

18th August, 1927.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. SOUTHORN), presiding.

PRESENT:—

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (HON. MR. W. T. SOUTHORN, C.M.G.).

THE COLONIAL TREASURER (HON. MR. C. McI. MESSER, O.B.E.).

HON. MR. H. T. JACKMAN (Acting Director of Public Works).

HON. SIR SHOU-SON CHOW, KT.

HON. MR. R. H. KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.

HON. MR. D. G. M. BERNARD.

HON. MR. A. C. HYNES.

HON. MR. J. OWEN HUGHES.

HON. MR. W. E. L. SHENTON.

MR. E. W. HAMILTON (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

H.E. The Governor's message No. 9, detailing items of supplementary expenditure, Nos. 68 to 75 of 1927, was considered. All the votes totalling a sum of \$41,260 were approved.

THE CHAIRMAN—There is one small item, not on the agenda, which I wish to put before you. You will remember that we have, from time to time, passed supplementary votes for the maintenance of Sergt. J. Robertson, late of the Hong Kong Police Force, who was injured in the course of his duty. Consumption developed and we have paid for his treatment for very many weeks now. We undertook to continue his treatment for three months from August 1st but it is recommended that the treatment be continued for six months. I have not been able to put a formal vote before you, but I want to send an answer to London. If you are agreeable to continue the treatment for a further three months at £6 6/- a week I will send a telegram to that effect and put the formal vote before you at the next meeting.

HON. MR. OWEN HUGHES—Has he retired from the Police Force?

THE CHAIRMAN—He has been invalided out.

It was agreed that the money should be provided for continuing the treatment for a further three months. That is, for six months from August 1st.