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THE MINUTES OF

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

(1899—1901)

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 3, St. James Road, Southampton, on Wednesday the 17th January 1897, at 11.30 P.M.

Present,

- W. D. Hanson, (Chairman)
- W. Anderson.
- W. C. Howell.
- A. Appleton.
- J. Orville.
- W. Roberts.
- E. Mullins.
- W. J. Stokes.
- W. Hitch
- Secretary, and also
- Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Case statement for the past week is submitted, and charges for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Dividends as proclaimed and Police duty reports for the past week, are submitted.

Departmental Report - Health of Rivers for December is submitted.

Stat. Regulations - The Chairman states that the Council General is of opinion that agitation in regard to the final passing of the new Regulations would be unpropitious while the negotiations for Settlement stipulations are in progress.

Mr. D. Cameron's - Passage - The Chairman also states that Mr. Cameron informed him that he has received legal advice to the effect that his claim for passage might be enforced, that he had always understood from Messrs. Holliday and Stordum that it would be paid, and that there is precedent for such payment. The Chairman is in favor of allowing the claim in deference to Mr. Holliday's promise, and after some debate

debate, it is intended to give Mr Cannon a second class passage home for himself, his wife, and child provided they go within six months and provided his vote to the Council for the Rifle Range Road Spots are liquidated.

Legal matters — Memorandum by the Secretary has been circulated on the subject of the pay and duties of this office, resultant upon his interview with the other partners in Mr Dorewell's firm.

The proposal to pay an annual inclusive fee does not recommend itself to the members, and Mr Cattermole points out that any interference with the appointments of Mr Dorewell personally, as Legal adviser would involve consideration of the claims in respect of seniority of other local Solicitors, with this in view it is decided to offer Mr Dorewell an increased fee of £2500 per annum, the remaining Legal adviser as heretofore, with additional remuneration for attendance in court, in return for which the services of his partners are to be at the Council's disposal, in addition to his own, when required.

Manor's Church — Proctoring — The recent visit made by the Works Committee to Proctoring has resulted in a difference of opinion as to the desirability of disposing of the Chapel land. The Chairman however points out that the Council's original object was to prevent encroachments upon the property, for which purpose the appointment of new trustees was decided upon, he is now of opinion that the Council may and should leave those trustees untrammelled, dealing with the land in the way best calculated to fulfil the intentions of the trust. His proposal to definitely agree to the appointment as trustees of Messrs J. S. Scott, J. S. Pearson and Rev. Hatcher Pott is finally put to the meeting and carried on a show of hands.

Market Department — The members are informed that no hitch occurred at the opening of the Harlow Market, and that from both Markets £1100 has

has so far been received for the month's rent.

The appointment of Police Sergeant Champion as additional Assistant Inspector is approved and it is decided that no alterations in the terms of the Christie's agreement shall be made until the expiry of 28 days next.

Home for Road. — Letter from the Registrar & Surveyor is read, suggesting that the name of Washington Road be officially given to the road in the Park Hill New Bury extension.

Decided that the present conditions and importance of this road are not such as to render any name necessary.

Volunteers — Rifle Range. — Letter from the Major Commanding is read, furnishing an account of the recent serious accident at the Range wherein a Chinese was shot. It is considered, due to the Volunteer Seaman, responsible for the accident, that a letter be written to the Commissioner of Customs requesting that his position in that service be restored to him and in the meanwhile the Major Commanding is to be requested to hold an enquiry into the case and report to the Council thereon.

Police — Study of Chinese. — The Intelligence Officer's scheme of instruction is sanctioned, and it is suggested that application be made to St. John's College, Jesselfield, for the teachers required. Mr. Kaumbath's remuneration for the work involved is left for the present in abeyance.

Municipal Insurance. — The Council's previous instructions on this subject viz, that enquiries be put forward through the London Agents with a view to placing all Municipal Insurance at home at better rates, is, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, rescinded. The Schedule of proposed increases in the amounts of the various policies which has been circulated, with a draft letter to Messrs. Park & Co, is approved.

Plague Vaccines. — Several numbers have been approached.

was proposed by Mr MacLeod with a view to a withdrawal of the prohibition, decided upon at last meeting on this subject, and Mr Lindsay proposes that the cultures in the laboratory at all events be permitted and that the prohibition apply only to the inoculations of animals; an amendment however is carried that the Council adhere to its original decision.

Music Fund — Letter from the Board Committee is submitted, and the recommendations therein, contained in regard to engagement of new musicians are approved.

Public Lighting — The Gas Company's acceptance of the Council's offer to renew their contract for one year on the same terms is noted.

Trade Refuse — Report by the Engineer is submitted, drawing attention to the growing necessity for regulations in this head, and instancing Mr H. Liddell Brod, the cost of garbage removal from their premises being now a considerable sum. It is decided, to charge Mr. Liddell Brod's the cost of all removals of refuse not placed in the box on the roadside.

Engineer's Department — Staff — The appointment of Mr C. E. Ayre, as bearer of the Concrete Dept. on a salary of £5 12s. per month is agreed to.

The Meeting then adjourns.

W. MacLeod
Chairman.

J. Lindsay
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23, Nanking Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the
11th January, 1899, at 11.30 p.m. —

Present: — Mr M.

J. W. Garton. (Chairman)
O. T. Anderson.
W. C. Stewart.
R. Inglis.
J. Spratton.
Mr. Roberts.
W. Shelton.
R. P. Stokes.
J. Welch. Sec.
Secretary. and the
Assistant Secretary.

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, & confirmed, signed by the
Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and Chques
for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisons as proclaimed and Police daily reports
for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for December
are submitted:

Summary of Liquor Tax
Markets.
Dairies.
Articles.

Finance Committee's Minutes of 10th January are read, and
the Committee's recommendations therein approved, with the exception of that which refers to Police
Incidents; this question is left to be further discussed
after enquiring into the subject by the Chairman of the
Natal Committee.

Police Warrants, & procedure for Arrests — Letter from
the Senior Consul is read, enclosing translation of a
despatch received from the Tao-tai on this subject.

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It is noted that the Mixed Court Magistrate has been instructed to conform to the procedure suggested by the Council Body. The Council considers it important that the Captain Superintendent of Police should prevent any City Magistrate's runners from making arrests without special authority.

Lotteries — Letter from the German Consul is read, enclosing translation of a despatch from the Saibai in reply to the Council's request for a proclamation forbidding the sale of Lottery Tickets by natives. The Saibai is in favour of the general suppression of this form of gambling but suggests that the sale of tickets in the Settlement is a matter to be dealt with by the Council. Decision to publish this correspondence with the Minutes.

As the result of a discussion as to the advisability of immediately suppressing all native dealers in Lottery tickets, it is decided that the Chairman will communicate the substance of the Saibai's despatch to the German Consul General and ask for his co-operation in dealing with the matter. Mr Anderson points out that if natives are prevented from selling tickets the immediate result, under existing conditions, might be to establish a lucrative monopoly for the benefit of German subjects, and to cause natives to open Lottery ticket shops just outside the limits of the Settlement. The members generally are in favour of adopting all possible measures for suppressing lotteries as far as may be done, and to publish a notification in the native press to the effect that the sale of lottery tickets will be prohibited after 1st March. Final consideration of the question is postponed.

S. U. C. — Shooting accident at Rifle Range — Letter from the Major Commanding is read, forwarding the findings of the Court of Enquiry held in regard to the recent accident caused by the act of Seaman Lewis at the Range. It is noted that this casualty was the result of carelessness on the part of Seaman Lewis and that stringent orders have been given in regard to the issue of ammunition at future firing practices.

German

German Company - Commission as 1st Lieutenant is recommended to be issued to Corporal Philipp, the Lieutenant
17/18 still resigned.

Recommendation approved.

Harbage dues - It is noted from an unofficial letter from Mr. Roeder that the final arrangements of the Consuls for the new system of collections cannot be made until the terms of the agreement between the two Councils shall have been officially communicated to the Commission.

The Secretary states that no communications can be received from the French Municipality in the matter until its new Council shall have assumed office.

Steel - Letter from the Horse Bazaar Co is submitted conveying acceptance of the new agreement as finally arranged.

Settlement Extension - The Chairman informs the meeting of the present position of these negotiations which in the opinion of the British Consul may be said to have reached a dead lock. He states that Mr. Bureau has advised him, should the efforts of the Consuls continue without results, that it would be well for the Council to take the initiative by policing, draining, or generally contracting & certain of those localities which offer the best arguments for the need of Settlement Extension.

The Chairman considers that such action, applied for instance in the matter of the Jessfile road widening or the suppression of gambling in Ki Hongkew, would greatly expedite the negotiations. After a discussion of this suggestion, which does not commend itself as advisable to the majority of the Council, it is decided that the Chairman shall request the three Consuls at present engaged in the negotiations to inform the Council that if no satisfactory arrangements are made, they will advise the Council to act in the manner above indicated. If the Consuls will take this step the Council can then proceed without incurring undue responsibility.

Taxation of Private Vehicles - The Chairman of the Finance Committee says that he proposes to lay before the next meeting of the Council an amended resolution for the taxation of private vehicles. The rates originally proposed

proposal was published, with a view to eliciting public opinion in the matter and he is convinced that it is inadvisable to dispense with the taxation of bicycles, and to lower the fees for carriages and rickshaws.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Chairman,

Secretary.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Jiangsu Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 18th January, 1899, at 4.30 p.m.

Present,

In Mr.

J. S. Pearson. (Chairman)
 J. Anderson
 E. A. Hewitt
 R. Douglas
 J. Emalio
 Mr. Rohde
 E. Shelton
 W. P. Stokes
 J. Welch. (The Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.)

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry payments are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

that for one payment any number of carriages or
 parties should be permitted. The majority of the
 members agree with Mr Inglis and his amendment
 is adopted. Upon further consideration the above
 fees are reduced to \$5, \$4 and \$2, respectively.

1 / Recreation Grounds Committee - Letter from the Hon. Sec.
 is read submitting for approval four names for the
 Committee for 1899. In view of the approaching
 election of Councillors and to enable the Committee
 to find a suitable man to make up its full comple-
 ment - viz five members - this question is postponed

1 / Clubbers - Occident at Range - From a communication
 from the Commissioner of Customs it is noted that
 the dismissed employe responsible for this casualty
 has been reinstated.

1 / The Council versus Mr Murray - Letter from the Legal
 adviser is read strongly advising that the permission to
 appeal in this case on the terms that the Council pays
 \$1000, towards the defendants expenses be avoided if
 the members agree to this being done.

1 / Legal advisers - Letter from Mr Rowdall is read
 thanking the Council for their proposal to increase
 his annual fee and stating that the services of his
 firm will be at the Council's disposal whenever
 required.

1 / Volunteers - Light Horse - A proposal submitted by
 44. the Major commanding to arm this branch of the
 Corps with horses is agreed to.

1 / Trusts or Plunage - A brief report of the works
 36. and finances of this Institution during the past
 year is read, and ordered for publication.
The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]
 Chairman

[Signature]
 Secretary

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
10, 23, Causeway Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the
25th January 1899, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present,
 M. M.

J. S. Pearson. (Chairman)
 A. W. Harrison.
 E. F. Hewitt.
 R. Amelis.
 J. Spratley.
 M. Kohde.
 E. Sellins.
 A. G. Stebbins.
 U. Uitch.
 Secretary and this
 Assistant Secretary

The summons, calling the Meeting, is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the
 Chairman, and passed for publication.

As a Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheque,
 for monthly accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for
 the past week, are submitted.

Departmental Report — Electrical Department for
 December is submitted.

Hong Ko Committee's Minutes are read and approved, and in
 regard to the questions of the plan of proposed road
roads and extensions: In order to make due pro-
 vision for the extension of the lines of road laid
 down as means of communication in the Settlement
 the Council examines the map of Hong Ko and
 determines what new lines of road are necessary and
 these and proposed road extensions and road widenings
 are laid down on the map and passed and approved.
 The map of the English Settlement (showing road
 widenings) is also submitted and approved.

Water Committee's Minutes are read, and approved.

Harpage dues — The Secretary reads an unofficial letter
 from

from the Commission of Customs in which it is suggested, that instead of having a specific duty tariff criterion to calculate the amount of duties payable, it will be advantageous for all concerned if a levy of 2% on the Customs duties be made. This rate will, in the opinion of the Commissioners, approximate to the recognised rate of 1/20th of 1% on market values, and the change will prevent the delay and inconvenience of passing cargo through the Customs which must necessarily be caused by the Specific Tariff procedure. The proposal is unanimously approved by the Council and the exceptions, viz tea, Opium, Silk and treasure upon which the amended tariff rate is to hold good, are noted. The Secretary is directed to communicate this decision to the Chamber of Commerce and to draft a resolution for the Ratepayers Meeting in the above sense.

Fire Insurance Association —

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Letter from the Chairman of this body is read informing the Council of two resolutions which were passed at its last meeting. The purpose of the first is that the Council record numerous firms in the Settlement case for measures for the heavy punishment of all proved incendiaries and the second suggests the appointment of a special Committee of enquiry to examine into the best methods to be taken for the strengthening of the fire brigade. The Council fully agrees with the tenour of these resolutions and decides to address the Deans Council in regard to the first resolution, requesting that a proclamation by the Mixed Courts Magistrate be issued warning nations that the severest punishment will in future be awarded to all persons found guilty of arson.

With the suggestions of the Town Major Amos and Hewell are appointed to serve on a committee to consist also of two members of the Association and the Chairman of the Fire Commission, who shall make recommendations to the Council on the subject of the Fire Department generally. The Secretary is

- is directed to communicate the above to the Association.
- ✓ Election of Councillors — It is understood that Messrs. J. L. Scott & J. H. McMichael have consented to act as Scrutineers and their names are approved.
- ✓ Thomas Gausberg, School — Letter from the President is submitted recommending the names of twelve ladies and gentlemen to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year. The names are approved.
- 221/ 61. ✓ Volunteers — Annual Inspections — From the replies to the Council's application it is noted that General Gascoigne will personally inspect the Corps on the 15th April next and that the usual appointment of two drill instructors will be made.
- ✓ Applications for leave for Captain Truman B.C. who desires to attend a course of military instruction at home is granted.
- 66 ✓ Police — Guel Staff — Letter from the Colonial Secretary Henry Hony is read stating that Warden-Mears from the Victoria Guel is willing to take up the appointment of Chief Warden in Shaugwau on the terms proposed by the Council. The appointment is duly authorized and the Secretary directed to telegraph to Henry Hony in accordance with the Colonial Secretary's suggestion. — The reasons for obtaining the Sicks required for the Guel staff elsewhere than from Henry Hony are noted and
- ✓ Mixed Court — The Captain Superintendent of Police is to be directed to — levy of — enlist men for this object locally.
- ✓ Contributions to Charitable Trust — Letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate to the Captain Superintendent of Police is read requesting Police assistance in collecting subscriptions to such a fund. The Council after consideration holds that no such levy can be permitted to be made in the Settlements and the Secretary is instructed to reply in this sense.
- ✓ Fire Department — Letters from N. M. Office of Works are submitted in which a claim is made for rent for the Council's occupancy of a small piece of land behind the British Post office by the Victoria Fire Company. The question is referred to the Fire Commission.
- ✓ Nursing Home — Mr. Anderson points out that the three Nurses

His agreements of five in September and upon his suggestions it is decided to enquire whether they are willing to renew them and if so upon what terms.

The Meeting then adjourns.

W. W. W.
Chairman.

J. W. W.
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 28, Kingsway Road, Shalgham, on Thursday, the 1st February, 1877, at 4.30 p.m.

Present—M M.

J. S. Scaron. (Chairman)
 W. Anderson.
 E. A. Hewitt.
 A. Dingle.
 J. Pringle.
 M. R. White.
 W. Shellind.
 W. P. Stokes.
 J. Welch. Sec.
 Secretary and Sec.
 Assistant Secretary.

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and charges for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of prisoners apprehended, and police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

General Municipal Rate - Principles - Summary for December quarter is submitted, and ordered to be published.
Finance Committee's Minutes are read, and approved.

Illegal arrest - The Council is informed of a case which has come before the Mixed Court Magistrate, wherein a foreman of the Council's Contractor was arrested by runners for carrying night soil through Siura, and, by order of the Court, given 100 blows. It is pointed out that this is a necessary part of the Contractor's duty in connection with the sewer on the Bickling Hill Road. The Secretary has seen the Mixed Court Magistrate, who has announced his intention not to adjudicate in the matter, the occurrence having been outside Settlement limits. The case is to be brought up on Monday next, and in the meanwhile the Council authorises the arrest by the runners of all the tipps in Siura if any further trouble arises, or if the violins are again molested. It is noted that the foreman was illegally sent into the city by the Magistrate, but that he was brought back at the instance of the British Consular.

Foreign Emigrants - Letter from the Revd Mr. Hedges, already circulated, to the Watch Committee, is read, in which he asks the Council to take some steps to deal with the large number of Emigrants, principally English, who neglect the Settlement. He suggests the establishment of a casual ward, wherein these persons might do a certain amount of work in return for their food. The Captain Superintendent of Police's report on the subject says that this might be done at the new gaol and his suggestion to issue a notification, requesting the public not to give money to persons representing themselves in distress without full information as to their genuineness, is adopted. The Council desires further particulars as to the labour which Emigrants might perform, and other information as to the cost of establishing a casual ward.

The Captain Superintendent of Police is to consult the British Police Magistrate on the subject.

- ✓ Manufactory Dues - Letter from the French Council is read, confirming the arrangement made at the Special Meeting of 27th December, in regard to the collection and division of these dues; also one from the Chamber of Commerce, stating that the substitution of a 2% charge on the Customs duties for the specific dues tariff has the unanimous approval of the Chamber.
- ✓ Taxation of Private Vehicles - Letter from the French Council is read to the effect that they are agreeable to the system of marking each Municipality license good for both settlements and permitting residents outside limits to register at either office.
Pending the next payers meeting the Overseer is to be directed to make the necessary preparations for this levy in conjunction with the French Tax Office.
- ✓ Recreation Ground Committee - Letter from the Secretary is read stating that Mr J. Ferris is willing to serve on the committee. The Council now approves of the five names submitted in this and the Committee's former letter.
- ✓ Fire Insurance Association - Reply from this body to the Council's letter is read giving the names of Messrs R. H. L. Burder & C. O. Little as its representatives to serve on the Special Committee of Enquiry.
- ✓ Volunteers - The appointment of private L. Cubitt, R. Co, as 2nd Lieutenant, and Assistant Adjutant as recommended by the Major Commanding, is approved.
- ✓ Isolation Hospital - Report by the Health Officer is submitted, drawing attention to the urgent need for a permanent building for the isolation of Chinese with infectious diseases. His proposal to sell the present Lock Hospital site and with the proceeds to erect a building suitable for the accommodation of its patients as well as for the isolation of Chinese on the Scott Road site, is referred to the Works Committee and he is to be directed to consult with the Engineer and make the necessary alterations at the present isolation sheds to render them fit for the housing of a small number of urgent cases, as a temporary measure.
- ✓ Land Assessment - Mr. Anderson proposes that the
Necessary

necessary authority be obtained from the Ratepayers for a reassessment of land in the Settlement during the ensuing year. Mr. White seconds and the motion is carried. The proposer states that he has consulted Mr. G. J. Morrisons and that the latter would be willing to act as a member of the Committee of Assessment.

It is pointed out that the election of the Committee, should reassessment be approved by the Ratepayers, will rest with the incoming Council.

Public Band — The Vice Chairman informs the members of a difficulty which has arisen owing to the fact that for 18 years the bandsmen have not been paid that share of the sums received for private performances to which under their agreement, they are entitled. Their case has been taken up by Messrs Brouwell & Ellis and is in the legal advisers' opinion, a good one. The Council considers that if this claim can be settled by payment of say £1000, this sum should be disbursed and with this expression of opinion, the matter is left in the hands of the Band Committee.

Single Refuge — Mr. Welch states that he has information to the effect that the Mised Court Magistrate's subscription to this institution has amounted during the year to £41, and that this sum is absurdly small in the face of the Sarkis's despatch to the Senior Consul in re. It is decided to draw the Magistrate's attention to this point.

Nursing Home — Mr. Anderson states that in view of certain circumstances which have arisen two of the Nurses are under the impression that their treatment by the Council has been inadequate, and he suggests that Mr. Welch and himself should personally interview the ladies in regard to a renewal of their agreements.

The suggestion is approved.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Bland
Secretary.

J. Hearn
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23, Rangoon Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 8th February, 1899, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present.

J. W. Bourne, Chairman,
 J. T. Anderson,
 W. A. Stewart,
 R. Anglin,
 J. Spratling,
 M. R. H. Lee,
 E. W. H. Lee,
 A. P. Stokes,
 J. W. H. Lee, Secretary,
 and the Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.
Returns of Prisons of prohibition and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.
Departmental Reports. — The following for January are submitted:

Vehicle Inspector's
 Summary of License Fees.

Alleged Arrest. — With reference to the case given in the Minutes of last Meeting, the Secretary states that as the result of the trial which took place at the Miersa Court on the 6th inst, the Miersa Court Magistrate has undertaken to issue a proclamation warning the tipaos and residents of Hingai &c against any further interference with the Council's employes in the performance of their duties. It is also pointed out that the case against the Magistrate for violation of the recognised procedure of the Court was not pressed in deference to the request of Mr Bourne.

Foreign Agents — A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police states that H. B. M.'s Police Magistrate has agreed to sentence offenders of this class to hard labour whenever convicted.

Local Assessment — The question as to advisability of bringing a resolution in this matter before the Ratepayers is again discussed, Messrs Douglas & Skelton being opposed thereto. Upon a show of hands, the resolution adopted at last meeting is confirmed and ordered for publication with the Minutes.

Grammarians — Telegram from the Council's London Agents is read, stating that the firm of Messrs Dick, Kerr & Co. are prepared to tender if the date is extended to 30th June. A discussion as to the advisability of this extension results in its adoption and the Secretary is directed to inform the London and New York Agents by wire accordingly.

Municipal Exchange tickets — The tickets having arrived ^{from} London, it is decided to publish a notification stating that they may be bought from the Tax Office from 4th and after 4th March, the rate of exchange being fixed at par with the dollar. The redemption tickets, on which a small commission will be charged will be made at the Tax Office under foreign supervision on three days in the week; the Overseer is authorised to engage an additional staff for this date and to pay the foreigner in charge an allowance of \$12 per month as remuneration for work to be done out of the ordinary office hours. The rates of redemption for the various denominations of tickets will be posted outside the Tax Office for general information.

Local Regulations — No reply having yet been received to the Council's letter to the Director General of 21st November last, it is decided to renew the request that the Diplomatic Body's consent to the immediate enforcement of the new Regulations be obtained without prejudice to, and pending receipt of, the Tsungli Yamen's opinion in regard thereto.

Water Supply — The Secretary states that the Chairman

Man of the Water Works Co^d has enquired whether the negotiations for removal of the contract which expires on 30th June next will be deferred by the Council. It is decided that the first move in this matter should come from the Company.

Annual Meeting — The date for the annual meeting of Rate payers is fixed for the 7th proximo, and it is decided that the Chairman of the Finance Committee will make the usual address on the Budget.

Local Lotteries — Letter from the German Consul General is read stating that Mr J. Basseler has undertaken to discontinue lending his name to natives employed in the sale of Lottery tickets.

Warfare Dues — It is noted that the French Council endorse the amended procedure in regard to the levy of dues under a fixed rate of 2% on the Customs duties.

Fire Department (Victoria Truck House) — Letter from Mr Cowan, Surveyor of N. T.'s Board of Works is read, stating that he considers Fifty shillings per annum a fair rent for the Council to pay in return for the accommodation afforded to the Council since 1878 in housing the Victoria Truck on the premises in rear of the British Post office. The Council considers this charge to be excessive and that in no case can rent be asked for retrospectively since the Fire Department originally occupied the premises on the understanding that they would be liable to removal at any time and that no rent would be charged. It is decided to offer to make a payment of 50 2d per month from the date of Mr Cowan's first application for rent, and steps to be taken to provide temporary accommodation for the engine &c in case immediate removal should be required.

Quarantine Work — A discussion takes place in regard to certain unofficial proposals which have been made by the Commissioners of Customs viz: that the Chamber of Commerce and the two Municipalities should contribute to the cost of maintaining the work

Health work at Wharfedale - the Council's proposed share being £250. per annum for 3 months in the year - The figures on which the Commissioner's request is based are laid before the Meeting and discussed. The members generally are of opinion that the estimated scale of expenditure is too high, and further that this work should properly devolve solely upon the Treasury, upon whom pressure should be brought to bear if he declines to responsibility therein. It is pointed out that the Council's work in preventing the risk of plague lies entirely on shore and that the precautionary measures there taken in the past at considerable cost will continue to be necessary whatever may be done by the Harbour Authorities effort.

