

16TH FEBRUARY, 1891.

PRESENT : —

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX, K.C.M.G.

Hon. F. FLEMING, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Hon. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES, Colonial Treasurer.

Hon. S. BROWN, Surveyor-General.

Hon. W. M. DEANE, C.M.G., Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Hon. J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Registrar-General.

Hon. C. P. CHATER.

Hon. J. J. KESWICK.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

Mr. A. M. THOMSON Acting Clerk of Councils

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCE.

The following financial minutes were laid on the table and were referred to the Finance Committee: —

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of two hundred and nine dollars, (\$209), for general overhaul and repairs to Health Officer's steam-launch *Blanche*, and providing a launch while the repairs are being executed.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of two thousand dollars, (\$2,000), being the balance on account of work done for the improvement of the piece of land known as the "Chinese Recreation Ground."

Amount voted in 1890 .....	\$6,000.00
Amount paid in 1890 .....	<u>4,000.00</u>
Paid in 1891 .....	\$2,000.00

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of one thousand and two hundred dollars, (\$1,200), for commission to other countries on Postal Notes and Money Orders.

(In former years all the payments for commission used to be deducted from the amount of commission

received, and the balance only paid into the Treasury as revenue. According to the new system of accounts all commissions received are to be paid into the Treasury as revenue, and all payments for commission to be treated as Post Office expenditure.)

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of one hundred and sixty dollars, (\$160), as a compassionate allowance to Mrs. Rozario, in consideration of the service of the late Mr. Honri Gustave, *alias* Henrique Do Rozario, 4th Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, (\$66.66), being a portion of the amount required to purchase Private Hardwick's discharge from the Army Medical Corps, and join the Colonial Service as Junior Ward master in the Civil Hospital.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of one hundred dollars, (\$100), being increased salaries of two cadets, Messrs. Thomson and Brewin, from 1st November to 31st December, 1890, at the rate of \$25 per month, sanctioned by the Secretary of State.

Two votes recommended by the Finance Committee, one for \$240 for the collection of hospital bills and the other for \$300, allowance in lieu of quarters to six teachers of Government Schools, were passed.

NEW MEMBER

The Hon. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES took the oath and his seat as Colonial Treasurer.

PUBLIC LATRINES.

The SURVEYOR-GENERAL proposed that certain by-laws passed by the Sanitary Board for the regulation of public latrines be confirmed.

The CAPTAIN-SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE seconded. Carried.

NATURALISATION.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—In the absence of the Attorney-General, who is engaged elsewhere, I beg to move the second reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance for the Naturalisation of Edward Jean Max Paquin.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.  
Bill read a second time.

JURY LIST.

The Council then proceeded to consider the Jury List for the current year and strangers were ordered to withdraw.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council adjourned till Wednesday the 25th February.

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At a Finance Committee the above votes were recommended to the Council for approval.