

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 1.

THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1925.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir REGINALD EDWARD STUBBS, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General CHARLES CAMAC LUARD, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (Sir CLAUD SEVERN, K.B.E., C.M.G.).

„ the Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, K.C., C.B.E.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES MCILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).

„ Mr. EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E., (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

„ Mr. HAROLD THOMAS CREASY, (Director of Public Works).

„ Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, (Captain Superintendent of Police).

„ Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

„ Mr. PERCY HORSON HOLYOAK.

„ Mr. ARCHIBALD ORR LANG.

„ Mr. HERBERT WILLIAM BIRD.

„ Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL.

ABSENT:

„ Mr. CHOW SHOU-SON.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

NEW MEMBER.—Major-General CHARLES CAMAC LUARD, C.B., C.M.G. (General Officer Commanding the Troops), took the oath and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

MINUTES.—The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 29th December, 1924, were confirmed.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE.—His Excellency the Governor appointed the following to be Members of the Standing Law Committee:—The Attorney General (Chairman), the Colonial Treasurer, Sir HENRY POLLOCK, Mr. HOLYOAK, and Mr. KOTEWALL.

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

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 9 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1900, on 24th December, 1924.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 95 of the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, on 31st December, 1924.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 24 of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, on 31st December, 1924.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 24 of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, on 15th December, 1925.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 24 of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, on 22nd December, 1925.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 24 of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, on 29th January, 1925.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1923, on 5th February, 1925.

Report on Fire Station Building.

Report on Queen's Pier—Entrance Portion.

Report on the New Saiyingpun School.

Return of Excesses on Sub-Heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure for the 4th Quarter, 1924.

Jurors List for 1925.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 1 and 9, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 1.—Charitable Services, Charitable Allowance to Mr. John Lee .... \$	1,011.00
No. 2.—Medical Department, Government Laboratory, Apparatus and Chemicals .....	800.00
No. 3.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, "Bridge 4" .....	10,270.00
No. 4.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Reconstructing the roof of the Motor Repair Shed.....	12,500.00
No. 5.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Telephone Cable to the Peak.....	6,000.00

No. 6.—Medical Department, Hospitals and Asylums, New X-ray Plant .....	8,246.26
No. 7.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Compensation and Resumptions .....	291,800.00
No. 8.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous Works, Kowloon.....	10,000.00
No. 9.—Police Department, Rent of Married Police Quarters.....	8,140.00

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table a Regulation made by the Chief Justice under section 10 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance, 1871, and moved that it be approved by the Council.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTIONS.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

*Whereas by section 10 of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, it was provided as follows:—*

*"This Ordinance shall continue in force until; and including, the 30th day of June, 1924: Provided that it shall be lawful for the Legislative Council from time to time by resolution to extend the duration of this Ordinance for such term, not exceeding one year at any one time, as may be specified in such resolution."*

*And whereas by a resolution of the Legislative Council of the 22nd day of May, 1924, the duration of the said Ordinance has been extended until and including the 30th day of June, 1925.*

*And whereas the Legislative Council deems it expedient that the duration of the said Ordinance should be further extended.*

*Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Council that the duration of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, shall be extended until and including the 31st day of December, 1925.*

The Attorney General seconded.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the resolution be referred to a committee of the whole Council for consideration.

The Attorney General seconded and the motion was agreed to.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

STAMP AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1921.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

DANGEROUS GOODS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADVERTISEMENTS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Advertisements Regulation Ordinance, 1912.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BISHOP OF VICTORIA INCORPORATION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Lord Bishop of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

JURORS LIST FOR 1925.—The Council went into Committee to consider the Jurors List for 1925 *in camera*.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 1925.

R. E. STUBBS,  
*Governor.*

Confirmed this 5th day of March, 1925.

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