Further consideration of the question is deferred.
The Meeting then adjourns.

W. C. W. R.
 Chairman.

J. J. B. L. L.
 Secretary.

At the annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Exchange Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 15th February 1899, at 11.30 p.m. -

Present.

Mr. M.

J. S. Farrow. (Chairman)
 J. Anderson.
 E. A. Howell.
 R. Inglis.
 J. Pringle.
 Mr. R. L. L.
 E. Shuttleworth.
 Mr. P. D. L.
 J. W. L.
 Secretary, and the
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and charges
(for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily
reports for the past week are submitted.

General Municipal Rate - Rating - Summary for
December quarter is submitted, and ordered to be
published.

Departmental Reports - The following are
submitted:

Harborage Dues for November -

Health Officers - " - January.

Markets & Caisins - " - Do -

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Tramways - The Council is informed that the New
York Equities have drawn on the Council for a
sum of \$5 10 00, representing the cost of advertising
the Telephone and Tramway proposals in
certain American papers.

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North Cheking Road Extension - Memorandum
by the Engineer on the proposed extension of this
Road is referred by the Works Committee to the
Council, the question for decision being whether
the Council should accept the terms offered by
Messrs Morrison & Gratton for the sum of a
140 foot strip through B.C. Lot 2507. These
terms include payment of \$500 for the additional
width measuring 0.1.5.2 - required over and
above the usual 30 feet, the total area to be surrendered
being 0.6.0.7 1/2. The practice considers that the
additional width should not be required if
such payment is necessary but the other members
of the Works Committee oppose this view and upon
a show of hands it is decided that the Council
shall accept Messrs Morrison & Gratton's terms.

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Public Band - Letter from the legal advisor is
read, enclosing certain recent correspondence with
Messrs Brown & Ellis regarding the claims for
arrears

arrears of pay due to the Bandmen. Mr Dowdall advises that the Council should furnish an account as required by Messrs Brownell & Ellis, and should pay whatever amount may be due. The Secretary points out that as the periods of service of the Bandmen are not the same in every case, it will require considerable time to ascertain from the Accountants books the actual sum due to each individual since 1823. It is decided to authorize payment as recommended by the Legal adviser.

Annual Meeting - The draft forms of Resolutions to be submitted at the Ratepayers Meeting, as approved by the Legal adviser - are read and adopted. One alteration is suggested by Mr Stokes in the proposed amendment of Bylaw 31 in regard to the variation of the words "lottery tickets" thereto, it is recommended that the additional words "or chances in lotteries" be inserted. The Legal adviser's opinion is to be taken on this point. The Meeting then adjourns.

W. W. 07
Chairman.

W. W. 07
Secretary.

At the general Meeting of the Council, held in the
Council Room, No. 23, George Road, Singapore,
on Wednesday, the 22nd February, 1899, at 4.30 p.m.

Present M.M.

- J. H. Brown, (Chairman)
- G. Anderson,
- A. C. Stewart,
- M. R. White,
- A. F. Stokes,
- F. Welch
- Secretary The
- Assistant Secretary and the

Absent

- R. Douglas,
- J. Prentice,
- C. H. Hutton,

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed
 signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and
 cheques for Sunday accounts are signed.
Return of Prisons apprehended and Police daily
 reports for the past week are submitted.
Departmental Report - Engineer's for January
 is submitted.

Public Band - Letter from the Legal adviser
 127 reproves he is in a position to fully settle the
 bandmaster's claim for arrears of pay for \$1580.
 Payment of this sum is agreed to us also is
 that of \$100 towards the bandmaster's legal
 expenses. At the Chairman's suggestion it is
 decided that the secretary to the Council shall in
 future be ex-officio a member of the Public Band
 Committee.

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Settlement of Pension. The Chairman states
 that the French Council has been making overtures
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to his colleagues promising his support to the Extension movement if the addition of Park Sien Jao to the French concession be not opposed. The British Consul has however expressed inability to entertain this compromise. Negotiations with the Sutchai are proceeding, and the latter has been informed that the proposal to nominate a Chinese member on the Council is impracticable.

117 Hay side Track - Hong Kow - Letter from the Senior Consul is read covering a despatch from the Sutchai in which the complaint of the filling in of the sea & bordering the site for the new Hong Kow Police Station. It is decided to reply that the matter already dealt with in correspondence with the British and U.S. Consuls, is having attention.

118 Court of Councils, and Consular representations on the Hospital Board of Governors, Official intimation of these appointments is read, and ordered for publication.

119 Death of President of French Republic - Letter from the Consul General for France is read, stating that a funeral service will be held to the memory of President Faure and requesting the attendance of the members of Council. The Secretary is directed to prepare a reply, and to embody therein an expression of the sympathy of the community with the French Nation, in the loss it has sustained.

120 Local Lotteries - Letter from the Senior Consul is read transmitting a request from the Sutchai, that permission be granted to certain Chinese under authority of the Honkang Viceroys to sell the tickets of a charitable lottery in the Settlement. It is decided that no matter for what purpose the lottery be started the Council cannot relax its efforts to suppress the sale of tickets in the Settlement. A proposed proclamation is read and approved to the effect that the Police have instructions to enforce this decision and quoting the Sutchai's recent despatches wherein he states that he will support the Council in suppressing this form of gambling.

121 Garbage Removal - A protest from the Gas Company

Company is read, against the establishment of the depot at the Nibbi Road. It is decided to reply therefor in terms of the reports in re to the Health Officer and the Engineer's Department and to insist that the work is a necessary one and the site selected the only available one.

✓ Guarantine — Despatch from the Commissioners of Customs is submitted containing the formulated proposal in this matter the terms of which were minuted on the 8th inst. It is decided to reply that the share of the proposed expenses will be paid, but to point out at the same time that the Council does not depart from the recognised principle that the protection of the health of Hongkong by means of quarantine regulations is entirely a matter for the Imperial Government.

✓ Water-pipes — The London County Council's Regulations for the sale of Calcium Carbide forwarded by the Fire Insurance Association are referred to the Health Committee.

✓ Resignation of Councillor — Letter from Mr E. Shelton is read resigning his seat on the Council in consequence of his departure to Hongkong.

The Secretary is directed to convey to Mr Shelton the Council's regret at the loss of his services.

✓ Fireman's — Letter from the Gas Company is read requesting the Council to stipulate with the concessionaire, should a concession be granted, that certain safeguards affecting their interests should be insisted upon. The Engineer's remarks in re are approved and ordered to be embodied in the reply.

✓ Pookung Chapel — Copy of the new area of brick issued by the American Consul is read and ordered for publication.

✓ Volunteers - Staff — Letter from the Major Commanding is read conveying the resignation of Surgeon Major Henderson and suggesting that he be given equivalent rank upon the Retired List. The Secretary is directed to communicate to Dr Henderson the Council's

Council's regret at the necessity for this step and forwarding a Retired List Commission. The correspondence is ordered to be published.

13th Upon the recommendation of the Major Commanding the appointment of Dr W. A. E. Cooper as Surgeon with the rank of Lieutenant is approved.

Volunteers - "C" Company - The resignation of Lieutenant Whittall is received and noted.

Harbours Dues - Mr Anderson's proposal to increase the dues on houses to 4 mace per 1000, is approved, and ordered to be communicated to the Chamber of Commerce.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. W. E. M.
Chairman.

J. Bland
Secretary.

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Riangse Road, Singapore, on
Tuesday, the 1st March, 1897, at 11.30 A.M.

Present.

M. M. J. D. Jarrow, Chairman.
E. Anderson.
E. A. Hewell.
M. R. Hise.
H. P. Stokes.
J. Ulrich, the
Secretary.
H. R. Kinnear, D. M. Moses, and
E. B. S. Kottow, Members of Council for 1897.

Absent.

R. Inglis.
J. Pruitto, and the
Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed, by
 the Chairman and passed for publication.
 Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and Charges
 for sundry accounts are signed.
 Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily
 reports for the past week are submitted.

The Chairman observes that the newly elected
 Members of the Council for 1897 have been invited
 to attend with a view to discussing any points in
 the Report & Budget which may appear to call
 for explanation. Mr. Finlay thereupon refers to
 the proposed re-assessment of land, remarking that
 the measure appears to meet with a certain amount
 of public criticism; the Chairman in reply points out
 that it must rest with the Ratepayers to approve
 or reject the resolution on this subject, but that the
 Council after due consideration, considers re-assessment
 to be a just and necessary measure.

Settlement Extension. - Mr. Stokes, in reference to the
 suspending negotiations with the Factor on this subject
 suggests the advisability of the Council's uniting with
 the China Association and the American Association in
 negotiating for the inclusion of certain portions of the
 Quoshan District within the extended area of the
 Settlement. He points out that considerable pur-
 chases of land in this district by British, American
 and German subjects have taken place and that
 their interests should be considered if possible.

The Chairman states that this point will
 doubtless be kept in view by the Consuls but that
 at present no definite proposals have been sub-
 mitted for negotiations.

Wharfage Rules. - Letter from the Secretary of the
 Chamber of Commerce is read, stating that the
 question of the amended levy on Treasure cannot
 come up for discussion by the Chamber until its
 next meeting - i.e. the 4th inst. Verbal intimation
 thus

views were expressed that the Chairman of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank objects to the proposed increase in these dues. It is resolved in the absence of any definite arguments against the measure to submit the scale as finally drawn up, to the Ratepayers, whom it will be open to anyone to propose an amendment thereto. The Secretary is however directed to see Mr Wade & Gardner and to explain the Council's views.

Engineers' Department - Staff. - The appointment of Mr J. A. Wilson as Clerk in the Engineers' office on 3 months probation at a salary of \$125, as recommended by the Works Committee, is approved.

Water Works Co. - Letter from the Secretary of the Co is read, conveying a request, similar to that recently received from the Gas Co, that the Council will take such steps as may be required to protect the Co's plant from damage likely to be caused by the laying down and working of Electric tram lines.

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Decided to refer this letter to the legal adviser for reply.

Do - Do - Water Supply - Letter from the Rev. Dr. Jamieson is read, stating that the Water Works Co is violating in two cases which have to his knowledge, that clause of the Company's agreement with the Council which stipulates that foreign residents shall be supplied with water at a price not to exceed 5% in their rentals; opinion by the legal adviser in this matter is also submitted, upon which it is decided to request the Rev. Dr. Jamieson to state in detail the specific cases to which he refers in order that the Council may then judge as to whether action should be taken.

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Hongkong Volunteer Corps - Annual Inspection - Letter from the General Commanding in Hongkong is read, stating that he will leave for Shanghai on 5th April and will place his services at the Council's disposal for a week after arrival.

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Do - Do - Do - Annual Training - Letter from the Major Commanding is read, requesting the Council

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Council to apply to the Senior British Naval Officer for the services of an Instructor for the Naval School from now till 15th April. Instructions are given to comply with this request.

1 Shanghai Volunteer Corps - Staff - The appointment of Captain Manning to Command "B" Company, and by Lieutenant Whitehead, of the same company to be Lt. Lieutenant, as recommended by the Major Commanding after the usual elections, are approved, and Commissions ordered to be issued accordingly.

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Garbage Removal - Nibek Road Chute - Reports by the Health Officer, and the Engineer's Department are submitted in reference to the Garbage chute at the Nibek Road Bridge, and to the Gas Co's protest against the same. The Secretary is directed to draft a reply to the Gas Co, based upon these reports, for approval by the Legal Advisor.

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Letter from Messrs Alfred Dent & Co. is read, making a similar protest against this Garbage chute on behalf of the owner of Cadwallar's Lot 673. The Council is of opinion that the decision arrived at in regard to this matter must be adhered to, there being no other available means of dealing with the removal of garbage, and this locality being the only one at which the Harbour Authorities will sanction the erection of the necessary chute.

1 General Regulations - A copy of the letter from the Senior Council is read, explaining that the obstacle which prevents a definite conclusion in the matter of the new Regulations lies in the fact that it is impossible to get all the Ministers together to discuss it. The Chairman states that Mr. Brown has promised to urge the British Minister to interest himself actively in the matter.

1 Sanitary Department - Staff - Resignation of Assistant Inspector F. Stanley is submitted, and the Secretary is directed to take such steps to replace his services as may appear advisable after consultation with the Health Officer.

Referrals

Sanitation — Letter from Mr Andrew Stott is read, informing the Council that acting under advice he refuses to pay rates on the premises he occupies until roads, lighting, and police supervision are extended there.

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Decided to take out a summons against Mr Stott should he persist in such refusal.

Lotteries — Report by the Intelligence Officer is read, stating that the so-called, "Charitable" Lottery referred to in last week's minutes has now commenced operations by the sale of tickets. The matter is referred to the Watch Committee with a view to carrying out the Council's decision to suppress this establishment before the date of first drawing - i.e., 23rd April.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Searon
Chairman.

J. Searon
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kings Road, (Shaughan), on Wednesday, the 5th March, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

J. Searon, (Chairman),

F. Anderson,

E. A. Hewitt,

R. Smith,

J. Prichard,

M. Roberts,

C. B. Stokes,

J. Welch

Secretary

and the

Assistant Secretary.

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Consul's statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for summary accounts, are signed.

Republic of Venezuela apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week, are submitted.

Departmental Reports. — The following for February are submitted.

Health Office.

Market & Dairy Inspector.

Vehicle Inspector.

Summary of Revenue Taxes.

Settlement Extension. — The Chairman gives an account of a recent meeting between the Tachas and the Consul General for Great Britain, the United States, and Germany, at which he was present. The Tachas' proposals for the Extension contained impossible conditions and he was accordingly informed that no further negotiations could be held with him; he therefore retired, and the Consul decided each to address the theory, by telegram, reporting the view each took to which the affair has again been brought and he, the Chairman, had no doubt that the reported immediate transfer of the Tachas was the result of the telegrams. He states that hope of settlement of the question now depends upon the extent of the power delegated to the new Tachas and to the attitude of the remaining members of the Consular Body, some of whom are understood to be disputing the authority of the above three Consuls to negotiate in this matter.

Match Committee Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:

✓ Lotteries — In regard to the new so-called Charitable Lottery, Mr. Stokes is in favour of taking no action pending the passing of the by-law revision in re, and Mr. Anderson and other members consider that any measures of suppression directed against them are inadvisable, so long as legislation against Lotteries cannot be universally enforced. Finally it is left to the Chairman to consult with the

the three above mentioned divisions and ascertain their views on the points.

The Case of Mr Humboldt is referred to the Head Quarters Committee, there being a difference of opinion between the members of the present Committee on the subject.

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 27/ Water Supply — Sir Cornwallis's Complaint in regard to the Charges made by the Water Works Co. is read, and the legal advisers note thereupon. The Chairman is in favour of replying in the same terms as were used when a similar case arose in 1858, but it is decided in the first place to address the Company asking for an explanation of the alleged breach of agreement.

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 1/ Public Band — Letter from the Committee is read, wherein are given certain proposals for the reengagement of 23 musicians and for the temporary appointment of Mr Sternberg vice Mr Fela resigned. It is understood that the Chairman of the Band Committee is opposed to the supersession of Mr Martinezzi which would thus be involved, and a discussion ensues as to the advisability of endorsing the recommendations in its entirety. This, however, upon a show of hands is decided to agree to the Committee's proposals.

The Secretary is directed to convey to the retired Bandmaster, Mr Fela, an expression of appreciation of his 18 years excellent work with the Band.

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Volunteers — Letter from the Major Commanding is read, in which he propounds a scheme for the establishment of a Gymnasium and club for the Corps in the new Army Hall. The Council approve generally of the idea and direct that Major Holliday be requested to proceed with the details of his scheme.

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Marriage Rates — In deference to the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce the proposed rate for dues on treasure is reduced to three mace per thousand pails.

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Private Hiring Stables — A petition from the leading proprietors of these establishments is submitted, together with the Inspectors notes thereon. The diminution in

in the number of stables is regarded as in many respects satisfactory and it is agreed that the rules and regulations now in force shall not be modified.

✓ Fire Department - Victoria Truck House. - The proposed rental for the site of this truck house with arrears as proposed by H. M. Surveyor of works and submitted to the meeting are considered and the Secretary is directed to forward a cheque for the amount claimed, i.e. to 280, to date.

✓ Meat Supply. - A report by the Inspector of Markets and Fairs is read, drawing attention to the increase in the prices of butchers' meats which he considers to be unjustifiable, he refers also to one butcher not connected with the Guild, whose prices are lower. This report is ordered for publication.

✓ Retiring Members. - The thanks of the meeting are recorded to Messrs Welch & Stokes for their services during the past year.
The Meeting then adjourns.

Chairman.

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
18, St. James Road, Wexford, on Friday the 10th
March, 1900, at 8 o'clock P.M. —

Present:

- J. Anderson.
 - J. Newell.
 - W. J. Howells.
 - J. Douglas.
 - J. R. Keenan.
 - A. H. Keenan.
 - J. Keenan.
 - J. Keenan.
 - W. B. Skelton.
- Secretary: _____ and the
 Assistant Secretary: _____

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of last Meeting are read and signed.

The Chairman then vacates the Chair and the
 Meeting proceeds with the election of Officers, Deans
 and Committees for the coming year.

✓ On the motion of Mr. Howells, seconded by Mr.
 Douglas, Mr. J. D. Keenan is unanimously elected
Chairman.

✓ On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr.
 Howells, Mr. J. Anderson is unanimously elected Vice
Chairman.

✓ The Chairman then proposes the following as
 the Constitution of the several Committees:

- ✓ Finance Committee - Mr. Anderson, Keenan & Keenan.
- ✓ Hotel Committee - Mr. Howells, Douglas & Skelton.
- ✓ Herbs - Mr. Keenan, Keenan & Keenan.

Mr. Anderson seconds the motion, which is carried
 without discussion.

The Chairman requests that the Committees
 will elect their respective Chairmen before the next
 meeting of Council. It is noted that the Secretary
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Committee being dissolved, it will not now be recon-
stituted, the work thereof being divided between the
Welsh and Words Committees under the Secretary's
reorganisation arrangements concluded last year.

109 ✓ Meeting Committee Incident — Special Committee appointed
require to the appointment of the Committee to be
under the terms of Resolution VIII as passed at the
Aberpaw Meeting, the Council is of opinion that
steps should be taken in the matter forthwith. At
the result of a full discussion, it is resolved to
invite Messrs Brown & Quattrone and the Senior
General Officer to constitute the Special Committee,
and, should they prefer to serve, to inform Mr Rees
that these gentlemen have been appointed.

Mr Anderson is of opinion that Mr Rees should be
informed of the selection made before the invitations
to serve are forwarded but the sense of the Meeting
is opposed to this course.

110 ✓ Publication of Private Vehicles — The Secretary
submits form of general notification to the public in
regards to the impending issue of Licenses to Private
Vehicles. The circulation of this notice by the Tax
Office is approved.

111 ✓ Hiring Notice — Mr Anderson, referring to the questions
recently discussed by the Council in regard to the
reengagement of the Horses on the expiry of their
agreements, points out that the views held in the
matter by the Welsh and himself are not the same.
He therefore suggests that the Council should take
the sense of the present Hiring Notice Committee
on the subject, and he proposes to invite Messrs
Welsh, J. L. Scott and Dr MacLeod to attend
the Committee's meeting. His suggestion is approved.

112 ✓ Regulation of Traffic — Notification on this subject
is submitted and approved for publication.

✓ The Meeting then adjourns.

J. L. Scott
Secretary.

F. Anderson
Acting Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 25, King's Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the
15th March, 1899, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present.

Mr. Mr.

- Mr. Anderson.
- Mr. A. Hewitt.
- Mr. Douglas.
- Mr. R. Kinman.
- Mr. Moore.
- Mr. Prentice.
- Mr. Reddie.
- Mr. B. Skottow. the
- Secretary. and the
- Assistant Secretary.
- Mr. J. S. Pearson.

Agenda.

The business calling the meeting is taken as read.
In the absence of Mr. J. S. Pearson, Mr. Anderson takes the Chair and Mr. Prentice is elected to act as Vice-Chairman.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for Sunday accounts are signed.

Reports of prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:
Miserable Dues. January.
Horse. February.

Shooting Committee Incident — Court of Enquiry. —
The Chairman explains the reasons which have led the Council since its last meeting to substitute the name of Colonel Brown for that of Dr. Kuappa in the Constitution of this Court of Enquiry. Draft of letter to Mr. Rox, notifying him of the Council's decision is approved.

The Minutes of the Hatch Committee are read and passed.
Reference is made to the question of the Intelligence Office.

a full discussion takes place, as the result of which it is resolved, upon a show of hands, to accept the Committee's recommendation that Mr Lambuth's resignation be accepted, to take effect on 30th April. In regard to filling the vacancy which will thus arise, it is suggested that it may be possible to engage the services of a Missionary to take charge of the Chinese students of the Police force, and the Secretary is instructed to consult the Captain Superintendent on this point. As to the other duties fulfilled by Mr Lambuth, the Council is of opinion that there have not been, as a whole, of the nature intended, when the Intelligence of Fiero's appointment was first made, the original intention being to provide the Council with the means of ascertaining current native opinion on matters in general rather than information in regard to Criminal Cases, &c. The Watch Committee is requested to consider the question of a new appointment in this light, it being suggested that it may be advisable hereafter to endeavour to obtain the temporary services of a Consular Officer from N. B. H.'s Government for the post.

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 1. Stray Dogs — The Chairman draws the attention of the Council to the necessity for more stringent regulations in the matter of unmuzzled dogs with a view to the suppression of Rabies, a matter which has now become extremely serious and urgent. As the result of considerable discussion on the subject, it is resolved to issue instructions to the Captain Superintendent of Police to increase the numbers and activity of the native dog catchers, placing their work under the supervision of foreign Constables so far as may be possible; and providing an improved pattern of carb, to equip the Police force generally the need for increased vigilance and energy in this matter; to rigorously enforce the muzzling regulation, and to treat as improperly muzzled dogs as unmuzzled, and finally to report to the Council as soon as possible, making such further recommendations as may appear to him advisable. At the same time the Secretary is instructed to draft
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for approval a notification to the effect that hereafter all unmuzzled dogs either in the Settlement or in its vicinity will be seized or shot and their owners, when identified will be prosecuted.

Minutes of the Board's Committee are read, and accepted.

Trustees Institute - The Health officer having notified the Council that the necessary arrangements for the work of this Institute are now completed, it is decided to issue a notification to this effect. The Secretary is directed to request Mr Stanley to report for the consideration of the Finance Committee on the subject of fees payable by patients.

Sanitary Department - Staff - The resignation of Inspector Macdonald is submitted and accepted, to take effect 31st inst. The Health Officer will take steps to fill the vacancy, reporting his proposals for approval.

178 ✓ Quartermaster - 1st Lieutenant De la, resigns, and is granted equivalent rank on the Retired list.
184/ ✓ 186. 1st Lieutenant Mingo, A. Co., resigns, and is granted equivalent rank on the Retired list.
2nd Lieutenant Gumpst is promoted 1st Lieutenant of A. Co., without further examination.
✓ 2nd Lieutenant, and Quarters Adjutant, Gubitt, resigns his Commission as Post-Capt., and is appointed 2nd Lieutenant, A. Co.
✓ Captain Woodcock, Medical Staff, is promoted to the rank of Major.

Public House - Letter from Mr. Martignozzi, Assistant Quartermaster, on the subject of his position and agreement is read. Matter referred to the Board Committee, the Council being of opinion that consideration should be shown to Mr. Martignozzi's case in view of the circumstances to which his letter refers.

Committee - Mr. Douglas is elected to represent the Council on this Committee vice Mr. Welch, and agrees to serve.

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Land Registrations. - Letter from the Municipal Engineer's Surveyor is sent reporting that owing to the failure of the United States and German Consulates to report transfers and official measurements of land registered, the Municipal records of such properties have now become extremely incomplete and suggesting that certain steps be taken to remedy matters.

Decided to accept these recommendations.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Anderson.

Chairman.

J. D. [Signature]
Secretary.

Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, 25 Exchange Street, Singapore, on Wednesday, the 22nd March, 1877, at 11.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

- J. Anderson, (Acting Chairman),
- C. F. Stewart.
- A. D. [Signature]
- A. K. [Signature]
- A. M. [Signature]
- A. [Signature]
- H. K. [Signature]
- C. B. [Signature]
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

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and the

Absent.

