two hundred and twenty-six Dollars:

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 "Appropriation Short title. Ordinance for 1920".

2. A sum not exceeding Eleven million one hundred and seventy-three thousand two hundred and twenty-six Dollars shall be and the same is hereby charged upon the revenue and other funds of the Colony for the service of the year 1920, and the said sum so charged may be expended as hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

EXPENDITURE.	\$
Governor, - - - - -	78,321
Do., Special Expenditure, - - -	10,000
Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature,	81,264
Do., Special Expenditure, -	650
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, - - -	57,836
Audit Department, - - - - -	37,585
Treasury, - - - - -	68,237
Harbour Master's Department, - - -	204,348
Do., Special Expenditure, -	350
Imports and Exports Department, - - -	557,675
Royal Observatory, - - - - -	23,671
Miscellaneous Services, - - - - -	667,251
Judicial and Legal Departments, - - -	267,931
Do., Special Expenditure, -	150
Police and Prison Departments, - - - -	1,093,644
Do., Special Expenditure, -	20,933
Medical Department, - - - - -	295,439
Sanitary Department, - - - - -	411,741
Do., Special Expenditure, -	25,360
Botanical and Forestry Department, - - -	55,091
Education, - - - - -	467,048
Do., Special Expenditure, -	10,000
<i>Carried forward,</i> - - - - -	\$ 4,434,525

<i>Brought forward,</i>	-	\$	4,434,525
Military Expenditure,—			
Defence Corps,	- - - -		71,481
Public Works,—			
Public Works Department,	- - - -		492,406
Public Works, Recurrent,	- - - -		785,600
Public Works, Extraordinary,	- - - -		3,973,700
Post Office,	- - - -		291,345
Kowloon-Canton Railway,—			
Working Expenses,	- - - -		420,167
Special Expenditure,	- - - -		372,904
Pensions,	- - - -		266,320
Charitable Services,	- - - -		64,778
Total,	- - - -	-\$	11,173,226

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 30th day of October, 1919.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 31st day of October, 1919.

CLAUD SEVERN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

## HONGKONG.

No. 22\* OF 1919.

I assent to this Ordinance.

LS

R. E. STUBBS,  
*Governor.*

31st October, 1919.

An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to Places of Public Entertainment.

[31st October, 1919.]

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 Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919.

Inter-pretation. 2. In this Ordinance or any regulation made thereunder, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“Entertainment” includes any concert, stage play, stage performance, cinematograph display, exhibition of dancing, conjuring, or juggling, acrobatic performance, boxing contest, or circus, or any other entertainment of a similar character.

“Public Entertainment” means any entertainment, as above defined, to which the general public are admitted with or without payment for admission.

3. It shall not be lawful for any person to keep or use any permanent or temporary building or matshed for any public entertainment without a licence to be granted as hereinafter provided, under a penalty not exceeding 200 dollars for every day on which such building or matshed shall have been so kept or used for the purpose aforesaid.

Licences for Places of Public Entertainment.

4.—(1.) No person shall advertise, present, or carry on any cinematograph display to which the public are invited, or cause any such display to be advertised, presented, or carried on, except under a permit in writing from the Captain Superintendent of Police, who shall have full discretion to either grant or withhold or cancel the same, and, in the case of a cinematograph display at a Chinese theatre to which the public are invited, such person must also obtain a permit in writing for such performance from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Permits required for cinematograph displays.

(2.) No such permit by the Captain Superintendent of Police shall be given until the film or films to be used at such display and the poster or posters in connection therewith shall have been censored and passed in accordance with such regulations as may be made for the purpose under this Ordinance, and any film or poster, when once censored and passed as aforesaid, shall not be altered or added to in any way whatsoever without a fresh censoring and passing.

Censoring of films and posters.

5. Any person who shall advertise, present, or carry on any cinematograph display to which the public are admitted, or cause the same to be advertised, presented or carried on without the permit of the Captain Superintendent of Police shall for every such offence be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding 500 dollars.

Penalty for presenting cinemas without permit.

6.—(a.) The Governor in Council may make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:—

Power to make regulations for Places of Public Entertainment.

- (1.) The mode of application for licences for any building, whether permanent or temporary, or for any matshed, to be used for any public entertainment, and the issue of such licences to such person, for such period of time and during such hours as may be respectively determined in every such licence.
- (2.) The cancellation of any such licence.
- (3.) Prescribing the payment of fees in respect of all or any of such licences.
- (4.) Prescribing the materials of which any such licensed building or matshed is to be constructed, and regulating the mode of building, staircases, corridors, gangways, vestibules, seating accommodation, entrances, exits, doors and fastenings, and all other matters appertaining to the same.
- (5.) Requiring the exercise of all such measures as may be prescribed in any such regulation against overcrowding, and for the control and prevention of fire in any such building or matshed, and for the maintenance of the sanitary condition of such building or matshed.
- (6.) The maintenance of peace and good order in any such building or matshed.
- (7.) The entry and inspection of any such building or matshed at any time by the Captain Superintendent of Police, and the Building Authority, or any other officer authorised by the Governor in that behalf.

- (8.) To provide for the censoring of cinematograph films and posters in such manner and on such principles as may be prescribed in such regulations.
- (9.) To prescribe the fees to be paid in respect of such censoring.
- (10.) To prescribe any conditions whatsoever for any licence, permit, or permission to be given under this Ordinance or under any regulations made thereunder.
- (11.) The imposition of penalties for breach of any regulations made in pursuance of this section and the mode of recovery of the same.
- (12.) Generally for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

(b.) All regulations made as aforesaid shall be laid before the Legislative Council at the first meeting after they have been made; and if a resolution is passed at the next meeting after they have been so laid before the Legislative Council praying that any regulation shall be annulled, such regulation shall thenceforth be void, but without prejudice to anything done thereunder.

Chinese theatrical performances exempted, and further defined. (No. 3 of 1888.)

7. Nothing in this Ordinance or in any regulation made thereunder shall affect the necessity for the issue by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs of permits for Chinese public theatrical performances under the Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 1888, or shall affect any regulations made under the said Ordinance, and the expression public theatrical performances as used in the said Ordinance shall include public entertainments as defined by this Ordinance.

Repeal of Ordinance No. 18 of 1908.

8. The Theatres Regulation Ordinance, 1908, is hereby repealed.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 31st day of October, 1919.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 31st day of October, 1919.

CLAUD SEVERN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

### APPOINTMENTS, &c.

**No. 511.**—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. NORMAN LOCKHART SMITH to act as Assistant Postmaster General until further notice, with effect from the 24th October, 1919.

*31st October, 1919.*