

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

THURSDAY, 27TH MAY, 1920.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(Sir REGINALD EDWARD STUBBS, K.C.M.G.)

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.)

- „ the Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, K.C., C.B.E.)
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ROBERT OLIPHANT HUTCHISON, M.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. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
- „ Mr. HO FOOK.
- „ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.
- „ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.

ABSENT:

- „ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.
- „ Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th February, 1920, were confirmed.

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

Jurors List for 1920.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 15 and 16, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 15.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, Victoria Peak Signal Station, Reinstating Buildings, ...\$	3,750.00
No. 16.—Police Department, Special Expenditure, New Hull for Steam-Launch <i>Hapag</i> ,.....	653.00

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. 3), dated the 26th February, 1920, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

QUESTION.—Mr. POLLOCK, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

Will the Government appoint a Committee for the purpose of reporting on the desirability of amending the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, by reducing the height of storeys required in domestic buildings and thereby lessening the cost of such buildings?

His Excellency the Government replied.

NON-FERROUS METAL INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance, 1919.

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.

BANKING BUSINESS (PROHIBITED CONTROL) AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Banking Business (Prohibited Control) Ordinance, 1919.

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.

LIQUORS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

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.

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

R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.

Confirmed this 17th day of January, 1920.

W. J. CARRIE,
Clerk of Councils.