J. S. [Signature]

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for outlay accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report - Electrical Superintendent's for February is submitted.

Watch Committee's Minutes, are read and with reference thereto:

Local Notices. — In proposal to seize case lottery tickets found for sale in Chinese shops is approved, it being agreed that the shops should have 24 hours warning to comply with the regulation.

Shay, Regt. — Letter from the Major Commanding S.V.C. is read reporting the results of the dog shooting performed by members of the Corps on the 21st & 22nd, inst. and although the work cannot be considered to be finished, in deference to his wishes it is decided to report that the Volunteers might discontinue operations for the remainder of the week, resuming duty in his direction for two days a week until further notice.

In regard to dogs in Sima the members agree, in accordance with a request from the Ladies' Union, received unofficially from the Senior Council, to take no steps until the Surbair's return which will be in the course of the next three days.

G. B. M. Police Abrogation. — Some discussion takes place in regard to the advisability of writing such a letter to Mr. Bennet as is recommended by the Watch Committee and the general opinion of the Council is that Mr. Bennet's remarks in Court were justifiable and within his province; upon a show of hands, it is decided to take no action in the matter.

Volunteers — Letters from the Major Commanding are read from which are noted the disbanding of "C" Company and the resignation of its officers. The Council desire that Captain Adams be thanked for his services to the Corps.

Major Holliday also reports that the mud will ground is still quite unfit for use as such and

and it is therefore decided to request the Recreation Ground Committee to place the interior of the Race Course at the disposal of the Major Commanding for Saturday Races &c, as heretofore provided, that the high horse drills be discontinued during wet weather or at such times as the turf would be damaged thereby, and that the Artillery only come on the ground for the general inspection.

The Engineer is to be instructed to report on the present and future condition of the new ground at the Rifle Range, with regard to its use by the S.V.C.

1. Public Band — (Spick from the Minutes of the Band Committee is read, and the proposal is approved to provide Mr. Martinuzzi with a second class passage to Italy, to grant him six months pay and to consider his agreement as an exit.

The Council also authorises that a letter be given to Mr. Teta, addressed to the Authorities in Bombay to assist him in obtaining information in regard to the possible engagement of a new Band.

1. Native Police in Settlement — The Chairman states that he has had an interview with H. M. Consul General and that Mr. Bannan strongly urges the Council to agree to the Subari's request, while safeguarding the Ralepays's interests by the stipulation that no prisoners shall be brought through the Settlement except after notice given and an escort provided in each case.

Mr. Pringle is opposed to any other course than a direct refusal and he is supported by a majority of the members. Mr. Anderson ^{Moses} and Finnis vote in the minority.

1. Stitch Road Bombay Street — Letters from Messrs. Alfred Rank & Co, and the Gas Company are read, again formally protesting against the establishment of the track in the neighbourhood of their respective premises.

The Council is unanimously of opinion that no alteration can be made in this matter and the Secretary is directed to prepare and circulate draft replies accordingly.

Notes

Water Supply — Letter from the Water Works Company is read dealing with the question of Dr Furnham's water supply and in reference thereto the Council directs that a reply be addressed to Dr Furnham's letter to the effect that in view of the circumstances of the case the Council considers it is not one which calls for interference in the public interest.

Standing Orders — It is proposed by Mr Rhode, and seconded by Mr Justice that the following be added to ~~the~~ of the Council's Standing Orders:

" His modification of any decision adopted at any
 " Meeting of the Council, shall be made under
 " instructions from any individual member or members,
 " Should any member have reason to believe that such
 " modification is expedient he shall forward his
 " views in writing to the Secretary for circulation to
 " the Council and the matter may then be postponed
 " for further discussion until the next meeting of
 " Council."

Pastor Institute — Letter from the Health Officer is submitted, dealing with the question of fees to be charged to patients.

Reference to Finance Committee.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Auderston

Chairman.

J. M. Stand
 Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Victoria Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 27th March 1899, at 11.30 p.m.

Present. M M;

- W. Anderson, Acting Chairman,
- A. Douglas,
- A. R. Finlay,
- A. M. Jones,
- J. Pringle,
- M. Kohler,
- W. R. S. Kellomaki
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

Adm.

- J. S. Brown,
- W. A. Hewitt.

A unanimous vote the motion is taken as read, the Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and closure for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of provisions apprehended and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

Finance Committee's Minutes of 27th inst. are read, and approved.

Sanitary Department - 27th inst. The Chairman gives the substance of the recommendation just resolved upon in regard to the pay of Assistant Sanitary Inspectors in the future, and it has the sanction of the Council with an addition to the effect that upon completion of their probationary period the men must sign agreements binding them to three years service.

Public Band - The new agreement with the 27 or 28 Musicians is submitted, and signed by the Chairman.

Notice in Settlement - The Chairman has circulated during the week certain correspondence on this subject between H. M. Consul General and himself with

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with notes in re, from which the Council learns that the proposed action, decided upon at last meeting, would not receive the approval and support of V.M. Ministers, and he again urges the Members to reply to the Factor's request in a more conciliatory manner. The original letter from V.M. and the American Consuls General are read, and a draft reply by Mr. Anderson is after some discussion voted upon and approved.

Nursing Home — The Chairman at some length states the result of the deliberations of the Committee to whom the question of the Nurses' arguments was referred.

Acting on this recommendation, the Council now decides:

- (i) That Miss Campbells agreement shall not be renewed.
- (ii) That Miss Lewis shall be permitted to resign and
- (iii) That Miss Statwell shall be engaged for two years.
- (iv) That the Health ^{of the} be requested to report on the best steps to be taken for the engagement of two new Nurses on the same terms as before, it being pointed out to him that Mr. Anderson is shortly going to England and is willing to act in the Council's interests in this matter.

The question of a Matron for the Home is to be left until such time as the new building is in a more advanced state.

Fire Department — Recent Cases of Arson. — Letter from the Fire Insurance Association is read pointing out that the Justice's proclamation on this subject is calculated to have an effect quite contrary to that desired by the Council. It is decided to transmit a copy of this letter to the Justice through the usual channel and request him to amend the proclamation.

No. 61 Volunteers — Free grant of Ammunition — The Council notes with satisfaction from a report by the Major Commanding that the annual free grant of 30,000 rounds of ball ammunition is to be resumed.

No. 44 Inspection — The date of the annual inspection is altered, upon Major Stollings' recommendation to the B. F. and the Secretary is directed to take steps to request the Banks and Stores to close at noon on that day.

at the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kangse
Avenue, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 5th April 1898 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

Messrs. J. S. Ferguson, Chairman,

A. Inglis

H. H. Kinross

B. C. Munn

J. Spence

H. Roberts

J. B. Skottow

The Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

Absent

Messrs. F. Macarson

W. R. Howitt

The Minutes

of the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes

of last meeting were read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Each statement

for the next week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners

re-impounded and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental

Reports. The following are laid on the table:—

Merchandise for March

Market & Dairy Inspectors for March

Summary of Disease Cases so far heard of.

Settlement

The Chairman informs the members of the results of his recent visit to Peking and of his interviews there with certain of the Ministers. As regards the new laws regulations of 1898 he is glad to state that the Diplomatic Body has agreed to approve them without awaiting an impression of the Tsunsi-Yuan's views, and a despatch, conveying this decision, has been forwarded by the Queen to the Senior Consul. The new articles will thus come into force without further delay. His regards Settlement Intention the position might be summed up by saying that the French Minister had stated that, if no further objection were raised to the small intension claimed at the Hsin Jao for the French Settlement, the Diplomatic Body would unanimously support the Arrangements for intension of the general Settlement. Despatches on the latter subject had been addressed to the Yuan, copies of which are submitted, by the British, German and American Ministers. The Chairman is hopeful that, so soon as the new Tao-tai assumes charge, the negotiations of the Council will lead to early and satisfactory results. In the meanwhile, Mr Ferguson, head of the Hanyang College at Han King, has approached the Secretary in the matter, the latter has expressed strong objections

to any submission regarding part of the Karkhan district; objections which are believed to be primarily investigated by the Railway Administration. Sheng Tsochi, at an interview where the Chairmen were present, denied that any such objections have been raised by himself, but urged liberal treatment of Railway matters and referred also to the question of Loh'in. The Council unanimously passes a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his action and agrees to the proposals of Mr Ferguson's proposals at Mair King. 7

Telephone Connection. Two tenders received for this connection are submitted. Decided to refer the matter to the Works Committee, while calling on the Engineer and Electrical Superintendent to report jointly on the tenders.

Public Gardens. Letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Garden Committee submitted, advising the resignation of a Treasurer, recommended by Mr A.H. Bardill, at a salary of £75 per annum, with quarters. Recommendation approved.

S.V.C. Inspection. Gwynn Sweeney having intimated his inability to attend the Inspection and his intention of sending an officer for the 15th instant, it is decided to hold the Inspection on that day, as originally arranged. Decided to invite Messrs F.M. Stratton and J. Cooper to act as members of the Assessment Committee, with the usual remuneration. Mr Stratton is elected to represent the Council thereon and agrees to serve.

Electrical Department. With reference to the question raised at last meeting in regard to the advisability of substituting proposals to take over this Department by purchase, it is decided that the Council is prepared to supply all necessary information as to the working of the Department to bona fide and reliable applicants; to consider any offers that may be made and to submit them, if considered expedient, for approval by the Ratepayers.

Stray Dogs. An official letter from the Senior Council is read, forwarding communication from the Tsochi, in which the latter requests that no dogs may be shot by the S.V.C. in Suiza. The Council is of opinion that shooting in this crowded locality is inadvisable; it is therefore resolved to instruct the Captain Superintendent to send the Municipal dog catchers into Suiza, with such Police escort as he may consider sufficient.

Native laundries. Reports by the Engineer and Sanitary Officer, on the proposed extension of the Municipal washhouse scheme, are submitted and referred to the Works Committee. The Council is in favour of licensing

all native countries without delay, under conditions similar to those accepted for recruits, and the Watch Committee is requested to consider the question; at the same time it is thought that the provision of a certain number of municipal wash houses might facilitate the general work of the movement.

Police

Decided to hold the Annual Inspection at 11.30 pm on Thursday the 13th inst. and to ask for the use of St. M. Convent's Grounds. Foreign Constables. Letter from the Captain Superintendent is read, recommending the acceptance of an offer recently conveyed to him by Sir James Reid to secure men for three years service at Shorncliffe from the Royal Irish Constabulary. The Captain Superintendent takes occasion to suggest that no foreign constable should be allowed to be drafted from the force into any other department of the Council's service until the completion of his first agreement. Motion referred to the Watch Committee.

Intelligence Officers. Letter from Mr. Lawton is read, asking to be permitted to withdraw his resignation and to resign the position vacant of Intelligence Officer. The Captain Superintendent strongly endorses his application, but the Council is unwilling to modify their decision previously recorded. The Secy. has, it is decided to make the best arrangements possible for the continuation of the work of Chinese tuition for the force. Motion adjourned.

The meeting

J. Lawton
Secretary.

A. W. W. W.
Chairman.

At the regular Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kingsway, London, on Wednesday the 12th April 1897, at 4.30 P.M.

Present:

J. Searon. (Chairman)

C. H. Jewell.

R. J. ...

A. H. ...

A. H. ...

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M. ...

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Secretary

Assistant Secretary

A. ...

Absent:

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, & confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

The Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and approved for sundry accounts and signed.

Reports of Prisoners approached, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports - The following for March are submitted:

Registrar

Vehicle Inspector

Settlement Extension - The Chairman states that Mr

Jones has returned from London and that from his report of his interviews with the Vicar, it may be gathered that there would appear to be no possibility of obtaining the extension of the Settlement within the St. John's District, the objections raised being of a political nature and emanating from the Vicar. He further states that the New Society has been instructed to proceed with the negotiations at once and that satisfactory results may be looked for in the course of the ensuing week.

Mr Murray Appeal - Letter from the Regal adviser is read.

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and covering the proposed statement to be forwarded to London, which is ordered to be circulated to the members. Payment of the initial fee of £100, as requested, is authorised. Mr. Dewart is to be instructed to place the matter in the hands of such firm of Solicitors in London as he thinks best.

Paunshops — Report from the Junior Council is submitted forwarding translation of a request from the Tackai in regard to the existing conditions under which their establishments are licensed. The Secretary points out that in recent years several such applications have been made but that the Council has invariably refused to recognise native official intervention in the matter. Decided to reply in this sense.

Land Assessment — Reply from Mr. D. W. Gutter, to the Council's invitation to act as one of the Assessment Committee is made, in which he defers acceptance pending receipt of information on certain points which he wishes in regard to the Council's reasons for reassessment and the basis upon which it is proposed that such reassessment shall be made. He is decided to reply that the measure was felt to be necessitated by the rapid increase which has taken place in certain districts in the value of property over the values assessed in 1896; in regard to a basis for assessment the Committee is to be requested to frame a schedule showing the market values of all lots and to add in the margin the discount which in different localities should be granted "for fluctuations".

Volunteers — Respectively — At the request of the Major Commanding it is decided that the general alarm shall be sounded half an hour before the Inspection Parade.

Do — Staff — The resignation of Lieutenant A. H. Stewart is noted, and upon the recommendation of the Major Commanding a Commission is authorised to be issued to Colour Sergeant G. Peace as 2nd Lieutenant "B" Co.

Acetylene Gas — Notifications in regard to, and conditions for sale, of Carbide of Calcium are submitted, duly approved, by the Fire Insurance Association, and passed.

- ✓ Reg. Licensing — Letter from the Veterinary Surgeons is read, offering to supervise this work for 75 per-
centum. It is noted that until the Byelaw amend-
ments which were forwarded to the Senior Consul on the
13th ultimo are finally approved and sanctioned, it is
impossible to consider any proposal in this matter.
- ✓ Local Regulations & Byelaws of 1898. — Official notice
of the final sanction by the Foreign Minister at Peking
to these amendments is received through the Senior
Consul under date 6th inst., and ordered to be
published.
- ✓ Right Soil Contract — Petition from the Contractor,
stating that owing to the default of two of the
Sub-contractors he is in pecuniary difficulties and
asking for assistance, is submitted.
- The general feeling of the members is that the man
should be helped but it is desired to call upon
the Intelligence officer for a report as to the truth
of his statements, before deciding on the amount of
reductions which may be temporarily made in his
monthly payments.
- The Meeting then adjourns.

Wearley
Chairman.

J. J. [Signature]
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Baner Room
at No 25 Canton Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday,
the 19th of April, 1897, at 11.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr H.

J. S. Pearson. (Chairman)
 F. Anderson
 W. A. Hewitt
 R. Douglas
 H. R. Newman
 D. M. Moore
 W. Ashde
 E. B. S. Kellens. the
 Secretary and the
 Assistant Secretary.
 J. Forster.

Absent.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
 the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for
 sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Expenses by Forster and Police daily reports
 for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report

Electrical Department's for
 March is submitted.

Minutes of Works Committee are read and confirmed. In
 reference to the subject of the

✓ New Rifle Range it is noted that in the opinion of the
 Council it will be preferable both financially and in the
 interests of the S.V.C. to allow annual training to con-
 tinue on the public Recreation ground rather than to incur
 the expense of filling in and maintaining a drill ground
 at the Range.

✓ Assistant Engineer's Agreement - The Committee's
 recommendations are endorsed; it is however considered
 advisable that a fixed salary (£3.25) for a 3 years
 period be made rather than an agreement with pay increasing
 on

on a sliding scale. The Secretary is directed to draw up an agreement accordingly for the approval of Finance Committee.

Minutes of the Watch Committee (18 April) are read, and confirmed.

In reference to the question of Quarantines, the Health Officer's draft of proposed regulations is submitted and referred to the Watch Committee for consideration, the Chairman in this connection refers to the desirability of enforcing a greater measure of control over all.

Brothels in the Settlement and as a result of the discussion which ensues, it is decided to instruct the Health Officer and the Captain Superintendent of Police to report jointly on the subject.

The question as to whether purely native Brothels should be licensed is one on which the Members were not unanimous.

Mixed Court Case — The case of the actor sent by the Mixed Court Magistrate for detention in the Municipal Jail, referred to in a letter from Mr H. P. Wilkinson is fully discussed. Mr Styles supports Mr Wilkinson's suggestion that this man be released from custody, but on this point it is thought that the legal opinion's opinion should be taken. Eventually it is decided that the Council's best course will be to apply through the Junior Consul for a re-hearing of the case before an Assessor, while pointing out the serious irregularities which appear to have been committed. The Captain Superintendent of Police is to be instructed not to accept custody in future of any prisoners unless sentenced before a Foreign Assessor.

Mr Lambuth — The Council agrees to Mr Lambuth's services being retained for teaching Chinese, there appearing to be no alternative at present available for keeping up the Police classes; it is to be understood, however, that he is not to be connected hereafter with Police or Detective work in any form and that his engagement is to be terminable at 3 months notice. In regard to the salary of the post, the Secretary states that Mr Lambuth has been directed to forward an application on the subject

The Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, King's Road, Shanghai, on Friday, the 21st of April, 1899, at 4 o'clock, p.m.

Present. M M.

J. D. Stearns. Chairman,
 F. Andersons
 W. A. Hewitt
 R. Douglas
 & Y. K. Kaimon.
 D. Mc. Moses.
 J. Prentice.
 Mr. Ryallie.
 W. B. Kottow. the
 Secretary and the
 Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

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Wahai's procession. — The Chairman states that this meeting has been called to consider the advisability of complying with a request which has ^{been} verbally conveyed from Isaac Wahai that a procession, arranged in his honour by the local Gildas &c, be permitted to pass through the Beltmunk, by way of the Bund and Hanking Road on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The sense of the Meeting is in favour of extending this courtesy and it is accordingly decided to make the necessary Police arrangements for the procession, and to supply the usual escort.

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Mixed Court Case. — A discussion takes place in regard to the case of the Actor now in custody at the Municipal Jail, referred to at last meeting. It is required that the decision to apply through the Senior Council for a re hearing in the presence of an Assessor is confirmed; at the same time it is decided to call for an explanation from Captain MacKewie as to the reasons which led him to comply with the Magistrate's request to have the prisoner confined in the Municipal

Departmental Report.

✓ Telephone Concession — Marriage dues for February, is submitted.

✓ Telephone Concession — Joint Report by the Engineer & Sub-instrument of the Electrical Department is submitted, recommending that decisions in regard to the tender for this concession be postponed pending enquiries into the cost of material required, the writers being of opinion that the estimate on which the China & Japan Telephone Co's tender is based, is too high.

This recommendation is approved and the Secretary is directed to communicate this decision to the parties interested.

✓ Mixed Court Case — As the result of a final discussion of the case referred to at last meeting, in reference to which, Memoranda by the Watch Committee have meanwhile been circulated, it is resolved to ask Mr Bourne to apply for a rehearing in the presence of the British, & Chinese. The Council confirms its previous decision that all cases brought before the Court are to be tried before an Assize, and that should no Assize be present they must be withdrawn; should cases recommend transfer the Council will take such further action as may be necessary.

✓ Meeting Committee Decision — Letter from the Major Commission is read, pointing out certain objections which, from the nature of the S.V.C. Regulations, stand in regard to the acceptance of the Special Committee's recommendations for concluding this matter.

Letter from Mr Riff also read, asking whether the Council is prepared to carry out these recommendations if the other parties concerned do the same. Decided to reply in the affirmative, the Council being of opinion that the objections to this course are of a theoretical nature only.

✓ Assistant Engineer's Agreement is submitted, approved by the Finance Committee, and passed.

✓ Land Regulations — Letter from H.B. the Consul General is read, and ordered to be published. It concerns the provisional

provisional sanction of A M's representation as relating to the newly adopted Land Regulations and declares them "urgent" as provided for in Section XL of the Order in Council, of 1881. *

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8/ Shanghai Volunteer Corps - Defence Scheme - In reply to the Council's application to the General Officer Commanding in Shanghai for the services of an officer to report on a scheme of local defence, General Gascoigne has telegraphed, stating that an officer has been detailed for this duty, and enquiring whether the Council will display his expenses. Decided to convey the Council's thanks together with an affirmative answer to this question.

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9/ Chie. Ins^t Sadrai having written to the Council expressing his thanks for the police arrangements made on the occasion of his recent procession the Secretary is directed to return a suitable reply.

3/ Land Assessment - It is decided that the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Hewson, shall be appointed to act as Secretary to the Land Assessment Committee. Mr. President undertakes to notify his colleagues of this decision.

The Meeting then adjourns.

H. W. O'Connell
Chairman.

H. D. D. D.
Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room, No. 23, Haining Road, Shanghai, on
Friday, the 28th April, 1899, at 5.30 P.M.

Present: *M. M.*

J. S. Farrow. Chairman,
J. Anderson.
E. A. Maxwell.
R. Inglis.
A. R. Kinnear.
D. M. Moore.
J. Spratkin.
M. N. Lewis.
C. B. Skottow. *the*

Secretary,
Assistant Secretary, and

invitation of the Chairman, *M. M.*, Byron Brown,
C. M. A. M. Acting Consul General, and John
Goddard, U. S. Consul General. (The Consul for
Germany has expressed his inability to be present.)

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken & read.

Settlement Extension. — The Chairman states that the
Meeting has been called, that the Members may be
informed of the progress which has been made in
the preliminary negotiations for Settlement Extension.
He notes that the proposals which M. M. Brown
and Goddard will lay before the Council have his
personal support and urges their acceptance for
submission to a meeting of Ratepayers.

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* M. M. Godard then shows, upon a plan exhibited,
a line marking the boundary of the proposed Extension.
He points out that the Bubbling Well neighbourhood
and the region of the Pond are both well inside
the line and in regard to the Paoshan district states
that until recently he and the Consul General for
Great Britain and Germany were not fully informed
as to the nature of the difficulty which prevented the
inclusion

inclusion of any portion thereof in the Extension, but that as a result of Mr Ferguson's visit to Hankow it had been found that the objections raised, and of a political nature, and emanate from the Chinese. On return for the Council waiving all immediate claims in this district he says the Authorities will give the right to police, sanitation and make roads, and will issue title deeds for foreign owned lots, therein.

Mr Bruner in confirming all that his colleague has said does not wish the Council to regard this extension as by any means but only as an instalment. He urges its acceptance in the belief that if it be rejected the negotiations will be again protracted indefinitely, and states that if after this boundary is fixed a good case can be made out for further extension even after a few months he will take the matter up and the Council's acceptance of this boundary will not prejudice the case. Mr Bruner draws the members attention to the fact that if the Tongki Yamen record their official sanction to this proposal it will involve their acceptance of the Code of Land Regulations which, as is well known, has never been given, in spite of their thirty odd year operations.

In reply to Mr Robie he says that if the Council now approves of this scheme the British will issue forthwith a proclamation to the residents in the Extension giving a historical resume of the Settlement since 1854 and stating that the Land Regulations will now apply within the new boundary, to which the conditions made, in regard to the HongKong Extension of 1893 will also apply. He will forward a copy to each of the Treaty Consuls and a special one to the British Consul to be regarded as the reply to Mr Stubel's original despatch in re, and to be through him forwarded to the Council.

On the proposal of Mr Prentice and seconded by Mr Anderson the members unanimously record their acceptance of these proposals and decide, after
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the issue of the proclamation to at once advertise a Special meeting of Ratepayers for their due and formal acceptance.

The opportunity is taken verbally to thank Messrs Brown and Johnson for their labours in this work and for their presence at the Meeting. A motion from the Chair to this effect is carried unanimously.

The Meeting then adjourns.

W. Brown
Chairman

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 25, Exchange Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 10th May 1899 at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M. M.

- J. W. Farrow. Chairman.
- F. Anderson.
- C. A. Hewell.
- R. Duglis.
- A. R. Kumar.
- D. M. Myers.
- J. Spruntico.
- M. K. Lee.
- C. B. Skellern. the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of Meetings 26th & 28th April, are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

W. Brown

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for Sunday accounts are signed.

Return of Prisons apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted.

Engineers.

Health Officers.

Inspector of Houses, &c.

Do " Vehicles.

License Fees.

Wellstead Extension — The Chairman understands that the Council's proclamation has already been sent to each member of the Gasular Body, and should reach the Council in the course of a day or two.

