

22nd January, 1936.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (SIR ANDREW CALDECOTT, Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E.).

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE TROOPS (MAJOR GENERAL A. W. BARTHOLOMEW, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (HON. SIR THOMAS SOUTHORN, K.B.E., C.M.G., LL.D.).

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (HON. MR. C. G. ALABASTER, O.B.E., K.C.).

THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS (HON. MR. N. L. SMITH).

THE COLONIAL TREASURER (HON. MR. E. TAYLOR).

HON. COMMANDER G.F. HOLE, R.N., (Retired) (Harbour Master).

HON. MR. R. M. HENDERSON (Director of Public Works).

HON. MR. T. H. KING, (Inspector General of Police).

HON. DR. W. B. A. MOORE, O.B.E., (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, *Acting*).

HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK, KT., K.C., LL.D.

HON. SIR WILLIAM SHENTON, Kt.

HON. MR. S. W. TS'O, C.B.E., LL.D.

HON. MR. T. N. CHAU.

HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON.

HON. MR. W. H. BELL.

HON. MR. M. K. LO.

MR. R. A. D. FORREST (Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:—

HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA, O.B.E.

NEW MEMBER.

The Hon. Dr. W. B. A. Moore, O.B.E., (Acting Director of Medical and Sanitary Services) took the oath of allegiance, and assumed his seat as a member of the Council.

His Honour the acting Chief Justice, Mr. James Joseph Hayden, and the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt., LL.D., Member of the Executive Council, were present at the invitation of His Excellency the Governor.

DEATH OF KING GEORGE V.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.—Gentlemen, I fear that none of us here this afternoon will be able to find words for what is so real and so deep in our hearts. It is less than a month ago that many of us were listening to the Christmas message of our beloved King, George the Fifth, and amid the doubts and anxieties that beset our world to-day we derived strength and assurance from those homely sentences which a wise and kind Father spoke to his family of peoples. It is less than a year ago that, at his Silver Jubilee, this same family was thanking God for setting and keeping their Father over them, and was praying for a long continuance of his health and happiness. That, however, was not to be; and we bow to-day before a decree of fate which renders grief only eloquent and oratory dumb. The occasion would indeed be ill served by any pomp of phrase or wealth of words. We come here humbly and sadly to record on behalf of the people of this Colony, with all the simplicity of truth and all the earnestness of love, our deep and sorrowful sympathy with Her Gracious Majesty Queen Mary and all the Royal Family. I therefore move the following Resolution:

"That the Members of this Council, having heard with profound sorrow the sad announcement of the death of His late Majesty King George V, desire to tender their humble duty and on behalf of the people of this Colony of Hong Kong to express the most heartfelt, loyal and respectful sympathy with Her Majesty Queen Mary, His Majesty the King and all the Royal Family in their bereavement."

HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK.—Sir,—As the Senior Unofficial Member, I desire, on behalf of my colleagues and of all sections of the community, to second the resolution and to endorse what your Excellency has said in regard to our late Sovereign. King George V worked unceasingly and devotedly for the good of his people of every race, and was universally beloved. His sudden passing will be mourned throughout the Empire, and, I am sure that I may add, throughout the whole world. The Unofficial Members desire to join with Your Excellency in the loyal condolences which you have expressed with Her Majesty Queen Mary, His Majesty King Edward the Eighth and Royal Family in their bereavement.

HON. SIR SHOUSON CHOW.—Sir,—I desire, in the name of the Chinese community of Hong Kong, to associate reverently with the resolution which Your Excellency has just moved and with the remarks of the Senior Unofficial Member. The enthusiasm which the Chinese of this Colony demonstrated on the occasion of His late Majesty's Silver Jubilee is a sufficient proof of the loyalty and esteem with which they regarded our late King. On this sad occasion we wish to offer our deepest sympathy with the Queen Mother and with His Majesty King Edward and all other members of the Royal Family.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.—Gentlemen,—I now ask you to signify your assent to this resolution by rising and standing with me in silence.

Members stood in silence.

CONDOLENCES.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.—Gentlemen,—Before the adjournment I will read with your permission the following telegram which I have received from the Governor of Macao:—"Please accept an expression of deepest sorrow for the great loss which the British nation has sustained in the death of His Majesty King George V. Myself and Colony tender Your Excellency and Colony our sincere and heartfelt sympathy."

I also desire to render public thanks to members of the Consular Body for their prompt and touching messages of condolence that reached me yesterday. They afford eloquent testimony of the affectionate esteem in which our late beloved King was held by all the nations of the earth and proof, if proof were needed, that all communities in this Colony are linked in the bonds of common sympathy and goodwill.

The Council will now adjourn until the date to which it already stands prorogued.