The Council resolves it advisable to proceed in this matter promptly and without loss of time. It is decided that the work of delimiting the boundary line shall be pushed forward, that the Engineer be directed to draft an inscription to be placed on the boundary stone for the approval of the deputation, and that steps be taken for procuring an Roke progress machine, so soon as a revision of Regulation I has been prepared.

Health Committee's Reports are read, and the recommendations made therein approved.

Police — New Forms of Terms of Service and for the Morning Report, which have been circulated to, and approved by the Health and Finance Committees, are submitted and adopted.

Wash houses — The members are informed that no response has been made to the advertisement in the Nation papers regarding additional Municipal Lavatories and it is therefore decided to proceed with the arrangements as recommended, for licensing, the regulations to be made compulsory after such interval as the Health Officer may think expedient.

Browett Foreshore Case — Letter from Mr. H. Browett is read, applying for a permit to fence in the foreshore of H.S. Dock 112. Draft letter in reply by the Legal Advisor refusing this application is read, and approved.

Polk Chun Hong Sang — Petition from the Drummond Street and

and others is read, requesting the Council to fix it or otherwise improve the sanitary conditions of the sections of this road which adjoin their residences.

The Engineer's report on the subject, with estimates, is submitted and he is to be instructed to enquire whether the adjoining lot owners are willing to make a contribution to the cost of this work similar to that made in the case of the Rifle Range Road. Mr. Finlay is of opinion that the Municipal Land Investments Co. will agree to any reasonable proposals so far as relate to their property in this neighbourhood.

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 / January 29th — A letter addressed to the Chairman, by Miss Campbell, complaining of her treatment by the Council in the matter of her re-engagement, has been circulated to the members. The Chairman is of opinion that the Committee who recommended the non-renewal of her appointment acted perhaps upon prejudiced statements, and he considers it possible that some injustice may have been done.

Mr. Anderson proposes that a Committee of the Council to consist of Messrs. Taron, Hewitt, and Inglis should investigate the matter again and that, if necessary, the Council's decision be modified. The proposal is seconded by Mr. Finlay and carried.

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 / Do 30th — A point is raised by Mr. Finlay and a discussion arises as to the admission of Japanese into the Home when complete, but the members do not consider that the present Council is called upon to settle the question. It will be for the Housing Home Committee to make formal recommendations in the matter when the building is definitely handed over to the Municipality.

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 / Speeches and Reading — The Secretary states that correspondence has taken place between the Council and the Agents for the owner of Calashal lot 14 in regard to the proposed purchase of a small strip of its road frontage. The matter is referred to the Works Committee.

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 / New Local Regulations & By-laws. — The legal adviser's Memorandum on the means for permanently marking the new local regulations binding on British Subjects is read, and it is decided to communicate its contents to H. M. Consul General, with

a request that the British representative be asked to apply for the Opium approval of the new Regulations.

Letter from the Soviet Consul is read, announcing the sanction of the Consular and Diplomatic Bodies to the amendments of Byelaw XXXIV, passed at the last Special Meeting of Niche, per pass.

- Columbiers — Report by Major W. H. Morris, R.A. on a defence scheme for Shanghai is ordered for circulation.
- Do — The resignation of Lieutenant H. G. Gorman upon his return to Shanghai is noted.
- Do — Batter — Letter from the Major Commanding is read, detailing the proposed procedure in regard to the despatch of the R. S. L. guns to Hong Kong for repairs, & which is sanctioned.

Flour — Shore — Permission to hold this function on the Bund fore-shore on the 20th inst., is granted to the Horticultural Society.

Jessie Road — Mr. Hurst points out that adequate measures & further measures for the protection of the trees on this road, and for the adequate punishment of persons damaging them have proved futile; it is decided to officially ask for a Troika's proclamations in the matter.

The Meeting then adjourns.

[Handwritten Signature]
Chairman.

[Handwritten Signature]
Secretary.

(At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23, Clarence Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 17th May 1899, at 11.30 p.m.)

Present

M. B.

- J. S. Pearson, Chairman,
- C. J. Anderson,
- E. A. Howell,
- R. Austin,
- M. R. Keenan,
- D. M. ...
- J. ...
- M. ...
- E. B. Skelton,
- Secretary
- and the
- Classical Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting is taken as read.
Resolutions of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed
by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Cash statement for the previous month is submitted and signed
for sundry accounts are signed.
Minutes of Anderson's apprehensions and Police daily
reports for the past week are submitted.
Departmental Report. — Summary of General &
Municipal Rate — Balance for March quarter is
submitted.

- 1. Minutes of Sanitary Board are read, and the recommendations therein adopted. On req. and to the
Regulating Regulations — It is decided to
publish a notification, marking the muzzling order
applicable to all dogs, whether led or not, and
also to give notice that the Regulations will be
enforced in the Public Recreation Ground.
The sense of the meeting is in favour of marking
the tax on dogs under next year's licenses of 5. Pr
imum.
- 2. Settlement Extension. — Letter from the Joint Council
is submitted, enclosing translation of the communication
recently

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recently forwarded by the Indian to the Consular Agent in which is given the text of the proclamation in response to the application...
Special vote of thanks to the Chairman for his services in this important matter is proposed by Mr. [Name] seconded by Mr. [Name], and unanimously carried.

It is noted that the proclamation has not yet been issued, as the Viceroys Deputies have not yet communicated the delimitation of the new boundaries with the Municipal Engineer.

The Secretary is directed to communicate with the Commission on the subject with a view to opposing this plan.

Widkinson Case - Letter from Mr. Widkinson, writing on behalf of his client the Actor, is read, in which it is suggested that the barbarous punishment inflicted on the prisoner when sent into the City emphasizes the need for immediate reform in the procedure of the Court.

Mr. Widkinson further suggests that in the name of humanity the Council should, if possible, take steps to obtain the remission of any further sentence in this case. It is decided, in the absence of any definite or reliable information regarding the hotel which took place in the City, to request Mr. Widkinson to obtain and forward further details in regard and at the same time to state whether the offence committed was one which by Chinese law and custom justified the Mixed Court in sending the prisoner into the City.

Brewer Case - Letter from Mr. F. Ellis, on behalf of Mr. Brewer is read, asking the Council to name the amount of compensation which should be paid by the owner in accordance with the judgment of Court of Consuls, for the building work done on the fore shore of St. B. Lok 112. Reply drafted by the Legal Adviser submitted and approved, to the effect that the beach ground is required for a public landing place and that the Council will therefore not compensate for the work in question.

Shanghai Volunteers Corps - Communication from the Major Commanding is read, forwarding a letter, signed by

by 205 members of the Corps, in which it is stated that the latter feels deeply the allegation contained in the finding of the Investigative Committee that the Corps is not a strictly military force, and submitting a proposed addition to the S.V.C. Regulations calculated to place the Force, as regards its discipline, on a strictly military basis.

The Council fully endorses the views expressed in this letter and adopts the proposed new Regulations for embodiment in the existing Code.

Public Gardens & Cemeteries — From the contents of a letter addressed to Mr. J. L. Scott by Mr. A. P. B. B. B. in England, it is noted that Mr. A. Arthur has accepted the position of "Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces" and that he will leave for Shanghai on 20th inst.

Requiem — Letter from the French Council enclosing report on this subject - vide minutes of last meeting - to read, and referred to the Works Committee.

Lock Hospital — Report by the Engineer to read, detailing the proposed arrangements for the erection of a building, for the isolation and Lock Hospital purposes combined, at the Scott Road site, the cost of which is estimated at Rs. 21,000. He considers that the site of the present Foochow Road Hospital should realise between Rs. 18,000 & 20,000.

Decide to publish a Minute on this subject for the information of the Ratepayers and to authorize the Engineer to submit the best offers obtainable for the land.

The Meeting then adjourns.

H. A. W. Riddle
Chairman.

J. B. Stand
J. Foreman

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 25, King's Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 24th May 1899, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

- J. S. Pearson, Chairman,
- F. Henderson
- E. A. Hewell.
- P. Charles.
- A. R. Finlayson
- D. M. Hodges.
- J. Christie
- W. B. Kellaway, the Secretary and the
- Conservator Secretary

Absent.

M. B. Hill.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read -
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

The Annual Statement for the past week is submitted, and charges for security accounts are signed.

Reports of prisoners is postponed, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Settlement Extension - The Chairman states that the boundaries of the extended Settlement have been gone over by himself and the Engineer in company with Mr. Ferguson and that so soon as one or two minor details have been arranged the necessary data should be available for drafting the revisions of Land Regulation I and for covering the Special Ratepayer Meeting.

The Secretary is directed to expedite this matter as much as possible.

The Council in this connection discuss the advisability of forthwith licensing all Dogs within the limits of the Settlement, by act of registration and without fee for the current year. The sense of the meeting is in favour of this step pending the adoption

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of a definite loss at the next Annual Meeting, and the Secretary is instructed to have the necessary arrangements made.

Minutes of Works Committee are read, and the recommendations therein approved.

In regard to the Electrical Department Mr. Anderson refers to certain proposals which Sir Charles Ross is about to make for taking over the Works from the Council; at the suggestion of the Chairman it is decided to postpone discussion on this subject until such a proposal has been definitely submitted.

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North Range Road - A further letter from Mr. W. J. Howe on the subject of his road frontage along the site of the new range is read, the writer proposes that the Council should pay compensation for the 20 ft strip of his property. Decided to refer that such a solution of the matter would probably lead to claims for similar treatment from other adjoining land owners, and that the Council cannot entertain the suggestion. The Secretary is directed to express the hope that Mr. Howe will allow the road to remain at the 40 ft width and to point out that the extension of the thoroughfare to the North Roman Road would in return be made by the Council, in deference to his expressed wishes.

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Mrs. Home - The Special Committee of the Council appointed to enquire into the question of Miss Campbell's agreement having gone fully into all the documents bearing on the subject now submits its unanimous opinion that there does not exist therein sufficient reasons to justify the Council in refusing to extend her agreement. Acting upon this opinion it is decided to prolong the agreement for the further term of two years from September next. In conveying this decision to Miss Campbell, the Secretary is instructed to inform her that the Council had reason to believe that certain complaints have arisen in the past with regard to her management of the Home and that should she fail to give satisfaction in the future her agreement will not be renewed upon its expiry in 1901.

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The engagement of a nurse to fill the place vacated by Miss Lowe is to be entrusted to Miss Campbell, on the understanding that her nominee shall be approved of before appointment either by Dr Henderson or Dr Aitken. Steps are to be taken to ascertain whether Miss Goodwell is willing to continue her services; if not, another nurse is to be similarly selected to fill the vacancy.

1 Staff of fees - Staff - Memorandum by the Overseer of Taxes is submitted, detailing the additional Staff necessitated by the extension of the Settlement, involving an annual increase in expenditure of £3,600.

The recommendations therein made are approved; it is however considered advisable to employ outside applicants rather than candidates from the Police Force unless the latter are prepared to join on the scale of pay usual in the Tax Department.

1 Whitman's Voluntary Corps - Letter from the Major Commanding is read on the subject of providing New Revolvers for the officers of the Force. He recommends the purchase of 50 Webley's, New Service pattern, as preferable to the Hargreave weapons. Resolved to make enquiry in Hong Kong and London as to the cost of the Webley revolvers and, in reply to the Major Commanding to enquire whether in the event of this requisition being granted the expenditure of the S.V.C. for the current year is likely to exceed the Budget appropriation.

68. New Coal - The Secretary states that owing to difficulties raised by N.W. Board of Works the lease of the Coal has not yet been arranged and that the legal adviser recommends submitting the points in dispute to Sir A. Hannan. Mr. Dickinson, on behalf of the Board of Works, has written to state that the matter will be settled either by such arbitration or by notice being given to the Council to quit.

1 Waterworks in Settlement - Application by the Lee Keng How Niche for extension of permit for a temporary water shed at the Mill is referred to the Council by the Engineer; after a full discussion of the case the Council decides

decides that the permit in question may be renewed for a further period of 3 months but that on completion of this term the structure must be removed in accordance with the provisions of By-law 33.

The Meeting then adjourns.

M. V. York
Chairman.

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Owners held in the Board Room, 70 St. John's Road, Vancouver, B.C., on Wednesday the 31st May 1899. at 11.30 A.M.

Present. M. V. York

- J. D. Dawson, Chairman
- F. Anderson
- E. A. Newell
- R. Davies
- A. K. Keenan
- D. M. Moses
- J. Strubbe
- W. B. Stollman, the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary

Absent.

Mr. Rolfe.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

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Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Administrative Report — Summary of General Municipal Rate — Foreign, for March quarter is submitted.

Motion Committee Minutes are read, and the recommendations therein, approved with the following note thereon:

✓ Visa — The Chairman considers that immediate and adequate provision should be made for policing this neighbourhood and that it will be inexpedient to await a full return of taxation before dealing therewith.

Volunteers — An exhaustive critical report by the Major — Commanding on the Defence Scheme compiled by Major Woods is submitted and ordered for circulation amongst the members.

No. Staff — Commission as 2nd Lieutenant of Artillery upon the recommendation of the Commanding Officer is ordered to be issued, to Mr G. V. Marshall.

Settlement Extension — Letter from the Joint Consul is read,

344 enclosing 299 copies of the Turkish proclamations in regard to the extended area, which are ordered to be posted throughout the Settlement and upon the Municipal outside roads. The Secretary is directed in acknowledging the receipt of this despatch to say that the Council presume that Mr Butler's expression "the people include the foreign population area."

It is decided to make arrangements for the holding of a special meeting of Ratepayers on Tuesday the 20th June.

Water Supply — Letter from the Water Works Co containing proposals for the renewal of the Council's agreement for the supply of water for Municipal purposes is read and referred to the Committee concerned, for whom the Engineer will prepare a report giving his views on the proposed increase in the annual payment.

Tax-office Staff — A further Memorandum is submitted in regard to the needs of this office for additional foreign collectors, with a view of making preparations for the work of collecting rates in the Settlement Extension area.

The engagement of Mr D. McAlister and the transfer

of Police Sergeant Marshall are sanctioned; the
 terms is to serve for three months on probation, up to 90
 per month and the latter whose services will not be required
 till early in September will join the Tax Office upon the
 usual terms.

Electric Light Service — Formulated proposals by Sir G. Ross
 are read, for the purchase outright of the Council's Electric
 Light rights, privileges, plant, &c, which result in a
 full discussion.

The necessity for adequate consideration of so important
 a transaction previous to its being presented to a Rate-
 payers meeting is generally recognised, and attention is
 made to the likelihood of other and possibly better
 offers being submitted. Should the Ratepayers decide
 upon disposing of its electrical services and the Council
 publish such decision.

The Secretary is directed to distribute type written
 copies of Sir G. Ross's letter among the members and
 to include the subject as "business upon which it is con-
 sidered" in the application to the Junior Council for the
 Special Meeting on the 20th prox.

Browett Foreshore Case. — A unofficial copy of Mr Browett's
 petition to the Court of Councils forwarded by the Legal
 adviser is read, and the latter's suggestion, as to whether the
 public rights would be sufficiently preserved by the making
 of a thirty feet roadway measured from the broad side,
 is discussed, and referred to the Works Committee.

Garbage Report — Note by the Engineer is read, stating that
 the District's present procedure at the Millers Road
 depot does not permit of compliance with the Council's
 written undertaking with the Gas Company in regard to
 garbage removal. An additional £50 per annum to
 his contract figure is authorised in consideration for which
 it is understood, that in his own boats he will remove
 all garbage beyond Wellbush limits.

Nursing Home — Reply from Miss Campbell to the Council's
 letter announcing her resignation is read, the general
 tone of which is regarded as highly satisfactory.
 Her demand for new regulations for the management
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of the Home is not approved and the Secretary is directed to draft a letter pointing out the Council's reasons for non-compliance with her request.

Dr H. Kaku Hong Pany - Letter from the Shanghai Land

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Investment Company is read, stating that they are willing to surrender the necessary land and to contribute \$2000 towards the proposed improvement of this locality.

The letter is ordered for publication.

Whatshed at Saco Hong Mac Hill - Letter from the

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agents of the Hill is read, to the effect that in their opinion the construction placed upon Byelaw 33, when applied to their shed, is a strained one and requesting that the structure may be permitted to stand until such time as they are enabled to erect a permanent building.

The matter is referred to the Works Committee.

Health Department - Drafts of new forms for use in

notifying owners of property of public nuisances etc. are referred to the Watch Committee.

The Minutes then adjourn.

H. C. W. C.

Chairman

J. P. Lang

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Foreign Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 7th June, 1899 at 11.30 p.m.

Present -

M. M.

J. S. Sturton. Chairman,
 G. Anderson.
 E. S. Hewitt.
 R. Inglis.
 A. R. Kumar.
 J. M. Mason.
 J. Prentice.
 W. B. Skellern. the
 Secretary. and the
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent -

M. R. Hill.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for study accounts are signed.

Return of Prisons aforesaid and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports - The following for May, were submitted:-

Health Officers
 Vehicle Inspectors
 Market & Drivers.

Summary of License Fees.

Settlement Extension - The Chairman refers to the reply which was sent last week to the Senior Counsel by the Council in regard to the matter of the Settlement Extension becoming effective as far as natives are concerned, without delay. He says that there would now appear to be a tendency on the part of certain members of the Council Body to make the whole question of the extension depend upon the Diplomatic Body's unanimous ratification of the

the resolutions to be passed by the Ratepayers.

The Councils for Great Britain, Germany and the United States have however opposed this view and the Council is advised to proceed with the arrangements necessary for contracting the new limits and for taxing Chinese. After a full discussion of the whole of the question, it is resolved to notify in the Council's Minutes the intention to tax all nations within the new limits from the commencement of the July quarter, and to proceed in the same manner in regard to foreigners, subject to confirmation of the extension at the Ratepayers Meeting.

In regard to the Police of the New Limits, the Secretary states that Mr Ferguson has intimated the readiness of the Chinese Authorities to hand over control and to remove the Native Police whenever the Council is ready to assume charge. A Memorandum by the Captain Superintendent of Police is read, in which details are given of the additional number of men required for this work, and stating that arrangements can be made to patrol the various new districts on the 1st July. The Council decides that control shall be taken over on that date, and the Secretary is instructed to make the necessary arrangements with Mr Ferguson. The Watch Committee will decide as to the Police arrangements to be made at an early meeting. In regard to the question of taking over certain of the Native Police Stations, it is reported by the Captain Superintendent that these are not suitable for Municipal purposes.

Ratepayers Meeting — The proposed Resolution in regard to the extension of the Settlement is submitted and approved. In reference to the proposed omission of the last paragraph of the existing Act from the new regulation, the Secretary is instructed to see Mr Brown and enquire whether there is any objection to this course on the part of the British Council it being understood that the Chinese are quite willing to accept a schedule from the Council of Government and Charitable buildings exempt from taxation.

As regards the Resolutions to be brought forward

forward in the matter of the Electric Light Department and its proposed sale to a private Co, considerable discussions takes place. Mr. Hutchinson raises the point that before referring the question to the Ratepayers, the Council should ascertain from examination of the Department's past and present conditions that there exists good ground for accepting the statements made by Sir Charles Ross. The Chairman on the other hand, says that the question is not immediately concerned with that gentleman's proposals, but with the general question as to whether a body constituted as the Council is, is competent to conduct the business of Electric Lighting in a manner to make it financially successful, and of general benefit to the community. It is eventually decided, upon the motion of Mr. Finlay, that the Finance and Works Committees shall consider and report upon the entire question, and at the next meeting of Council a formal vote shall be taken as to whether the Council will or will not recommend to the Ratepayers the consideration of the proposals now or hereafter submitted for the purchase of the business of the Department.

A Report by the Superintendent of the Electric Light Department, dealing with the points raised by Sir Charles Ross, is ordered to be circulated for the information of the members.

✓ Kung King Road Dentoon — Letter from Mr. Middleton, on behalf of the C.M.S. & Co. is read, objecting to the construction of the proposed footway on the ground of interference with the Co's wharf.

✓ Shanghai Volunteer Corps — Leave of absence under Regulation 38 is granted to Lieutenant Keylock for a period of six months.

✓ Ex - do - do - do — Excellence Service — Letter from the Mayor Commanding is read, stating that it has been decided to discontinue the use of Service in the S.V. & for the future, and asking whether any arrangements

arrangements can be made for the Fire Department to take over the six animals now remaining.

Decided to authorize this measure.

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Letter on the subject of Ammunition is submitted, in which after pointing out the causes which have led to the present annual supply being inadequate, the Council is asked, to requisition in Hong Kong for an immediate extra issue, on payment, of 2,000 rounds of S.M. Cartridges so as to bring up the stock to the amount required for an adequate reserve. At the same time, it is suggested, that the Hong Kong Government be requested for the future to issue to the S.V.C. a total annual supply of 20,000 rounds on payment in addition to the usual free grant.

S.V.C. — Annual Inspection — Letter from the General Commanding in Hong Kong is read forwarding the Inspecting Officer's Report. In reference to Col. Fraser's suggestion that H.K.'s Government should be asked to supply the S.V.C. with modern armament in the form of Maxim guns, General Gascoigne remarks that in his opinion the community of Shanghai would prefer to be independent of such assistance, and he expresses his willingness to endeavor to obtain the guns required at cost price, if asked to do so. It is the opinion of several members of the Council that it is desirable that, if possible, the traditions which have hitherto marked the relations between H.K.'s Government and the S.V.C. should be maintained, but upon a show of hands it is decided to reply that the Council will be glad to adopt the General's suggestions and purchase the armament.

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In the meanwhile it is decided to communicate to Major Stolliday the Council's satisfaction at the high state of efficiency to which he has brought the Corps.

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Club. — Letter from the Major Commanding is read, in which he gives a preliminary syllabus of proposals in regard to the use of the new Drill Club as a gymnasium and club. The Chairman considers that

That the Council should make an annual grant for the purpose of making this side of Volunteering attractive, which, together with the general tenor of Mr. Holiday's proposals, is agreed to.

It is decided to lay down an order, to prevent possible future misunderstandings, that the whole building and all its internal arrangements are to be under the control of the Works Committee of the Council, and to communicate the same to the Officers of the Corps.

It is proposed by Mr. Stowell, and agreed that the Engineer shall prepare plans for the construction of 3 or 4 additional rooms and a kitchen, to make the building suitable as a public assembly room, and to mark off definitely the space to be devoted to the Gymnasium.

Educational Grants.

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A letter and formulated scheme for the placing of the Council's grants to Schools on a new basis, and the establishment of a system of inspection and payment by results, compiled by the Rev. & Justice Richards, Mr. Ferguson, and the Hon. Mr. Pott, is submitted. In view of the length of the document and the fact that the subject is one which requires full and detailed consideration, the Secretary is directed to draft a reply embodying the points which appear to call for comment.

Newport Road Widening

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Correspondence with the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne Board is submitted, from which it is learnt that the lease of the portion of the Bond and lot in this road will be continued, by the new owners on the same terms as heretofore.

Revision of Settlement into Districts.

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It is pointed out that the hitherto existing divisions for taxation and statistical purposes into two districts (Shoughead and Honghead) will when the extension area is taken in, be of no practical utility, and it is agreed that though a re-division into sub-sections may be necessary for the convenience of the Tax Officer, in future the Settlement shall be known under the general designation of Someby Settlement.

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Seaside Police Station — The Council is informed that the difficulties in the way of obtaining a Consular title and for the new land adjoining this Station, due to the cutting of the creek, are not overcome. The Engineer however is authorized to proceed with the building.

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Pal Chau Hong Pang — Letter from Mr. J. M. Dowdall & Hanson is read, stating that the owners of two lots adjoining this Creek, where the proposed filling in is to take place, decline to contribute their share of the cost. Mr. Kinnear states that the Land Investment Co. will make their contribution of land and money irrespective of the other owners and it is decided to proceed with the work at once if it is feasible from a public health point of view, and to collect as much as possible from the other adjoining owners.

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Applications for the services of the Inspector of Vehicles to act as Inspector for this Society is agreed to subject to the condition that his ordinary duties are not interfered with. It is noted that the Society will remunerate Mr. Batty through the Accountants office.

Kings Road Widening — Mr. Anderson draws the Council's attention to the opportunity for widening this road near the Hauking road, which is being allowed to pass. He states that in his opinion the Council should notify the Agents of Lot 164 that a strip of the lot is required and that the price to be paid therefor can be hereafter settled when Land Commissioners are appointed. The proposal receives the support of the members and it is decided to consult the legal advisers as to the best course to pursue.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. J. Hand
 Secretary.

A. W. R. O.
 Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room No. 23 Hongkong Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 11th June, 1899, at 11.30 p.m.

Present.

M. H.

J. S. Brown. (Chairman)

J. Anderson.

E. A. Hewitt.

R. Douglas.

H. R. Fiqueman.

N. M. Hises.

J. Prentiss.

W. B. Skottowe.

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

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Absent.

M. P. Hides.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Letters of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report — Shanghai News for March is submitted.

Electrical Department — Minutes of joint Meeting of the Finance and Works Committees are read, and, in reference thereto, the Chairman states that upon further consideration, he is of opinion that the public interests will best be served by the Council's advising against any immediate consideration of offers to purchase the Electric Light Department's plant, &c. and he will therefore vote for the first of the ^{alternatives} resolutions proposed.

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Mr. Anderson refers to the more striking of the financial features of Mr. C. Adge's proposal, and emphasises the consideration that reliance upon the

the statements of the Electric Superintendent and taking the most adverse limit quotations, the Community should five years hence have the same valuable franchise to offer for sale, unencumbered by its present debts; also that during that time, the present quality of incandescent light will be maintained, its cost possibly reduced, and its supply largely increased.

Mr. Skinner regards street lighting as the most important branch of the Department and considers that at present it is exceedingly bad, a view in which the Council generally concurs.

Resolution I is then put and carried, Mr. Skinner, Skottow and Moses dissenting.

The Secretary is directed to forward to the press Sir C. Ross's letter and formulated offer, with the Electric Superintendent's and the Engineer's reports attached, after communicating to Sir C. Ross the Council's intention.

✓ Works Committee Minutes are read, and in reference thereto:-

✓ Browell Foreshore Case - The Legal advisor has not yet communicated in writing his views as to the effect of the proposed compromise on the general question of public rights, but it is understood, that he recognises the importance of the point which has been raised, and will therefore file without delay a reply to the petition based directly upon the same Regulation.

✓ Division of Settlement into Districts - Plan of the Extended Settlement is submitted and approved, showing a division into four districts to be called North, East, Central, and West, delineated by the Seaboard, Reserve, and Hong Kong Streets.

✓ Health Committee Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:-

✓ School for Chinese Orphan - The Council is not adverse to the employment of Mr Lambert in the proposed capacity, and fixes the remuneration to be offered to him at Rs 25. per month.

✓ Volunteers - Resignations are received and noted from Captain Rex, and Lieut Dady. The Council decides in publishing these staff movements to assume that
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Lieutenant Cameron had he remained in Shanghai would have acted, in a manner identical with his associates in the Shocking Committee Incident.

✓ Volunteers - Club - 1192 ✓ List of apparatus for the proposed Gymnasium forwarded by the Major Commanding is submitted, and the approximate expenditure sanctioned. The members agree that the purchase of this plank may well be left in the hands of the Volunteer Sub-Committee with instructions to observe due economy.

✓ Wages Office - Report by the Assistant in Charge is submitted, to the effect that the work connected with this department has now been wound up; he is therefore to be instructed to report for duty in the District.

✓ Fire Department - 120 ✓ Letter from the Secretary of the Fire Commission is read, complaining of insufficient pressure of water at the recent fire on the Foochow Road. It is decided to forward a copy of the letter to the Water Works Co and await their reply.

✓ Tax Department - Staff - The Council notes that Mr Skinner is reported, as becoming unfit for his present duties owing to advancing years, and decides that he be placed in charge of the Southpark and Rice Hall as Collector, and that arrangements be made for engaging a new collector to fill the vacancy in the Tax Office.

✓ Road Extension No 17 - 396 ✓ Letter from Mr. Keadle Brao No containing an offer for the surrender of this Road extension in its entirety on certain conditions is read, and after some discussion referred to the Works Committee.

✓ Public Band - 391 ✓ Letter from G. Bandmaster Dala from India is submitted, giving his views on the possibility of obtaining a new Band of Sikhs or Goanese. The letter is referred to the Band Committee for report.

Telephone

1. Telephone Exchanges — Amended tender by the
 Batavian Company is submitted, giving figures
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 over their previous offer.
 Referred to Works Committee for report.
 The Meeting then adjourns.

J. H. W. W.
 Chairman.

J. D. L.
 Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board
 Room, No. 23, Abchurch Lane, London, on
 Wednesday, the 21st June, 1899, at 4.30 p.m.

Present —

M. W.

J. D. Seaman (Chairman)

F. Anderson

C. A. Hewitt

R. Inglis

H. R. Kinnear

J. Prentice

E. B. Rottow

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

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Absent —

D. M. Moss

M. R. Kite

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed
by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and

Requests for summary accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily

reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report — Enquiries for May,

is submitted.

497. Leamington Road Spontoon — Further letter

from the Tinn Merchants Steam Navigation Co is

1408 read, on the subject of the erection of this spontoon

with a note therein by the Engineer. The arguments

put forward by Mr. Headstone are regarded as

irrelevant; and the question is referred to the

Works Committee.

Trenchard and Shantling Road Widening —

Correspondence between Messrs. Dixon & Co, and

1409 the Engineer is submitted, showing to what extent

the Agents are prepared to assist in the widening

of the roads adjoining the site of the recent fire

in this locality.

The Members are generally of opinion that the

widening of the Trenchard Road is not altogether

desirable, in view of the ultimate cost of dealing with

the whole road. The Secretary is however directed to

inform Messrs. Dixon & Co that the Council will be

glad to pay for and maintain the telegraphic system

to be made in reply to their enquiry; but that no liability

for loss due to delay in building can be required.

✓ Settlement Extension — A Memorandum is submitted

1410 giving the estimated revenue to be obtained from

the Extension area (amounting to £68,000) and

a discussion arises in regard to the total increase &

under the heading of Staff in relation thereto.

It is noted that the Embargo and Night soil

contracts will need revision, and that it will

probably be necessary to call for new tenders.

Report on this subject by the Health Officer sub-

mitted, recommending a months experiment with a

present contractor.

✓ Fire Department — Reply by the Water Works Co

to

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to the complaint regarding water pressure at hydrants is read and it is noted that a copy thereof has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Fire Commission.

1 Fire Department — Special Enquiry — Report by the Special Committee of Enquiry, already circulated to the Members, is submitted, and ordered to be printed, and a copy forwarded to Ratepayers.

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The Watch Committee will discuss and make recommendations as to which of the suggestions put forward are immediately practicable and in the mean while, the yeomanry is directed to ascertain the views of the legal adviser upon the proposed licensing of Fire Insurance Offices.

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1 Haunpore Road Extension — Letter from Mr Morrison & Gratton is read offering up the value to be assessed as to each extension of this road, between the Park Hotel and Stung Kheng Roads.

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It is decided to reply that the Council is unable to accept the offer.

1 Haunpore Road Widening — The legal adviser's views are read on the possible acquisition of land on this road at the corner of the Haunpore Road and the matter is referred to the Works Committee.

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1 New Market Market — Foreign Section — Report by the Marshal is read to the effect that the shops in the Market are not being patronised by foreigners' servants. His suggestions for bringing about an improvement in this respect are accepted in toto and a draft statement on the subject for inclusion in the published Minutes of last Meeting are read and approved.

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1 Native Police Barrack at Park Road — It is decided to rent this site and buildings upon terms to be arranged with the Chinese Authorities and to instruct the Engineer to make an estimate of the cost of whatever alterations are necessary for its temporary occupation by the Police.

1 Plan of Bridge —

The questions of the terms

Terms of acceptance of Mr Kinganill's plan of
this locality is referred to the Works Committee.
The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]
Chairman.

[Signature]
Secretary.

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room, 70 S. Riverside Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday
the 28th June, 1899, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr.

J. S. Fearon, (Chairman)

J. Anderson

E. A. Newell.

R. Douglas.

H. R. Fineman.

D. M. Moses.

J. Prutten.

E. B. Skottow.

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

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and the

Absent.

Mr. Redhead.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed
by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Each statement for the past week is submitted, and
cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.
Works Committee Minutes are read and confirmed, with reference thereto:-

✓ Grassfield Road — It is decided that it will be advisable to apply to N.M. Land Offices for a title deed for the entire length of this road, to avoid the raising of such questions as to the Council's rights therein as have been brought forward by Messrs Alkinson & Dallas. The Secretary states that Mr Bourne has expressed his readiness to apply for such a deed, on receipt of a certified survey plan.

✓ Road Extension No. 14 — The Council is informed that owing to an error in the plan this question is one which needs further reference to the Committee, and that the Engineer will report thereon hereafter.

✓ North Tuckany Road Extension — In regard to the payment to be made to Messrs Alkinson & Dallas it is decided to defer the payment until the Council's title to the whole piece required for a 40 ft road is placed on a proper basis either by survey or title deed.

✓ Diccawai Road — Directions are given that the Engineer apply to the land owners along this road with a view to obtaining contributions towards the cost of partially metalling it.

✓ McLaurin Road — As the result of a conversation between the Chairman and Mr Ferguson, the Council discusses the advisability of negotiating for a 40 ft road to form a continuation of this Road to the Arsenal Bridge.

The meeting is in favour of acquiring the necessary land for this purpose at a price which should not exceed \$10,000, and authorises the Chairman if he is able to satisfy himself that Mr Morris will come to a satisfactory arrangement concerning the surrender of the existing

- existing road, to inform Mr Ferguson that the Council will be glad to avail itself of his good offices in negotiating with the Chinese in the matter.
- ✓ Land Regulation I — Draft agreement, for the Chairman's signature, is read and approved, in which the Council undertakes to maintain the immunity of N. W. Conulate Site from Municipal control in consideration of Mr Brown's agreeing to the omission of the social clause in the wording of the new regulations.
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- ✓ Volunteers — Draft regulations for the Reserve Company, submitted by the Major Commanding, are ordered to be printed and circulated in proof to the Works Committee.
- ✓ Department Extension — Estimate by the Engineer is submitted showing the increase in staff and blank rendered necessary for the clearing and scavenging of the new area. The members regard this expenditure as essential and the Estimate is approved.
- 499 ✓ Electrical Transformers — Report by the Superintendent is read pointing out the advantages which would accrue from the establishment and use of the systems of sub-station transformers recommended by the Works Committee. The proposal, to carry out this alteration at an estimated cost of £1,200, is sanctioned.
- 1197 ✓ Foundations Singing Co (inc) — Mr Hewitt states that the Works Committee are not unanimous on the subject of the method to be adopted in putting a stop to this nuisance. Considerable discussion ensues during which the Chairman expresses himself in favour of, summarily and at once, issuing a notice to the effect that such singing is prohibited.
- 192 ✓ Finally, it being understood that the Contractors for this labour are few in number, it is decided that they shall be informed that singing before 8 o'clock a.m. cannot be allowed, but that after that hour the Council may sing provided the noise be considerably reduced. If this warning is ineffectual the

The singing will be absolutely prohibited by public notification after next meeting.
The Meeting then adjourns.

A. Kearney
Chairman

J. O'Leary
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 12 S. King's Road, D. Broughal, on Wednesday, the 5. July 1899, at 11.30 p.m.

Present. Mr. M.

- J. F. Farrow. (Chairman)
- E. A. Hewitt
- R. Doyle
- H. R. Keenan
- R. M. Moran
- J. Spratlen
- E. B. Kottow
- Secretary and the
- Clasickbank Secretary.

Absent.

- F. Anderson
- M. Kehoe

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Cash statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.
Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for June are
Submitted:

Health Officers

Market Inspectors

Summary of License Fees.

✓ Health Committee's Minutes are read, and with reference to
them:—

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Local's singing on Commemorative Week. — A previous
committee's recommendation, during which the members were
informed that the singing had been discontinued, is for
S. C. M. was that the Captain's Superintendent reports a
considerable modification of the noise throughout the day.
Mr. Stupp's proposal to prohibit the practice altogether
is carried, on a show of hands.

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✓ Land for New Police Barracks — The Secretary states
that he has been approached by Mr. J. Cooper in regard to
to the acquiring by the Council of some land adjoining the
Carber Road Station.

Matter referred to Works Committee.

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✓ Shanghai Road Porters — Further letter from the
Shanghai China Merchants S. S. Co. wharves on this
1415 subject is read, but in the opinion of the Council
it calls for no reply. It emphasizes the point raised
in the previous letter in regard to the Shanghai Road
water frontage.

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✓ Tramway Concession — Papers for this concession are
laid on the table and it is arranged that they shall
be opened on the 11th inst by the Works Committee.
The Secretary is directed to enquire whether the Public
Council will appoint a representative to attend.

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✓ Shocking Committee Incident — Instructions are given for the
publication of Mr. Rex's letter and the Special
Committee's reply thereto, were forwarded by Mr. Bruan,
together with a minute to the effect that the Council sees
no occasion to take any further action in the matter.

A note from the Major Commanding S. V. C. is
read enclosing the orders in reference to which this last
phase of the discussion has arisen; these orders are
also ordered for publication.

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- 1 The late Mr G. R. Corner — Letter from Mr J. Cooper & is submitted containing a suggestion that a gravestone to the memory of Mr Corner should be erected at the public charge. Proposal agreed to.
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- 1 Settlement Extension — Amisances — Three complaints from residents in the Extension area, referring respectively to the offensive smell arising from cocoons, the mooring of bazaar boats near the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co's property, and the blowing of Steam-whistles at factories, in the early morning, and referred to the Select Committee.
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- 1 Engineers Department & Staff — The appointment of Mr John Weeks, to take effect upon his return from Singapore at \$675. per annum is approved. He will be appointed to take charge of the Survey of the Extension area, his engagement being terminable at three months notice on either side.
- 1 Dochoo Road Widening — The Council is informed of the terms upon which Mr Evans is prepared to make the necessary surrender of a 14 ft strip of his property for this purpose, viz, land to be bought at value as assessed by 1894 Committee, and compensations for unexpired leases estimated at \$6000. The proposal is regarded as out of proportion to the value of the improvement and the Council decides to decline it.
- 1 Health Officer — Application for one month's leave by Dr Stanley is approved. The Municipal Surgeons are understood to be willing to undertake his duties during his absence on the same terms as heretofore.
- 1 Committees — Five despatches from the Major Commanding are read, relative to the following subjects:
- 92 1452 ✓ (i) Club Library — An initial outlay of £10. and a subsequent annual grant of \$200, will, so far as can be ascertained, suffice for the needs of this Institution. Authorised.
- 1453 ✓ (ii) Military Cyclists — The members approve of the cycling itself but are unwilling to sanction its being performed on the Road Force shore.
- 1454 ✓ (iii) Morris Lube Range — The Council will be glad

glad to learn the cost of the establishment of this range and weapons, before sanctioning the purchase.

✓ 486. 481. (iv) Reference of Settlement - Plan and arrangements for copies with internal rick or other connections are submitted and approved.

✓ 397. 450 (v) The question of Bergank Major Lewis's pay is again referred to the Water Committee.

✓ 486. 455 Water Supply - Report by the Engineer is submitted, dealing with the terms of the new agreement with the Water Works Co, as proposed by the Company. Refer to Works Committee.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Chairman

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Nanking Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 12th July, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M M.

- J. S. Farrer. (Chairman)
- F. Anderson
- E. A. Hewitt.
- H. R. Keenan.
- D. Mc. Moser.
- J. Prudico.
- C. B. Skottow.
- Secretary.
- Assistant Secretary.

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Absent.

- R. Dwyer
- M. Kohler

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of Cash Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for June, are submitted.

Vehicle Inspectors

Financial Statement.

Minutes of the Works Committee are read, and the contents noted.

Charge Sheet — Letter from the Commission of Customs is read, enclosing first quarterly return of the dues collected under the new system, and the correspondence is ordered for publication.

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Traffic on Siiza Road — Petition by a number of native residents in the Siiza District is presented requesting that the existing system of traffic regulations be revoked and that this district be relieved of the nuisance which has been inflicted thereon by the diversion of the night traffic from the Butting Well Road.

Mr. Anderson considers the present arrangement a satisfactory one, and believes it to have the approval of a large section of the Foreign Community.

The Members are generally of opinion, however, that the petitioners have good ground for complaint and it is suggested that a fairer arrangement would be to divert the traffic from the Butting Well to the Siiza Road and vice versa at intervals of a week. It is finally decided to obtain the legal advisers opinion as to the Council's position and proceed in the matter.

It is also resolved that one of the conditions for a native tavern license for the Butting Well district shall be that the establishment must close at 11 P.M.

Deluders — Reserve Company — The regulations for the working of this Company are submitted, after certain revisions, and sanctioned. Instructions are given that they

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they be printed, and issued forthwith with a note to the effect that they will hereafter be included in the General Regulations of the Corps.

Public Band

Letter from the Committee is read recommending the permanent appointment of Mr Stenberg as Municipal Bandmaster under the usual employment agreement, but the Council decides to await receipt of Mr Fila's promised report from Italy before arriving at a decision. In this connection the Chairman expresses the opinion, in which the members fully concur that it will conduce to more effective control of the Band and its affairs if for the future these are placed directly under the control of the Council, the Special Committee, having now become unnecessary. In view of the fact that this view will require to be represented in due course to the French Council, and that the Committee was elected for the current year it is resolved to make the necessary change in the system at the close of 1899.

Public Garden Committee

Resolved at the same time, and in view of the arrival of the newly appointed Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces, to intimate to the Garden Committee that Mr Arthur is fully qualified to take charge of the gardens and that there therefore no longer exists any necessity for the Council to avail itself of their valuable and public spirited services.

Browett-Torshorn Case

Copy of the judgment of the Court of Consuls is submitted and ordered for circulation. The members are strongly in favour of making this case the subject of a Memorandum to be addressed to the Ministers of Great Britain, Germany, and the United States in Peking. It is noted that Mr Hanson will forward his observations on the case in due course.

The application for a permit to fence in the lot is ordered to be issued, but it is considered that the existence of a public sewer on the lot in question may afford a sufficient pretext hereafter, for re-opening the case if a building permit is applied for.

Electrical Department

Application for one month's leave for the Superintendent from the 14th instant is submitted and approved.

Police for Kuling Municipality — The request of this Corporation for the loan of a policeman for three months, endorsed by the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent is granted; all expenses in connection with his passage and his pay while there being borne by the Kuling Council.

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Markets — The question of the failure of native poultry-men and butchers to avoid themselves of the advantages of the new market is referred again to the Market Committee for report and recommendations as to what action should be taken.

Education — Requisitions for 6 Maxim Guns and 20 Verley Revolvers to be forwarded to the Hong Kong Authorities, are approved.

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The Meeting then adjourns.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 14th July, 1899, at 4.30 p.m.

Present, M. M.,
 J. S. Fearon, (Chairman),
 F. Anderson
 E. A. Hewitt
 R. Douglas
 A. H. Kinnear
 A. M. Moses
 J. Prentice
 E. B. Skelton
 Secretary the
 Assistant Secretary and the
 A. G. Cook, M. Robie.

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, and confirmed,
 signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and
 cheques for sundry accounts are signed.
Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily
 reports for the past week are submitted.
Departmental Reports — The following per-
 tinent are submitted:—

Electrical Department

Engineer's Department

✓ Minutes of the Watch Committee are read, and confirmed.
 In reference to the provision of increased
 Police accommodation, it is decided to instruct
 the Engineer to endeavour to purchase a suitable
 site for a Municipal Gaol in Wook Hong Kwo,
 in area not to exceed six mow.

✓ Siing Road Night Traffic — As the result of
 the discussion of the Committee's recommendation on
 this subject, it is decided to divert the night carriage
 traffic from the Butbling Well to the Siing Road
 and vice versa at intervals of a week, this measure
 being of an experimental nature. At the same time
 it is decided that all licences for places of enter-
 tainment within the Settlement Extension area shall
 be issued subject to the condition, that they close at
 midnight.

✓ Coolies Singing Nuisance — Letters from Mr J. D. Jackson,
Esq, and the Manager of the China Merchants S. N. Co.,
 and one from four local architects are submitted, in
 reference to the inconvenience caused to builders in the
 Settlement on account of the Council's recent total
 prohibition of the singing by coolies on foundation works.

The Members, with the exception of Mr J. H. Minner
 and Mr Moses, are opposed to any modification of the
 instructions upon which the police are now acting.

It is pointed out by the Chairman, in reply
 to Mr Moses, that the nuisance was in no way abated
 by the steps taken by the Council prior to the entire
 prohibition of the singing.

Minutes of the Works Committee are read and confirmed.

In reference to the question of Municipal Landmarks, it is decided to confirm the original decision of the Council in this matter, and to authorize the construction of the two proposed Wash houses at the old Laundry site, under the conditions submitted by the Engineer.

Water Works - New Agreement - The recommendations of the Works Committee is endorsed, and the Secretary is directed to write in accordance therewith. At the same time, it is noted, that when the terms of the New agreement come to be discussed in detail, it will be advisable to stipulate for an article further away from the Settlements; also to embody the conditions called for in the recent Report by the Special Committee of Enquiry into the Fire Department.

The Secretary is directed, in consultation with the Engineer, to word up a Memorandum of the Councils - proposed terms of the new agreement, for submission to the Works Committee.

Exclusion of the Settlements - Letters from the Consul General for Great Britain and the United States are read, notifying that assent to the recent amendment of Land Regulations has been formally expressed by the Ministers of their respective countries. It is resolved, that, upon receipt of a similar communication from the German Consul, which may be expected shortly, measures will be taken forthwith to tax all residents within the exclusion area.

At the same time it is decided, that, no regard to the collection of licenses which are issuable monthly, payment will be regarded as due only from 1st August.

Browell Seawater Case - Letter from the legal adviser in regard to the recent judgment of the Court of Consuls in Hong Kong, in his opinion, Article XXVIII of the Land Regulations appears to afford the only ground on which the Council can proceed to obtain a revision of this judgment, viz, by an appeal to the Diplomatic Body at Peking. He considers that it would not be possible for any one to take this case into the British Court, since it is due to Mr. Browell.

Drowell, to transfer the case to the U.S. Consulate register - in the name of some other Agent.

The Council is unanimous that every effort should be taken to protect the important public rights involved in this case. It is suggested, that if approached on good grounds, the Court of Customs might see fit to give the matter a re-hearing; the Chairman expresses doubt that such a course would lead to good results, but after a full discussion the Secretary is instructed to see the Legal Advisor and obtain his opinion on the suggestion. The Members think that, if applied to on the ground that the previous statement contained in the judgment which refers to the intention of the Court in its earlier decision, is not in accordance with the text of the first judgment, the Court might be induced to reconsider the case. If this should prove unfeasible, the Council considers that the matter should be referred to the Diplomatic Body at Peking, with a full Memorandum of the proceedings and an explanation of the importance of the case to the future administration of the Settlement. The question of claiming compensation for the Building of U.S. Lot 112, is left in abeyance for the time being.

Electrical Department - Finance - Letter from Mr

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 The subject of the Electrical Light Department, in continuation of the discussion which took place on the subject at the last Special Meeting of Ratepayers.

The Secretary is instructed to circulate this document together with the draft reply thereto as prepared by the Sub Accountant.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps - Reserve Company - Letter

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 from the Major commanding is submitted, regarding the result of the recent election of Officers in this branch of the Corps and recommending issue of commissions.

Approved.

Public Bazaar

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 Letter from Messrs Welch, Hardoon and Buschmann is read, renewing their recommendation of Mr Dierberg for a permanent agreement as Bazaar Master

Master, and stating that the present Bannermen are the best material obtainable. Decided to reply that the Council will decide this matter - at the earliest convenient opportunity, when the opinions of those Members of the Band Committee will be duly considered.

Public Garden Committee - The resignation of the Members of this Committee, forwarded in reply to the Council's letter of the 14th inst., is received.

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1784. Markham Road Gun Club - Letter from Mr. Fiddall is read, asking the Council to publish in the Minutes certain correspondence which has recently taken place between the Council and himself in regard to the shooting at the Markham Road Gun Club.

Decided to reply that the first letter will be published but that the second is not suitable for insertion with the official Minutes.

The Meeting then adjourns

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Niagara Road, Slaughter, on Wednesday the 26th July, 1899, at 11.30 p.m.

Present

M. Mc.

J. P. Fearon. (Chairman)

F. Anderson.

E. A. Hewitt.

R. Inglis.

H. R. Kinnear.

D. M. Moore.

J. Forster.

G. B. Skottow.

Secretary
Assistant Secretary.

M. Robson.

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Absent

✓ The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

✓ Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

✓ Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

✓ Browitt v. Shore Case — Memorandum by the Legal Advisor is read, pointing out the course which, in his opinion, should be followed in applying for a rehearing of this case by the Court of Councils. His suggestion that Mr. Mansfield's private communication to Mr. Anderson should be used, is not considered expedient unless permitted by Mr. Mansfield, to whom Mr. Anderson accordingly promises to write on this subject.

The Members are of opinion that every effort should be made to obtain the rehearing on general grounds, and the Secretary is directed to draft for approval of the Council a despatch emphasizing the importance of the question at issue to the general public and the fact that the Council was not prepared for the construction now put on the former Judgment by the Court, which is not borne out by the wording of that Judgment.

✓ Dog Regulations, — The Chairman, referring to several cases in which objection has recently been taken to the Council's procedure in the matter of Dogs seized, for breach of the muzzling regulation, says that it appears to be advisable, in order to prevent a difference of opinion with the Councils, that the instructions to the Police be now modified so that the owner of any dog seized, be given the option of paying the \$10. redemption-fee or of answering to a summons in his Consular Court.

The procedure is therefore adopted and the Secretary is directed to communicate with the Captain Superintendent of Police accordingly. Decided at the same time to take out summonses against those persons who have objected, to being compelled to pay the redemption-fee.

✓ Le Kien Remuneration in Settlement — Letter from the Senior Council is submitted, enclosing recent correspondence with the

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with the Sadai, on the subject of irregularities, committed by Keki-runners. The Council notes with satisfaction the firm attitude, accepted and expressed by the Sadai today, and in support thereof, decides to intimate its intention of arresting, and holding for punishment in the Municipal Cells, any runners found hereafter violating Treaty rights and local usage in the matter of Keki.

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 1 New Gate — The lease of this property from H. M.'s Board of Works, as finally drawn up by the Legal Adviser after long negotiations, is submitted. It is noted that the terms of the document are in many respects unusual and unsatisfactory, but that, in view of the uncompromising attitude adopted by the Board of Works Surveyor, no better conditions can be obtained and that there is therefore no option, but to conclude the arrangement on this basis.

1 Budding Well Police Station Site — Report by the Engineer is read, containing proposals for leasing 505 a piece of land belonging to the Temple at the Budding Well, in area about eight mow; at Rs 70 per mow per annum. The Council approves the proposal on the condition that the lease can be secured for a term of not less than fifty years.

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 1 Steam Whistles — Form of Circular Notice to establishments using Steam Whistles, requesting that such should be replaced by some other method of calling work people together, before the 10th proximo, is submitted and approved.

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 1 Building Permits — Letter from Messrs Atkinson & Dallas, objecting to an intimation, contained on a permit issued to them for building Houses on the line of a proposed Road, is read. It is pointed out that this intimation is issued with the permit for the purpose of giving effect to the terms of Land Regulation VI, and that the step is taken under legal advice. Decided that the permit in question is therefore to be returned to Messrs Atkinson & Dallas without modification.

Electrical

(Electrical Department - Finances) Decided that the reply to be sent to the letter recently received on this subject from Mr. Leake, shall be further considered at a Meeting of the Finance Committee.

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 Duna Ferrshore. — Letter from Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., David Sassoon & Co., and E. H. Sassoon & Co., is read, expressing the opinion that the pathway on the Ferrshore now under construction should not have been made without their permission and requesting that an assurance be given by the Council that, whenever required, the footpaths will be replaced by turf, as before. Decided to reply that the path has been made, and is held to be, without prejudice to the rights of adjoining riparian owners.

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 Fire Department — The Council authorises the following specific measures to be carried out in connection with the recent recommendations by the Special Committee of Enquiry.

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 (1) Fire Department to make all arrangements for ordering and selecting new stock and for its shipment, so that, by means of a telegraphic order word, the order can be placed at any moment without delay.
- (2) The Municipal Engineer to report on possible sites for a Central Station and to estimate for its construction.
- (3) The Municipal Engineer to report on the cost of altering existing brick houses to render them capable of supporting a second story and to estimate for the erection of quarters over the Hongkew Fire House.
- (4) The Chief Engineer Shanghai Fire Department to be directed, through the Secretary Fire Commission, to organise a Salvage Corps on the lines suggested.
- ✓ (5) The Council to resolve and place on record that at the next Special Meeting of Ratepayers a resolution will be brought forward on the subject of licensing Fire Insurance Agents.

Intelligence Officer — The Chairman says that in his opinion it would be advisable, if the Watch Committee were to take into consideration, and report on, the engagement under an agreement for three years of a son of the late Captain McEwen, now aged 19, to be attached to the Police Force upon the understanding that he will learn Chinese and qualify himself generally for the post of Intelligence Officer.

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A private letter from young McEwen, to Mr A. P. MacEwen is ordered to be circulated among the Members. The Chairman's suggestions meets with general endorsement, provided that the candidate be suitable and will undertake to learn Chinese.

The terms of his appointment, if decided on, will be considered by the Watch Committee.

Coolies Singing on Foundation Work. — Mr. Hooper suggests that in order to put an end to the donalocks in which the builders now find themselves, an arrangement might with advantage be come to, whereby the Coolies would be permitted to make some sort of sound to mark time, to be approved of by the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Engineer. The Council, after some discussion, is averse to any modification of the existing instructions given to the Police; it is pointed out that it is left to the latter to discriminate, if necessary, between the singing which is forbidden and some form of signal which might not prove a public nuisance.

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The Meeting then adjourns.

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Chairman

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Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23, Rongse Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 7th August, 1899, at 11.30 p.m.

Present. M M.

J. S. Pearson, (Chairman)
J. B. Anderson
E. A. Hughes
A. R. Stewart
J. J. Reddick
W. B. Kettner, and the
Assistant Secretary

Absent.

R. Smith
W. M. Moses
W. R. Price, and
Secretary

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

A cash statement for the past week is submitted and cheque for Sunday accounts is signed.

Return of 6 notices up broadcast, and Police daily reports for week ending 31st July, and 6th week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

- General Municipal Rate, District, Jan-quarta.
- Summary of House Tax. J. W.
- Decrees and Harbets. —

Finance Committee Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:

Land Assessment — It is decided to offer Mr. Gullins £1000, to act as scrutineer and official at each review to the Finance and Appeal Committee in the matter of assessments in the Extension Area pending the appointment of an authorised Assessment Committee.

Health Committee Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:

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✓ Pay of Sergeant Major Lewis. — Mr Hewitt mentions, in regard to this employe's resignation, that there is at Westchester a time-expired non-commissioned officer who would be a suitable man to replace Mr Lewis, as far as his S.D.C. duties are concerned, and it is agreed that the Sergeant shall communicate with the Authorities at the above place.

✓ Steam Whistles. — Considerable discussion ensues as to the desirability of insisting on the complete stoppage of this nuisance. Mr Pruitte considers that the Council's first decision should be upheld, and he repudiates the statement made by the Erie Hill Manager that his past silence on this subject may be taken to imply that whistling is not a serious nuisance.

Mr Anderson says that the decision was arrived at hastily and without sufficient consideration, a view in which Mr Newman concurs. Finally, it is proposed from the Chair and carried, that steam-whistling be limited, to a 10 second blast, to be used only for calling work people to gether and for stopping machinery, and the Secretary is directed to convey this decision to the Hill Managers by circular notification.

✓ Appointment of Police Clerk. — Memorandum by the Captain Superintendent in regard to this proposed appointment is read, and ordered for circulation to the members, decision being meanwhile again postponed.

It is noted that the Chairman expresses himself strongly in favour of offering the post to young McCann and that he does not consider the cost of a 6 months training should form a deterrent.

✓ Park Property. — Mr Hewitt states that the minutes on this subject is inaccurate, inasmuch as the Committee did not read the Detective Report. He adds that his remark, referring to the unsettled condition of his own views in regard not afford sufficient data for making a recommendation.

The Detective Report is now read, and the Council endorses the recommendation as minutes.

Telephone

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Telephone Concessions — The letter from the Director of the China & Japan Telephone Company in which he complains of the protracted delay in the settlement of this question has been circulated to the members. Mr. Finlay considers that in the absence of other practicable offers and unless the Works Committee has any definite objections to that of this Company, the latter should be accepted. The Chairman explains that the particulars from a Engineer which are required, must be here in the course of two mails and his proposal is adopted, viz. to reply that the Council will settle the matter definitely in ten days time.

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Browell Terrore Case — Mr. Anderson reads a Memorandum from Mr. Mansfield, the representative of Great Britain in the Court of Consuls which made the first judgment in this case; therein he states what he considers to have been the scope and limitation of that judgment, in ample and formal confirmation of the Council's minute in re. dated 1st June, 1898.

It is pointed out that the Council's request to the Court of Consuls for a re-hearing will now need revision in the light of this document and the Secretary is directed to circulate a new draft thereof accordingly.

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Foundations Digging Notices — Letter from Messrs Brown & Ellis is read, stating on behalf of Messrs David Bussone & Sons & Co. that they will, if necessary, take steps to compel the Council to modify its regulation on this subject. Directions are given to reply that the Council is prepared to uphold its action in the matter.

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Arrival of Army Troops — Mr. Howell states that the formal notice of the arrival of this official was not received until after large bodies of armed soldiers had been passing and re-passing through Settlement limits with no permit from the Council.

It is decided once more to put this matter very strongly before the Senior Consul and to instruct the Captain Superintendent of Police in future to cause the arrest of the leaders of all bodies of armed natives found in the Settlement without a permit and to hold them in custody pending the Council's instructions.

✓ Volunteers - Staff - The promotion of 2nd Lieutenant
 19/ 578 Messrs of the Light Horse, to be 1st Lieutenant, is confirmed,
 and a Commission is ordered to be issued to him.

✓ Settlement Extension - In regard to the refusal of Mr. J. Welch
 572/ to pay his municipal rates, in the absence of what he
 considers adequate authority for their collection, the
 Council decides that Mr. Welch be notified, that if
 after three days they be still unpaid proceedings will
 be taken against him, in H. M. District Court for their
 recovery.

✓ Resignation of Chairman - Mr. Scaron states that his
 approaching departure from Shaughlin, and press of
 private business renders it necessary for him to place
 his resignation in the hands of the Meeting. He desires
 to thank his colleagues for their unfailing support during
 his tenure of office which he states had made his work
 in the service of the public a matter of enjoyment.

355/ Mr. Anderson, expresses the great regret of the
 Members at the loss of a Chairman at whose hands
 they had received such invariable consideration and
 courtesy and of a colleague whose untiring energy, was
 of such undoubted value to the public service. He proposes
 a cordial vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman for the
 services he has rendered to the Council during the past two
 years and especially in regard to the great amount of time
 and work he so successfully devoted to the question of
 Settlement Extension.

The Meeting then adjourns.
 The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Anderson.

Chairman

W. Wilson
 Assistant
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiangsu Road, Shanghai on Wednesday, the 16th August 1899, at 11.30 p.m.

Present - Mr. M.

- Mr. Anderson (Chairman)
- Mr. H. Howell
- Mr. R. Kinnear
- Mr. Prentice
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

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Absent

- Mr. J. J. Jones
- Mr. H. H. H. H.
- Mr. B. B. B.
- Mr. S. S. S.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Report of Treasurer approved and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted:

- General Municipal Rate, Police - June quarter.
- Engineers for July.
- Electrical Superintendent. July.
- Vehicle Inspector's

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Election of Chairman, &c. - Upon the motion of Mr. Prentice, seconded by Mr. Howell; Mr. Anderson is elected to the Chair; and Mr. Howell, proposed by Mr. Kinnear and seconded by Mr. Prentice, to the Vice-Chair.

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Election of Councillor - It is resolved to offer the vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Mr. Fearon, to Mr. Edgar James Lambush, and the Secretary is directed to write and enquire whether

he is willing to serve. It is noted that the Fair-
man will serve as a Member of the Work's Committee
for the present, and that it will be expedient that
Mr. Gene Kenbush should take the place on the
Finance Committee about to be vacated by Mr. Hooper,
the latter's successor being elected to the Work's Com-
mittee hereafter.

Minutes of the Work's Committee are read and confirmed.

On reference thereto, instructions are given that steps be
taken to ascertain whether the British Consulate is
willing to allow the now disused Artillery guns
to be stored in the Consulate grounds; if not, the Members
consider it advisable that they should be placed
in the Municipal Compound.

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Resolutions discussed — The recommendations of the
Work's Committee as formulated at the Special
Meeting on the 15th inst., are read, considered in
detail, and approved by the Council. It is under-
stood that Mr. Gray will meet the Council to discuss
the various points raised on Friday afternoon.

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Settlement Extension — Taxation — Letter from Mr. Work
is read, in which, referring to a conversation which
has taken place between himself and the Secretary
since the last Meeting, and stating that he is willing
to pay his taxes provided the Council will publish
with the Minutes a supplementary budget showing
estimated receipts and expenditure for the extension
area and will circulate the same for the information
of new ratepayers. It is decided to comply with
this request and the Minutes now submitted, contain-
ing the information asked for, are approved.

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On request to the Native rate assessment of "
Chang Su-ho's Garden, a subject on which some
correspondence had taken place with the owner, it
is decided that the assessment may be reduced
to 2500 per annum but that it is inadvisable to
afford such exceptional exemption as is asked in
this case, of this and other places of Native recreation.
It is considered expedient to place the assessment

of the land, at a comparatively low figure so long as it remains subject to its present uses.

462: 547 ✓ Police — Letter from the Quispector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary is read, stating that the Irish Government is unable to second men for service with the Shanghai Police, there being no precedent for such a course.

530 ✓ In regard to the proposed appointment of the son of the late Captain Superintendent McEuen, to the post of Police Cadet, the Members consider that it is advisable, that he should make formal application to the Council for the appointment, and the Secretary is directed to communicate with Mr. A. J. MacEuen, in this sense, if such application is made, accompanied by an expression of willingness to undergo the necessary Depot training, the Council will formally confer on Mr. McEuen the position.

468 ✓ 565 Market Inspector — Letter from the Health Officer is submitted, recommending the retention of Mr. Christie's services pending the arrival of his successor from England. He points out that Mrs. Christie is shortly to be confined, a fact which prevents Mr. Christie's immediate departure, and he states that the public service will suffer considerably from the loss of Mr. Christie's valuable professional services at a time when many important measures are in their initial stage. The Members decide, that in view of the fact that the Market Inspector has been dismissed for a series of serious offences, it is impossible to employ him, even temporarily, in any capacity; the Secretary is however authorized to state that he may retain the use of his present quarters until such time as his family is able to leave Shanghai.

It is decided to apply to Mr. A. R. Burdizzo with a view of obtaining with his assistance a suitable man to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Christie's dismissal. The amount of salary, &c. and general conditions of engagement may, in the Members' opinion,

is left to Mr. Barhill's discretion, the Secretary simply forwarding him a copy of the usual agreements.

✓ Public Band — Letter from the Secretary of the Public Band Committee, is read, stating that the Committee, after full consideration of Mr. Dela's report on the subject of engaging Italian musicians, cannot recommend the adoption of either of his proposals, in view of the large increase in expenditure involved.

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It is decided to endorse the Committee's views, and to write to Mr. Dela accordingly.

In regard to the re-appointment of Bandmaster Members, it is decided, to renew the present engagement (if recommended) for a period of six months, but the Council is averse to giving him any longer appointment until the question shall have been considered with the advice of the Chairman of the Band Committee, Mr. J. L. Scott.

✓ Land Regulations — Despatch from H. R. M.'s Consul General is submitted, informing the Council that the three new Land Regulations have received the approval of H. M. the Queen, ordered for publication.

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✓ Police Buildings — The Secretary states that arrangements have now been completed for leasing the two native houses in Park Road, formerly occupied by the Saabai's police, at a rental of \$42. per mensem and upon payment of a sum of \$100. compensation to the present occupants, for removal.

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✓ Regulation Regarding Coolies — The Secretary states that he has called on the German Consul General in reference to certain proposals advanced by the latter to the German Consular authorities in regard to the enforcement of the regulation prohibiting Coolies from singing on building works. The Consul acting on behalf of Messrs. Carlowitz & Co, who have a building contract in hand, suggests that the Council would be well advised to meet certain representatives, land-owners and architects with a view to discussing, not a modification of the regulation, but the means whereby it may be carried.

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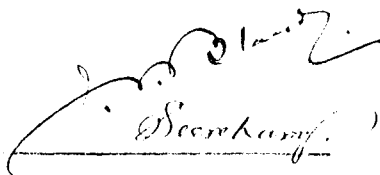
carried out with a minimum of friction and dis-
organisation of labour.

The Members, after some discussion, decide to accept
the suggestion, and Messrs Anderson, and Hewett are
appointed, to represent the Council at a meeting, where
the Captain Superintendent of Police and the
Municipal Engineer will also be present.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J Anderson

Chairman


Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room, No. 25, Raffles Road, Singapore, on the
Wednesday, the 23rd August, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Messrs

J Anderson, Chairman

W A Hewett,

H R Hussar,

W M Moses,

and

J Grenchie

W G Jackenbush

W S Kallowe, and the
Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

R Austin,

M Kohler,

and
Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.

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✓ The Chairman expressed the feeling of the
Members, appreciation of the acceptance by Mr
Jackenbush of a seat on the Council and of his

presence at this Meeting.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statements for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

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Foundation Digging Rules — The Chairman states that the Meeting with representatives of the building trade duly took place and that a workable scheme was arrived at under which this nuisance would be abated with a minimum of friction. ^{which has the approval of the members.}

Mr Pringle draws attention to a circular letter issued from the Starboard's office which has appeared in an evening paper and which at his request is read, and he considers that this action should not have been taken without the consent of the full Council. ^{He has been out at the last meeting regarding the views of the Council on the subject of the proposed alterations to the rules of the Association and the same were discussed at the meeting.} ^{The views of the members of the Association are also taken into consideration.} and other indications of the discontinuance of the nuisance the matter is agreed to drop.

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Telephone Commission — Letter from Mr Grewing of the China Japan Telephone Co is read wherein he alludes to the various subjects which were discussed at his meeting with the Council's representatives.

Mr Anderson explains that he is not wholly correct in his résumé of the points which were settled, and of those which it was agreed would necessitate further discussion; and the Council then enters fully into the points touched upon in the letter making the following matters upon which it is not prepared to agree to Mr Grewing's proposals:—

- (i) Price of apparatus, (ii) Efficiency of system
- (iii) Efficiency of apparatus, (iv) Right to refuse a Subscriber.

The Secretary is directed to reply stating the Council's views under these heads and giving the reasons for the attitude adopted in each instance. In the event of the Company failing to accept the Council's terms a further meeting is to be arranged.

Peking

✓ Prickin Road Widening — Report by the Engineer is submitted on this subject. Having copied of his correspondence with Messrs Morrison & Patton, Agents for the owners of Cadashol. Vol. 23.

45/ It is pointed out therein that the official plan of proposed extensions and widening shows the Prickin Road at this point to be widened to 40 feet but inasmuch as the Council only required sufficient land for a 30 foot road from the adjoining lot he recommends that application be now made to the owners, Messrs Jardine Morrison & Co, for a similar surrender.

The Chairman states that in a conversation with a representative of the firm the latter had expressed himself as unwilling to surrender more than enough for a thirty foot road, in accordance with the offer conveyed through Messrs Morrison & Patton, and it is decided therefore to make formal application for this lesser strip to be acquired at the price per acre put upon the Lot by the Assessment Committee now sitting.

✓ Fire Department — Letter from the Secretary Fire Commission is read alluding to the recent death of the Departmental Engineer Mr. McKeivie and recommending the appointment of Mr. Kites, who held this office previously and resigned in 1895.

In view of the absence from Shanghai of three out of the four members of the Commission it is decided to defer making this appointment and the matter is referred to the Water Committee.

✓ Electrical Machinery — Application from the Brush Electric Light Company, forwarded through the Council's London Agents, is read requesting the remission of the penalty for late delivery of two new plants, now partially delivered. After some discussion the arguments put forward by the Company are held to be reasonable and it is decided to accede to their request.

✓ Juridical Pocket Office. — Report by the Overseer of Tapes on the working of this office since its establishment is read and ordered for publication.

42/ The Members are agreed that it is undesirable that

that the face value of tickets should not be the amount payable to the coolies when they are redeemed and instructions are given that at the next reprinting of tickets the latter figure shall be substituted for the cash price.

468. Highway Contract — It is noted that until the end of the year the monthly sum payable by the Contractor will be £3,300, an endorsement being put upon his agreement to the effect that if the successful tenderer for next year offer more than this sum an amount equal to the difference up to £200 for five months shall be deducted from his Security.

524 Budget Revision — Proof copy of the rough supplementary Budget as further revised is submitted and ordered to be distributed to Ratepayers.

484 Quarantine Regulations — Despatch from the Senior Council is read enclosing sundry documents dealing with the question of the cessation of these regulations, in regard to Adcock and requesting the opinion of the Council's Health Department *in re*. The letter is ordered to be circulated with Dr Stanton's report.

Five Lane — The Council is informed that complaints have been received as to the condition of this road and to its inadequate policing. It is decided to point out that the road is not owned and therefore not maintained by the Council, and to instruct the Engineer to ascertain the extent of the titles of Lot Holders along its line.

The Meeting then adjourns.

HENDERSON

Chairman.

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Assistant Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 28, Raffles Road, Singapore, on Wednesday, the 30th August 1897, at 11.30. p.m.

Present . . . M. M.

J. Anderson (Chairman)
 C. A. Hewitt.
 H. R. Finnan.
 J. Freuchie.
 C. C. Wuestenbush.
 C. B. Skarwee. and the
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent . . .

A. C. Angles.
 R. M. Moore.
 W. White. and the
 Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statements for the past week, is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week, are submitted.

Quarantine Regulations. — The Members are informed that a copy of the Health Officer's views on the subject of these regulations in regard to Tobacco has been forwarded to the Privy Council, without any expression of opinion in re by the Council. It is decided to take no further action in the matter.

Telephone Conversations. — Reply by Mr. Grayson to the Council's letter on this subject is read, wherein he, however, declines to work the Council on any one of the points in dispute, and in view of the non-possibilities attitude thus taken up, it is decided to inform him that the questions are in the Members' opinion of such paramount importance that reference to the Raffles Press is the only course open. Order

Water Supply

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Letter from the Water Works Company is submitted withdrawing their requests for a 25% increase in price of water and stating that they are prepared to renew the recently expired agreement in all its terms. The Chairman at some length informs the members that the agreement was concluded six years ago only, after long negotiations between Mr McKee representing the Company and himself on behalf of the Council, and that he is of opinion that the present offer, taking into account the general rise in prices during that interval and recognising the fact that the municipal requirements necessitate the maintenance of a minimum reserve not otherwise needed, is a reasonable and fair one. Mr Anderson's proposal to accept the Company's offer is carried *Yeas* 10.

The China Gazette

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Reply is read from the Editor of this paper to the Council's demand for the names of employees accused, by him of speculative dealings in China in the Settlement. The Members note that the paragraph in question did not refer, as was implied, to the European members of the Staff and in view of the shallowness of the accusations as well as for the protection of the employees from attacks of this nature the correspondence is ordered for publication.

Water Committee's Minutes

are read, and with reference thereto:—
✓ Garbage Cart at Yungtze — The speaker points out that the responsibility in this as in all matters of this nature lies with the Council.
✓ Fire Brigade - Departmental Engineer — The salary to be advertised as attached to this post is, after some discussion fixed at \$200 per annum.

Public Road

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The Chairman states that he has received a call from Mr Sturtevant who expresses some dissatisfaction at the temporary character of the renewal of his agreement which had been offered him.

The members agree that it shall be pointed out

to Mr. Strubing that the six months offered is
necessary to enable the Council to have the benefit of
the advice of Mr J. K. Bort, Chairman of the Band
Committee, whose return to Shanghai is expected in
October. In the meanwhile Mr Hewitt agrees
to communicate with Mr Hela and arrange with
him a code of telegraphic symbols relative to the
engagement of a new Band master.

The Meeting then adjourns

Edw. Hewitt
Acting Chairman.

M. Moser
Assistant Secretary.

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room No. 265 Lungwa Road, Shanghai, on
Wednesday the 6th September, 1899, at 11.30 PM.

Present

M. M.

E. A. Hewitt. (Chairman)
R. Anglin.
Mr. R. Finlay.
J. F. MacLennan.
E. Guackinbush.
E. B. Kellome. and the
Assistant Secretary.

Absent

C. Anderson.
W. M. Moser.
M. Kohler. and
Secretary.

The Chairman, calling the Meeting to order, reads
On the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman
takes the Chair, and Mr. Finlay, the Vice-Chairman

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for Sunday accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

✓ Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

Health Officers for July.

Financial Statements August.

Summary Licence Fees. — do —

The Health Officers Report for August is also submitted, and it is noted that this Report will henceforth include sections descriptive of the work done in the Sanitary and Market branches, the Market Inspector's Special Report being in consequence discontinued.

✓ Public Health — The Chairman has had some correspondence with Mr. Stuck, the Acting Chairman of the Board Committee, on the subject of Mr. Sturbridge's appointment; Mr. Welch considers that the postponement of the question until Mr. Scott's return shows a lack of confidence in the Committee.

The Council is informed that Mr. Sturbridge is content with the arrangement made and that no further steps are required.

✓ Telephone Discussion — Letter from Mr. Grewing is read, stating that the Telephone Service will be brought to a termination at a date to be notified in due course. A full discussion ensues and the possibilities of the Council's giving way on any of the four points at issue are gone into, it is however decided (i) to publish a statement of the case as it stands at present with all the correspondence appended, (ii) to take steps for calling a Ratepayers meeting at the earliest possible date, (iii) to ask for authority at that meeting to raise the necessary funds for the establishment of a telephone system, to be managed and controlled by the Municipality.

✓ North Wickham Road Extension — Complaints having been received

received from the British Assessor at the Mixed Court through the Police regarding the state of the approaches to the new Court House. The members reaffirm their previous decision not to make up this road extension so long as the Chinese authorities refuse to negotiate for the acquisition of the remaining land required.

✓ Insurance — Letter from the Genl. Butterfield & Co. is read pointing out that the rate charged by them for the building risk on the Foreign section of the Malacca & Macao was unusually low with a view to their Company obtaining the permanent policy on the building.

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 Resolutions are given to reply that the Council is pleased, at such rates, to give all its insurance to the local Companies and that it does not regard the building risks as in any way a preface to the ultimate insurance.

✓ Measures — Report by the Health Officer is submitted containing proposed conditions for the tenure of butchers, poultry and game shop licenses. His suggestions, which include the opening of the Foreign section of the Malacca Market to dealers free of all rent until the end of the year, are approved.

✓ Armed Men in the Settlement — Reply from the Genl. Consul to the Council's despatch on this subject is read and ordered for publication. It is resolved to make no alteration in the instructions which have been given to the Police in this matter.

✓ Holubers — Letter from the Major Commanding is submitted covering copy of a Standard of efficiency & conveyed by him with the General Officer Commanding N. H. Jones in Hong Kong which he has already had printed and issued as a Standing order to the Corps.

✓ Glanders — At the request of the Chairman, a report has been prepared by the Veterinary Surgeon on this subject in reference to the reported prevalence of the disease in Shanghai, and with a view to other matters which Mr. Hewitt considers that it is desirable to discuss, the matter is referred to the Sanitary

Sanitary Board.
The Meeting then adjourns.

Edw. A. Stone
acting Chairman.

W. W. S. Co.
Assistant Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23, Madison Street, Shanghai, on Wednesday,
the 13th September, 1897, at 11.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

E. A. Howell. (Chairman)
R. Inglis.
H. R. Quinn.
J. Pruittes.
W. Quackebush. and the
Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. Anderson.
D. M. Moore.
M. Rohde.
E. B. Kottow. and
Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted and cheques
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports
for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for August, are submitted:—

Engineers.
Vehicle Inspectors.

✓ Public Road — The resignation of Mr J. Welch of his seat on the Road Committee is noted.

✓ Telegraphic Concession — The members confirm the action taken, in lieu of carrying out the instructions given at last meeting, and shown in details in the letters interchanged between Mr Grayson and the Council in the 11th inst.

By the compromise thus effected the question of compulsory service will not be referred to in the Agreement with the Company, and the Council's re-purchase proposals, together with the draft clause relative to the establishment of a Board of Arbitration, to settle the question of efficiency, is to be taken home by Mr Grayson for the approval of his Directorate.

A telegram, conveying this approval or the reverse may be expected in six weeks time. In the meanwhile the members consider that the Company's notice to the subscribers, which it is understood that the Acting Manager still intends to issue, has been rendered unnecessary and the Chairman undertakes to see Mr Harrison in the matter.

✓ Taxation of Race Horses — Report by the Overseer of Taxes is read, alluding to the difficulties which will be likely to arise in the case of licence fees payable on horses owned for racing purposes and re-sold a few days after purchase.

The Chairman suggests that the matter be discussed by Messrs Douglas & Skottowe with the Stewards of the Race Club and in the meanwhile it is decided to address a letter to that Body suggesting that an arrangement be made whereby members of the Club shall state at the closing of the entries the number of horses they have owned for a period of say three weeks and pay licences accordingly.

- ✓ Electoral Accounts — Letter from Mr A. R. Keble in con-
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✓ Cracks in Hong Kow — Letter from the Senior Consul is read
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enclosing translation of a request by the Justice for a
re-investigation of the question of the cracks affecting the
Landside Police Station site. It is noted that it is
not the action of the Council to which the Chinese object
but to that of the late Mr Piny, but that if the
genuine headmen of the district will visit the locality with
the Engineer their grievance may be able to be remedied.
It is decided to reply to the Senior Consul to this effect.
- ✓ Road Extensions — Remonstrance from Mr Forster
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relative to the Council's attitude, as shown in
recent official correspondence and in certain informal
letters from the Engineer, in regard to the position of
certain lines of road extensions and their position,
relative to divisions between lots also at its refusal to
purchase land on extensions pending the result of the
Mr Murray appeal.
The letter is referred to the Engineer for a full report
on the subject to be hereafter circulated to the members.
- ✓ Public School — The Council notes the acceptance by
✓ Mr Ho of the seat on the School Committee vacated by
✓ Mr Ho.
It is decided to allow the free use of the Drill
Hall for the School's Annual Prize giving.
- ✓ Volunteers — Reply from N. M. Acting Consul General is
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read, to the Council's request to send the battery of
guns in the Capitated Compound. It is noted that
the requisite permission is granted and directions are
given for the due transfer of the guns under the authority
of the Major Commanding.
- ✓ Fire Department — The members learn with deep
regret of the accidental death of Mr J. Smith, a
member of the Fire Brigade, while on duty at the
recent fire in the Truck Settlement and sanction
is given to the defraying of his funeral expenses out
of Municipal funds.

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The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]

Acting Chairman.

[Signature]

Assistant Secretary.

The general meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, 17, 23, Langze Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 27th September, 1897 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

E. K. Hewell, (Chairman)

A. Smith

A. R. Williams

J. G. Phillips

E. J. MacKenzie

W. B. Skellern

Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

Absent

F. Anderson

M. A. Child

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week, is submitted, and changed for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Section of Council - Annual notice of the resignation of Mr. [Name] having been received, the election of his Successor.

Successor is discussed, Decided to request Mr. Harcourt to fill the vacancy, and in the event of his being unable to do so, the Secretary is directed to convey to Mr. Levy the Council's invitation to become a Member.

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 ✓ Taxation of Ratepayers — A copy from the Secretary of the Rate Club to the Council's recent proposals on this subject is read. As it appears from this letter that the Council's communication has been misunderstood, it is decided to write and suggest that a meeting should now take place, to discuss the matter, between the City Stewards and representatives of the Council.

Messrs. Skelton & Inglis agree to serve in this capacity.

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 ✓ Wire Department — Letter from the Chief Engineer is read, suggesting that a grant in aid of the family of the late Mr. J. Smith be made out of the public funds. After discussion of the matter it is decided to reply that the Council will vote a sum of £500. for this purpose on the understanding that responsible Trustees are appointed to administer whatever funds are subscribed.

✓ to — to — Appointments of Departmental Engineers.

The Site Commission having selected three candidates from among the applicants for the post and left the ultimate choice to the Council, it is decided to nominate

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 Mr. A. King, if, after a personal interview, the Dutch Committee shall consider him to be a suitable person for the post. The Secretary is directed to write to Mr. King and invite him to attend at the proposed interview.

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 ✓ Telephonic Service — After a full discussion of the subject it is decided to request the Council to convene a Meeting of Ratepayers for the 17th prox, when the position of affairs will be laid before the public. The French Council having been advised by its Engineer to approve the same tender for Electric Tramways as that chosen by this Council, viz. that of the Strand Tramways & Sundials — it is decided to submit the question of the proposed Tramways franchise at the same meeting.

In the meanwhile the Secretary is directed to have the

The entire telephone correspondence printed for distribution in pamphlet form, and early steps will be taken to hold a meeting with the Trade Council to frame a joint resolutions in regard to the two subjects to come before the Ratepayers,

Finally it is decided to write to the Managers of the Telephone Co. and say that as the result of the Circular Notice recently issued by the Company to its subscribers, the Council will refer the matter of the proposed franchise to the Ratepayers and no longer considers itself bound by the conditions submitted to Mr. Greening.

Crucifixion, Chapel - Japanese religious rites. - Letter

636 from Mr. S. Kishimaki is read, in which he takes exception to the action of the Council in preventing the celebration of Japanese religious rites at the New Cemetery Chapel on the occasion of the crucifixion of a Japanese. The Council considers that the fundamental principles involved in this question are such as to call for an expression of opinion by the Ratepayers, and it is accordingly decided to inform Mr. Kishimaki that an opportunity for bringing forward a resolution on the subject will present itself at the forthcoming Special Meeting. In the meanwhile the correspondence will be published in the Minutes.

S. V. C. - Sergeant Major Lawrie. - Letter from the

637 Major commanding is read forwarding and supporting an application by Sergeant Major Lawrie to be permitted to withdraw his resignation. The Council is informed that steps have already been taken with a view to replacing Sergeant Major Lawrie, and that Sergeant Elliot, at Wickham, has expressed his readiness to fill the post.

Decided that Sergeant Major Lawrie's request cannot be acceded to.

Shore Rights - Applications by Messrs. Atkinson &

637 Dallas to be permitted to fence in, for a period of 40 years, in portion of the Deochow Creek pasture his subjects and citizens. It is pointed out that the applications for storing building materials to be used in the construction of the new Public building in the Hanking Road.

Board, the Council considers that to grant the use of the foreshore for the purpose named would establish a precedent, at variance with the proper maintenance of the public rights over and use of such land; it is therefore decided that the application cannot be granted.

✓ Land Regulations — In reply, having yet been received by the Senior Consul from the Diplomatic Body on the subject of the Amendment of Land Regulation F, it is decided to address the Senior Consul again in the matter and, while drawing attention to its importance, to request that the Board at Peking be asked to forward a reply on the subject at the earliest convenient date.

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✓ De King Road Widening — Letter from Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co, informing the Council of the conditions under which they are prepared to surrender a portion of Lot 23 for this purpose, is read, together with a Memorandum in re by the Municipal Engineer.

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Decided to accept the proposed terms which involve a total expenditure of about \$7,000.

✓ Nursing Home Bazaar — Decided to permit the free use of the Drill Hall for this Bazaar, to be held on the 16th, 17th, & 18th November. The Public Committee to be informed that any work required to be done in the interior of the building must be carried out under the immediate supervision of the Engineer's Department.

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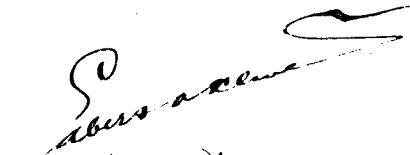
In this connection, and with special reference to an application by the Choral Society for the use of the Municipal Board Room, it is decided that the latter shall henceforward be reserved for ^{and public} Municipal purposes, and that local societies should arrange to hold their meetings at such rooms in the Drill Hall building as may be conveniently available for their use.

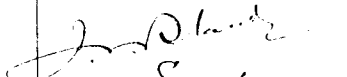
✓ Municipal Debentures. — Memorandum by the Secretary on the subject of the funds available for the repayment of Debentures in conformity with the provisions of the Budget is submitted, and the question of the immediate redemption of the amount named is discussed.

discussed. Mr Skelton is averse to any such expenditure, in view of the probable necessity for raising a further loan at higher interest next year.

After considerable discussion, it is resolved to repay the amount outstanding on account of the loans of 1890, and 1891, viz. \$28,000, and to make up the balance of the Budget appropriation by repaying part of the 1891 loan, the interest on which is at the rate of 6%. It is pointed out that the Council's declared policy and practice in the past has been to pay off loans in their chronological sequence, irrespective of the rate of interest involved and that the Ratepayers have had no intimation of a proposed departure from this system; the Council is, however, of opinion that the advantages to be gained by introducing a more sound practice of finance outweigh any objections which may exist on this score.

The Meeting then adjourns.


Acting Chairman.


Secretary.

Minutes of a Joint Meeting between the Council for the Foreign Community and the French Council, held in the Board Room, 23, Kingsway Road, at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 11th October 1899. —

There were present of the French Council:

M. M. McTear (Chairman),
B. Buschmann,
B. R. Clarke,
S. A. Harrison and
G. Giroust; of the

Municipal Council:

M. M. C. A. Hewitt (Acting Chairman),
R. S. Taylor,
J. P. ...
C. G. ...
E. B. ...
Secretary, and the
Engineer.

✓ Tramways Franchise

The reports of the two Councils by their respective Engineers on the Tenders submitted for this undertaking are submitted. Both of these reports, as offering the conditions most favourable to the community, the tender forwarded by the Shanghai Tramway Syndicate, Ltd., and the recommendations contained in these Reports are formally approved by both Councils, now, &c.
It being understood that the French Municipality approves in principle of the construction of Tramways, it is decided to submit the tender of the Shanghai Tramway Syndicate, Ltd., to the Ratepayers of the Foreign Community at the Meeting convened for the 17th inst., and in the meanwhile to publish as soon as possible the selected Tender, together with the Engineers Reports in.

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✓ Telephonic Service

The position in which the negotiations on this subject now stand is explained to the French Council, and it is pointed out that the

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The Council will ask the Retropayers at the forthcoming Meeting for authority to take preliminary steps for the establishment of a Municipal Telephone service in the event of the Utiva Japan Telephone Co. being unwilling to accept the Council's final terms. It is understood, from Mr. Fillet's remarks on the subject, that the French Council would support such action.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Chairman.

Secretary.

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 4th October, 1899, at 11.30 p.m. —

Present.

Mr. Mr.

E. W. Hewitt. (Chairman),
R. Inglis.
J. Prutton.
E. J. MacKintosh,
E. B. Skottow, the
Secretary and the
Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

F. Anderson
H. R. Kinnear
Mr. P. Rice

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication. Cash.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for September are submitted:

Summary of license fees.

Health Officers.

✓ Election of Councillor — The question of the appointment of a successor to Mr Morse is discussed at some length, the members being divided in opinion as to whether Mr Hancock's membership of the Truck Council constitutes a bar to his occupying a seat on this Council at the same time. It is stated that Mr Hancock is willing, if necessary, to resign his present appointment, but as this would entail an official request to do so, it is decided to postpone discussion in the matter till next meeting, when the views of the Chairman on the point will be available.

✓ Exemption of Race Ponies — Messrs Inglis & Skottow have, as arranged, held an interview with the Stewards of the Race Club on this subject and now report that no difficulty need be apprehended in the collection of license for all ponies without special regulations therefor. The Stewards took the opportunity to bring before the Council the regret felt by the majority of the riding men among the Community at the Council's published resolution to metal the riding paths along the Carbn and Pinza Roads, and requested that the matter might have further consideration before actual steps were taken for the work being carried out with this view the Secretary is directed to circulate to members the reports and correspondence which induced the Council to arrive at the decision referred to.

✓ Fire Department — The Chairman states that in an interview with Mr. Haiug, the candidate selected for the post of Departmental Engineer, he ascertained that Mr Haiug was under the impression that he would

would be able to continue to perform outside work, while under agreement with the Council.

As such a proceeding would be contrary to the standing instructions to Employe's it is resolved, that if Mr. King cannot see his way to forego the point the post shall be offered to Mr. Ord, the second of the candidates recommended, if found satisfactory in a personal interview with the Watch Committee.

511/ ✓ S. P. C. - Sergeant Major Howard - Mr. Hewitt explains that the Major Commanding has refused to discuss this question with the Secretary, the latter having been instructed to lay the Council's views before him, and the matter has now been allowed to stand over until the return of the Chairman, who will call upon Major Holliday as soon as possible.

5112/ ✓ Municipal Debentures - As the result of further consideration and discussion of this subject, it is decided to advertize only the redemption of Debentures outstanding against the Loans of 1840, and 1841, and in the matter of the proposed redemption of the 1844 6% Loan, to defer such action until the Council's intentions shall have been placed before the ratepayers at the next annual Meeting. In the meantime, the amount of the balance of this year's appropriation for Sinking Fund will be placed on deposit and credited to that Fund.

✓ Settlement Division - Attitude of French Consul -

✓ The Council is informed of a case in which the French Consul has refused to inflict any penalty on the owner of an unmuzzled dog (Mr. Rocher) prosecuted against in his Court, on the ground that the Settlement Division has not yet been distinguished from Hushing. It is noted that the Spanish Vice-Consul declines to pay taxes, for the same reason.

✓ The Secretary is directed to ascertain the exact locality in which Mr. Rocher's dog was seized by the police, a point on which the Inspector's reports are not clear.

The Council is of opinion that if this attitude continues to be maintained by the French or other Authorities

Conventions, it will be advisable to refer the matter again to the King and to ask that those Ministers who have approved the Chinese regulations should signify the same to their respective Consulates.

481. Rock Hospital — The Council being informed that the plans for this proposed building have been completed under the ^{direction} of the Health Officer, it is decided to submit them to the Sanitary Board for report to the Council. The meeting then adjourns.

J. Anderson

Chairman

J. D. Blaud
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kedah Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 11th October, 1894, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present M M.

- J. Anderson (Chairman)
- E. A. Hewitt
- R. Taylor
- J. Prentice
- G. G. K. K. K.
- G. B. K. K.
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

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Absent

- M. R. K. K.
- M. K. K.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of Last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for September are submitted:—

Engineer's

Police Inspector's

✓ Election of Councilor — The Chairman does not consider that Mr Hancock's membership of the French Council forms an important factor in deciding his eligibility for service in this case, and upon a show of hands it is decided to offer him the vacant seat unopposedly. Messrs Douglas and Skottowe voting in the minority.

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✓ Special Meeting of Ratepayers — Draft resolutions for submission at the forthcoming meeting are submitted, duly approved by the legal advisers. In regard to that introducing the subject of Tramways Mr Douglas considers that its wording is calculated to lead the Ratepayers to suppose that the Council is in favour of tramways and recommends the scheme now put forward for adoption. The Chairman, referring at length to the action taken in this matter by the Councils of 1897 & 1898, explains that the accurate carrying out of the original instructions of the Ratepayers requires that a substantial resolution on the lines of the draft be brought forward, and points out that the proposed note attached to the resolution can leave no doubt in people's minds as to the individual views of the present members. After a protracted discussion the draft is agreed to, with one modification of the appended note, proposed by Mr Guackebush. Messrs Douglas and Skottowe record their dissent. The Chairman, in reply to Mr Douglas, states that beyond the formal introduction of the resolution his remarks at the meeting will be avowedly made as an individual ratepayer and that he will not commit the Council to any opinion on the subject.

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The draft of the Telephone resolution is approved, it being left to the Secretary to add thereto a clause empowering the Council to negotiate with any other Company for a service in the future if the Legal Advisor should consider that such authority is not already provided for.

Evangelicalism (Chapel)

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The Chairman reads a letter from the Rev. Mr. Hodges in which he states that if the Chapel is at any time used for any but Christian rites he, in company with other local divines, will thereafter be unable to hold services therein. Under these circumstances Mr. Anderson thinks it will be best to inform the Japanese subscribers of the contents of the letter and ask for authority at the earliest opportunity to erect a suitable building for the use of the non-Christian public.

Mr. Guackubush is of opinion that the matter is one which the Council can and should settle by throwing open the Chapel to all comers regardless of the attitude of Mr. Hodges. It is finally decided on the motion of Mr. Sprunt to postpone at the Katsuyama meeting that the Council should be authorized to undertake the construction of a Chapel for Christian rites only, the proposal being thrown open to all members of the Horriku Community, inspection deferred, so soon as the New Chapel is completed. From this decision Mr. Guackubush in principle assents.

Tramway Tenders

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A supplementary offer by the Thompson-Houston Co. to install plant for the amalgamated supply of electric tramway and light has been circulated to members. Instructions are given to reply that the Council has no authority to discuss the question of light and that no tender or modification of a previous tender for tramways can be taken into consideration in as much as the advertised time for their receipt has elapsed.

Volunteers

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The Chairman has had an interview with Major Holiday on the subject of Sergeant Major Howie's withdrawal of his resignation, with the result that he now recommends compliance with Major Holiday's

Holliday's wishes on the grounds that the possible result of resignation of the commanding officer at the present juncture would be a serious check to Voluntary efficiency. The proposal of Mr Denton, seconded by Mr S. Kottow, that the Council's decision be upheld, is negatived, but it is decided to place on record that the present action is taken solely on the grounds of expediency, at the special request of Major Holliday who had previously recommended the acceptance of Sergeant Major Houris's resignation.

Fire Department — Revised rules for the governance of the M^o-to-Coop^y Company are submitted and approved.

On the matter of the appointment of Departmental Engineer, Mr Swell has seen Mr Ord who is willing to accept the post on the terms advertised while expressing the hope that if at any time the Council desires to replace its present Superintendent of Machinery he may have the reversal of the bid. It is decided in notifying the Fire Commission of the Council's selection to make the point clear that for the salary agreed upon Mr Ord shall place his entire time at the disposal of the Council.

Quayside Road Penton — Letter from Messrs Stokes & Platt is submitted restating the objections of the Quayside Merchants S. K. Co. to the erection of this structure.

The letter is ordered to be circulated and in the meanwhile it is decided not to delay the calling for tenders for the construction of the penton.

Road to the Flour Mill — Fresh proposal by the Agent of the mill for an approach road in rear of their premises is read with a note by the Engineer to the effect that negotiations are already on foot with this end in view.

Road Extensions — Reply to Messrs Morrison & Gullon's letter on this subject has been circulated, approved and despatched and a further letter in continuance of the correspondence has now been received and is ordered for circulation.

Browell Foreshore Case — Copy of the refusal of the Council

to re-hear the case is read and it is noted that the Legal Advisor's opinion thereon will be forwarded in the course of the week.

Settlement Extensions — The official plans of the new boundaries are laid upon the table, signed by the Chairman and ordered to be forwarded for signature by the Chinese officials.

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Meat houses — In the light of a report by the Engineer to the effect that all efforts to obtain laundromats with adequate security have failed, it is decided to abandon the scheme for the construction of additional houses. The practice points out that the proposal to establish a steam laundry in Shanghai, now on foot, renders the Municipal project less necessary than it seemed at the time of its inception.

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Markets — It is decided to address a circular letter to all local Shipping Companies, Clubs, and Hotels asking that they may support the Council's efforts to improve the conditions of food supply by instructing their servants to purchase provisions in the Municipal Markets only.

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The Meeting then adjourns.

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Chairman

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Secretary

At a Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, 47, 2d Avenue Road, Shropshire, on Saturday, the 11th October, 1894, at 4.30 P.M.

Present

M.M.

- J. Anderson, Chairman,
- F. A. Harcourt,
- E. A. Howell,
- R. Dingle,
- J. Smith,
- W. G. Kimberley,
- W. B. Kottow, and the
- Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.

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The Chairman takes the opportunity to express the gratification of the Members at the presence of Mr. Harcourt, whose acceptance of a seat on the Council has been notified since last Meeting.

Special Meeting of Ratepayers — Mr. Anderson states

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that the remarks with which he will introduce the tramway resolution will be divided into two separate speeches. The first will be merely the formal statement of the Council's action, which has culminated in the selection of the Shropshire Tramway Syndicate's tender for ratification by the Ratepayers, and the second will embody his own views as a ratepayer on the subject of tramways generally. He then reads a draft of his speech as Chairman of the Council which, modified at the request of Mr. Dingle, in a slight degree, is approved.

At the further request of Mr. Dingle the sense of the Meeting is taken as to whether it would not be well to send a notice to the papers to the effect that in the Council's opinion the Ratepayers are not bound by the resolution passed in 1891 to accept this or any other scheme for a tramway service. On a show of hands the proposal is negatived by 14 votes to 3.

The Meeting then adjourns.

F. Audereth
(Chairman)

J. Stans
Secretary

(At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Beane Room,
No 23, King's Road Shanghai, on Wednesday, the,
18th October, 1899, at 4.30 p.m.

Present - M M.

- F. Audereth (Chairman)
- W. A. Hardeen
- W. C. Hewitt
- R. Douglas
- J. Spratler
- W. J. Jacobson
- W. B. Skellern
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

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Absent

- H. R. Kinross
- M. R. Hill

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read
the Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
 the Chairman and passed for publication.
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques
 for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prosecutors apprehended, and Police daily reports
for the past week, are submitted.

✓ Committees - Mr Hardeen consents to serve on the works,
and Mr Jacobson on the Finance Committee.
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Browett Freshers Cruise — The Chairman states that he has been unable to see Messrs Warren & Knapp in regard to the meeting of the Court of Councils latest utterance in this case, as affecting the right to build on the land, and he therefore advises postponement of decision as to the Councils further action, until next meeting.

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In the matter of Messrs Alkison & Dallas's application for a permit to build on the lot, of which plan is submitted, the Secretary is directed to inform that firm that a decision will be arrived at as soon as possible.

Letter from the Legal adviser on the Councils present position is read.

Water Supply — The renewed agreement with the Millerswoods Co. is submitted for signature and the revised schedule attached is approved.

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Wash houses — Report by the Health Officer is read in which he recommends that the abandonment of the Councils scheme for sanitary laundries be deferred so that he may have an opportunity of coming to terms with a tenant who will procure the necessary security.

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The Members are of opinion that it is undesirable that the Council should in any way place a check on private enterprise of the nature described by Mr Pringle at last meeting, and it is in consequence decided to leave this matter as it stands until the Steam Laundry's capabilities are known.

The increased accommodation required for the present establishment is sanctioned, on conditions relating to the payment of rent.

Police Shooting Prize — The Members of Council notify their willingness to subscribe £50 for this purpose as was done last year.

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Tramway — Petitions from the residents in the Hankow & Hankow Roads are laid on the table, their intention being to prevent the line of route following these streets.

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Quong Road Porters — Mr Dwyer has seen the Chinese Director of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company.

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Company who has stated that the Company had no desire to proceed to law on the subject of the Council's demands for a clear road frontage, the right to which, as well as to construct the proposed pontoon, he fully admitted. The following proposal in provisional settlement of the question is approved and Mr Dyer undertakes to convey its provisions to Mr Gunfittling.

- (a) The letter from Messrs Stokes & Spall shall be withdrawn.
- (b) The Council shall in substitution for the pontoon proposed erect a jetty on the lines, sanctioned by the Harbourmaster.
- (c) The Company shall guarantee an open way of access to this jetty at all times.
- (d) For the privilege of overlapping the road frontage with ships, the Company shall pay a nominal rent of £20. per annum.
- (e) All the public's rights are admitted and reserved.

✓ Volunteers - Night Horse - Sanction is given to the expenditure of the sum of £300. on horses for the Night Horse in accordance with the Minute of the Supplies Committee. B. D. C.

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Letter from the Major Commanding is read in which he asks that a Magazine be constructed on mounted drive in the force. His suggestion to utilize the "Bull," 18th Cadastre No 276, is referred to the Works Committee.

✓ Do - Drill Hall Club - The question having been raised as to the rights of members of the Reserve Company to make use of the B. D. C. Club, the Council is unanimously of opinion that the Company being an integral part of the Force, is fully entitled to this right.

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✓ Hussing Home - The appointment of Nurse Davis as advised by Messrs Pook & Co, is noted and approved.

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✓ Wharfage Dues. - The second quarterly statement of this collection is received in a covering despatch from the Commissioners of Customs and the Council expresses

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of previous satisfaction, at the results shown.
The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Anderson.

Chairman.

J. D. Bond
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the
Board Room No. 13 Kiangul Road, Shanghai
on Wednesday the 26th October, 1899, at
11.30 p.m.

Present

Mr W. J. Anderson (Chairman)

W. L. Howell

K. Seftin

J. Proctor

E. Quackenbush

E. B. Foster

J. T. Nardow

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Secretary

and the

Assistant Secretary

Absent

H. R. Kinnear

W. R. K. de

The Documents calling the Meeting is taken as read
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed
 by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and
 cheques for Land & Accounts are signed.

Return of Prisons apprehended, and Police daily
 Reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — the following is submitted.

Summary of General Municipal Rate, Foreign, September 1899

✓ Minutes of Works Committee are read, and approved.
 In regard to the supply of additional Hydrants, as therein noted, the Chairman of the Works Committee calls attention to the necessity for the erection of five Hydrants in the immediate neighbourhood of all Municipal buildings, a point to which the attention of the Engineer is to be drawn.

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 ✓ Telephone Franchise. Three letters received last meeting from the Managers of the China and Japan Telephone Company are submitted, and considered. The Council considers that the proposals therein put forward on behalf of the Company's Director are inadmissible, and the Secretary is directed to write to Mr. Harrison and say that the Council insists on a definite acceptance of the two essential conditions which have been referred to London, as necessary to the continuance of negotiations with his Company, such acceptance to be signified not later than the 31st inst. In doing so, the Council will then after take whatever steps may be considered necessary, and advisable.

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 ✓ Tramways. Letter from Messrs. Major Brothers, representing the Shanghai Tramway Syndicate Limited is read, stating that the nationality of their enterprise may be regarded as almost exclusively British. In this connection, it is decided to write to the Secretary of the Company in London, informing him of the result of the recent Meeting in regard to their tender, selected by the Council for submission to the Ratepayers.

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 ✓ Burrell Jones case. Letter from the Legal Adviser dealing with this case, and especially

especially in reference to the issue of Building Permit is read. The Council does not consent in the view therein expressed that the permit should be issued unconditionally, and as the result of a full discussion, it is decided to write to the applicants and state that the Permit will be granted, subject to the provisions of Land Regulation VI, on condition that an easement is made on the Title deed referred to by the owner of the property to the effect that a space of 30 feet between the proposed buildings and the river is reserved, or surrendered for the public use as a road, with free access to the water throughout its entire length. The Chairman informs the Members of the results of certain informal interviews which he has had with the Consuls for Germany and the United States, as well as of the opinions unofficially expressed by the British Consul, from which he infers that the Court, if again appealed to for decision, would be likely to uphold the action now taken by the Council in this question. Mr. Stottone is opposed to the compromise involved in issuing Building Permits, and votes against the decision.

Volunteers. Letter from the Major commanding is read, recommending the renewal of the Clothing-Supply contract with Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co under certain modified conditions. Reported to the War Committee.

The resignation of Captain Incewain, C Company on return from leave, is noted and full accommodation. Reports on this question by the Health Officer and Captain Superintendent of Police, called for as the result

result of the recent numerous deaths in the Isolation Hospital and cells, are submitted.

The Council is of opinion that the situation calls for remedial measures, upon which the Watch Committee will deliberate. It is suggested that the overcrowding of prisoners might be reduced by discharging a number of those whose sentences have been nearly completed.

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Road Extensions.

Another letter from Messrs. Morrison & Galloway on this subject is submitted. The Secretary is directed to circulate draft reply for the consideration of the Council. In reference to certain observations contained in this letter, the Chairman suggests the advisability of completing the connection of the Rifle Range Road with the North Roman Road at once, without further consideration of the question of Mr. Harne's farm (q.v.).

After some discussion it is decided that action in this matter is unnecessary at present.

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Settlements & Extensions: Taxation.

In reference to the Summary of the Collection of Rates in the extensions area for the last quarter, now submitted by the Treasurer of Taxes, it is decided to write to the Consul for Spain and request that the Spanish Minister be asked to convey such instructions on the subject as may result in putting the difficulty raised in the case of Mr. Lopez, Vice-Consul, who has declined to pay Dominican tax until his Minister's approval of the extension has been officially expressed. One Russian subject has adopted a similar course, and his Consul has been verbally referred to in this matter.

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The Council decides to leave the question of the taxation of French citizens in obedience, pending decision in the above cases.

Decorations conferred on Mr. Welch. It is decided to write to Mr. Welch and convey to him the Council's congratulations on the honours recently conferred on him by H. J. M. the Emperor of Germany in connection with the Ellis Memorial ceremony.

Race Holidays. Decided that next Wednesday being one of the Race days, there will be no meeting of the Council.

The Meeting then adjourns.

F. Anderson
Chairman

J. Blaine
Secretary

directed to arrange with Mr. Niva for payment, if possible, in two instalments, the latter to be liquidated next year.

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 Nursing Home. — A proposal emanating from the Sister-in-charge, to increase the present staff of the Home to the appointment of an additional Nurse is negatived.
 Lockin Office in Settlement. — The Council is informed that Mr. Johnson, on behalf of the Manager of the Lockin office recently closed by the Police, has asked for leniency to be shown to his clients in this matter. The Council, noting that the case has been referred for settlement to the Consular No. 49, is opposed to any modification of the attitude adopted.

In this connection it is decided to write officially to the Captain Superintendent calling for an explanation of the apparent negligence shown by the Inspector of the District, in which this Lockin office was opened, as well as of the Detective Staff, in not reporting at once on the subject.

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 Telephone Service. — The Council is informed that the Manager of the C. J. Telephone Co. has informally expressed his inability to add anything to his last letters regarding the conditions proposed by his Directors. Under these conditions, the Chairman submits for the approval of the Council draft of a proposed Petition, calling for alternative terms or proposals either for the establishment of a Telephone Service or for the supply of plant necessary for the installation thereof. It is decided on a show of hands to submit a copy of this Petition to Mr. Harrison and to inform him that unless a definite acceptance of the Council's terms by his company is received, in the meanwhile, it will be published on Monday next.

Letter from Mr. G. Öberg, submitting draft prospectus of a proposed Local Telephone Co. is submitted and ordered for circulation to the Members. By Mr. Öberg's scheme 10 share holders would be provided with Telephones at a cost of \$ 25. per annum; his views in the matter are supported by certain correspondence with the firm of Ericsson in Stockholm.

Police - Staff — Letter from Mr Kenneth De Gann, applying for the post of Police Catch (vide Minutes of 16th August, 1899.) is submitted, and the Members agree to confer on him the appointment. The details necessary to be considered preliminary to Mr De Gann's formal engagement, are left to be determined by the Finance Committee.

Plague precautions — Letter from the Commissioner of Customs is read, requesting the opinion of the Sanitary Board in the matter of removing, under certain conditions the prohibitions now attaching to the importation of furs from Newchwang. It is decided to forward in reply copy of report in re by the Health Officer which has the approval of the Board, expressing the opinion that the precautionary measures proposed will sufficiently obviate any danger of plague being introduced from this source.

Municipal Land Office — Reply of the Senior Consul to the Council's despatch of 10th October on this subject is read, from which the Council learns that the Consular Body had appointed the Consul for the Netherlands as its representative to meet a delegate from the Council with a view to drawing up a definite scheme for an improved system of land registration. It is noted that Mr Bourne, Consul in charge of N.B.'s Land Office will act as an advisory member of this Special Committee. ^{appointed to represent the Consular} The Municipal Engineer is

The Minutes of the Sanitary Board are read and the recommendations therein contained are generally approved. ⁴⁸ It being noted that the plans for the new Isolation & Lock Hospital have been submitted to, and passed by, the Board, the Council endorses the recommendation that the work of construction, estimated to cost £23,000, be proceeded with so soon as the estimates and tenders shall have been sanctioned by the Works Committee.

Drainage - Siuza District — Application by the Engineer for authority to proceed immediately with the drainage of the Siuza Road, estimated to cost £6,100, is sanctioned & the urgent necessity for this work being recognised by the Council.

Worship - Goodwin Brook — Report by the Engineer giving estimated cost of turfing and making up this

this forshore, between the Sukkien and Nonay roads, is submitted, and the expenditure involved, authorised, amounting to Rs. 5,500. The Council is of opinion that it is unnecessary to refer the matter to the adjoining landholders, the work of improvement being in the general interest and without prejudice to existing rights.

535 / Concrete Ware — An application from Messrs. Halders & Co. to be permitted to purchase the Council's concrete ware for shipment to Sautan is submitted and the necessary authority given.

696 / Native Soldiers in Settlement. — Letter from the Senior Consul is read, enclosing translation of a despatch received from the Simliali Viceroy in which the latter states that he has given directions to the effect that all military commanders in this district shall take steps to notify the Senior Consul and the Municipal Council whenever the passage through the Settlement of troops under arms is necessary. Decided to publish the correspondence.

520 / Sale of Salt — Letter from a native official named So, forwarded by Mr. Jenigou to the Council, is submitted. The writer urges his former request for permission to establish an office for the sale of Salt, under such conditions as the Council may think fit to impose.

A Report by the Detective Inspector also forwarded, deals with this application, and expresses the opinion that, in view of the official position of the applicant, compliance therewith would in time produce restrictions on the sale of Salt and an increased price to consumers. It is decided to reply that no permit is required for the establishment of an ordinary Salt shop; at the same time, steps are to be taken to impress on those who deal in this commodity in the Settlement that the Council will not authorise or sanction any interference with their trade by the Native officials.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. B. Bland
Secretary

Flinders

Chairman

The 15th General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
10, 13, Raouze Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday
the 15th November 1899 at 4.30 p.m.

Present. Mr. H.

- J. Anderson. (Chairman)
- S. A. Hardoon.
- E. A. Hewitt.
- R. Taylor.
- J. J. Jenkins
- W. G. MacKintosh.
- W. B. Skettow.
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary.

Mr
and Mr.

Absent.

Minors
Doherty

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted and cheque for square accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Brownell's Proshore Case - Letter from Messrs Brownell & Ellis has been circulated to members wherein the firm proposes a number of conditions under which they are prepared to accede to the Council's thirty feet road project.

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The Council notes, among other points, that the drawing up of a special form of surrender entails a sacrifice of principle and is calculated to prejudicially affect the obtaining of the land required for the road's continuation.

The Secretary is therefore directed to draft and circulate a letter in reply stating that the Council is willing to give effect to certain of the firm's proposals, but requiring that the public rights over the projected road be secured by the stipulated guarantee on the title deeds.

It is noted that the legal advisers' views on these points will be submitted at next meeting.

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✓ Telephone Service — Letter from the Co. J. Telephone Co. is read, withdrawing their tender for this franchise.

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Estimate by the Electrical Superintendent, for the immediate erection of a temporary system of poles and wire columns, is submitted, amounting to Rs 1800, and directions are given that preparation be made so that if necessary the system may begin operating on the 1st January. Mr Nelson is authorised to purchase the plank required for this purpose from whatever source he considers most expeditious. The members further decide to communicate the above arrangements to the Truck Council pointing out the desirability of the extension of the temporary line to Vicarage and asking their co-operation in the matter.

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In regard to certain enquiries contained in a letter from Mr James Price, as to modifications in the general conditions to tenders it is decided to publish these in detail and verbally to communicate them to firms or individuals interested.

Instructions are given to communicate to the Council London Agents the gist of Mr Nelson's suggestions for the installation by the Municipality of a complete service. So that, in the absence of a satisfactory tender a complete plant may be ordered by telegram; Mr James Price will be directed to place themselves in communication with the leading electrical supply firms for the purpose of obtaining quotations. Mr James Price refers to the advisability of not confining the matter to British firms, an opinion in which the members concur.

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✓ Volunteers — Letter from the Major Commanding is read referring to the procedure to be adopted in letting the Drill Hall to the public or to its use for Municipal purposes other than those connected with the Volunteers.

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The arrangements generally are endorsed, but the members consider that the Council should issue their permits, notifying the Adjutant thereof, instead of the converse procedure.

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Draft rules for the Volunteer Club are submitted and ordered to be circulated for approval.

In the matter of a bridge for the light horse, in view of the large cost of the proposed wooden structure it is decided to erect a metal one similar to the former one which it is understood, will not entail an expenditure exceeding £400.

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Sanitary Scheme — An unofficial note from the Secretary of the Sanitary Council has been received desiring that he may receive formal intimation of the result of the recent Ratepayers Meeting. It is decided, in reply, to forward a copy of the report of the meeting, and at the same time a statement of the expenses which have been incurred in calling for tenders.

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Sanitary Board — Reports by the Chairman of the Board are submitted, containing recommendations on the subjects of Plague precautions and of anti-typhoid inoculation; the documents are ordered for publication with a note to the effect, that the Council endorses the recommendations therein contained.

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Health Department - Staff — A note from Mr A R. Durbine is read stating his reasons for delaying the appointment of a Sanitary Inspector, namely, that he considers that the Council will be able to obtain the best possible candidate, with the assistance of the authorities of the Sanitary Institute at the end of the year, after the Institute's examination has been held in subjects connected with the work of this post.

A report by the Health Officer is submitted, in which he strongly urges the Council, to take this opportunity to engage an Assistant Sanitary Inspector at a salary between £150, and £200, in view of the continued difficulty which is experienced locally in finding satisfactory men. These recommendations, have the support of the Watch Committee and are therefore formally approved.

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Hong Kong Market — Letter from Messrs Dudson & Co. is read, quoting the instructions they have received from the Chamber relative to the leasing of the shops adjoining this market. Mr Spradley expresses his strong disapproval of any yearly lease being taken by the Council.

Council of the ships and it is decided to circulate the original documents on the subject for re-perusal, deferring decision in the matter until next meeting.

North China Navigation Road Extension. — Report by the

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Engineer is submitted, accompanied by a plan, in which are set forth proposals for the acquisition of all the remaining land required for this extension. Free summations of large ships by Messrs Harcourt and Deissner reduce the expenditure on this land to below \$64,000, and, after a full discussion, the scheme is adopted, the Engineer being directed to proceed with the work of making up the first section of the road without delay.

The Meeting then adjourns,

J. Anderson —

Chairman

J. D. Land
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23, Hongkong Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 27th November, 1899, at 11.30 p.m. —

Present. — Mr. M.

- J. Anderson. (Chairman)
- J. A. Harcourt.
- W. A. Hewitt.
- R. Inglis.
- H. R. Kinnear
- J. J. J. J.
- E. J. J. J.
- W. B. J. J.
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary.

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Absent.

Mr. R. J. J.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee are read, discussed and confirmed.

✓ Browett Foreshore Case — Draft letter in reply to that of Messrs Browett & Ellis of the 10. Inst, embodying the views expressed by the Council at last Meeting, is submitted and approved. Letter by the Legal Adviser, re-expressing the opinion that the Council should issue the Building Permit unconditionally, is read, but the Members are opposed to the course suggested.

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✓ Heinhead Road — Decided that the thoroughfare connecting the Toward Road with Broadway in the vicinity of 'Wayside', together with its proposed extensions should hereafter be known as the Heinhead Road as a mark of respect to that revered gentleman. The Secretary is directed to communicate this decision.

✓ Lock Hospital Property — Decided that it is advisable, in view of the present conditions of the real estate market, to postpone the proposed sale of this property until a more favourable opportunity. Messrs F. W. Gratton and J. Cooper to be notified accordingly.

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✓ North Leikiang Road Extension — The Council is informed that Messrs Harwood & Johnson have formally signified their willingness to surrender the strips of their respective properties required for the completion of this road. Mr Johnson asks that the Council should endeavour to obtain the inclusion within Settlement limits of his property adjoining this road, a measure which, if feasible, the Members are in favour of carrying out. It is resolved that the assistance of Mr J. Ferguson be asked in laying the proposal before the Saktai and that if the latter's consent can be obtained, the matter be then laid officially before the Senior Consul for record.

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Horison Road Lazine — Upon the recommendation of the Engineer, officially conveyed in the form of a report, the Council decides to offer to sell to Captain Parlier the land on which this Lazine stood before it was removed at his request; the price of the lot exclusive of road area to be \$10,000, or about \$5500. per acre.

Engineer's Staff — As the result of the Municipal Notification calling for candidates to fill the post of Chief Clerk in the Engineer's Department, a number of applications have been received, from among which Mr. Mayne has selected Mr. A. Biercking as the most suitable man. He recommends that he be given the appointment on three months probation at the salary which he asks, viz. \$175. per mensem. The members consider it advisable to give effect to this recommendation, considering that although the salary is higher than that proposed for the post, it is essential to obtain a good man for the work of the Engineer's Department. The Finance Committee will await the Engineer's report on Mr. Biercking after the completion of his probationary term.

Hong Kow Market — Memorandum by the Health Officer, suggesting alternative measures for increasing the extent and utility of this Market, and improved sanitary conditions, is submitted. The Council is opposed to any proposals which would involve the construction or leasing for long periods of houses for licensed dealers, and considers that it should be possible to insist on, and obtain the gradual improvement of the existing shops. The matter is, after some discussion, referred to the Watch Committee, and in the meantime the Engineer is to be directed to prepare an estimate for the erection of a two-story market on the present Hong Kow site in general design similar to that in the Hanking Road.

Mixed Court — The Chairman, referring to a conversation which he has had with Mr. Mayne, the British Assessor, recommends that the Council should, acting upon that gentleman's advice, provide funds for the furnishing

of the new Mts. Court public rooms, at an estimated cost of Rs 500. He considers that by so doing the Council would obtain a certain measure of control over the building and its work, and that the precedent thus created might lead to desirable results in the future. Mr. Pratice opposes the suggestion on financial grounds, but the motion is eventually carried, on a show of hands, Major Douglas and Skottow voting in the minority.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Anderson

Chairman.

J. D. Mackay
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room No. 23, Kiangsoo Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 27th November, 1894, at 11.30 p.m.

Present. M. M.

J. Anderson (Chairman),
S. A. Hardoon,
E. A. Hewitt,
R. Douglas,
H. R. Kumar,
J. Pratice,
C. Jaacobubush,
E. B. Skottow, the
Secretary and the
Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

M. Kohde.

The Chairman, during the Meeting, is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for Sunday accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners etc prohibited and Police (daily) reports for the past week are submitted.

✓ Watch Committee's Minutes are read and with reference thereto Police Estimates — Mr Hewitt says that the Committee is averse to any present increase in the Force and desires the estimates compiled on the existing basis. When these are submitted the question of small additions to the Force will be finally dealt with. Hereafter should any considerable augmentation be found necessary he recommends that it be confined to the 21st branch of the force, a view which has the support of the Council.

575 ✓ Debate on Dog Tax — In connection with the proposed registration fee for dogs, the difficulty of requisitioning different classes for taxation is fully discussed; it is finally decided that the fee shall be £1 per annum for all dogs under the proposed regulations. General expression is given to the opinion that control rather than revenue is the object of this regulation.

570 ✓ Sale of Rock Hospital Site — The Chairman reads the entire correspondence with Mr Gorton, in this matter including his last letter on the subject of commission & claimed or payment of charges. In view of an offer by Mr Cooper, made through the Chairman, of £18000 for the site, the members are agreed that if Mr Gorton, be notified of the Council's refusal of this amount, he cannot in any way claim any remuneration for his services as agent. In the meanwhile the Council, guided by the opinion of Mr Hancock, decides to take no further steps in the matter of the sale at present, noting that when occasion does arise it is bound to no particular agency or procedure.

564 ✓ Telephones — Communications from Messrs Bishop and Berg are submitted containing the elements of schemes for the establishment of telephone service. The proposed attendance of a representative of the Council, at the meeting about to be convened by Mr Berg, would, in the members opinion, be inopportune; it is resolved that no action can be taken until all the tenders are received. The

Secretary

Secretary is directed to communicate this decision to all applicants.

147 Complaint against police. — Letter from Mr J. Hunt in regard to the action of the police, towards his mafoc and carriage, together with the Captain Superintendent's report on the incident, have been seen by the Council, and instructions are given to reply that the matter has received attention.

567 Town Hall — To avoid the confusion which the expression "Drill Hall" is likely to cause, the name of Town Hall is adopted for official use in preference to various other styles suggested.

Public Band — As the result of a suggestion contained in a private communication addressed to Mr Inglis by Mr F. Welch, the use of the Town Hall for weekly performances of the Band is sanctioned, no smoking being permitted. The Secretary is directed to notify the Volunteer authorities of this proposal and of its acceptance as an experiment for three or four weeks.

Road to the Hills. — Report by the Engineer on the steps available for putting into practical shape a scheme for this road is submitted and ordered for circulation to members, with a view to its discussion at next meeting.

148 Volunteers — Letters from the Major Commanding are read, notifying the Council of the resignation of Lieutenants Meyer and Keylock and of the latter's re-election, which is accordingly confirmed.

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Chairman

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
 23, King's Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the
 6th December, 1899, at 4.30 p.m. --

Present.

M.M.

- J. Anderson. (Chairman)
- D. H. Hardoon.
- R. Anglin.
- A. R. Kinnear.
- J. J. Prentice.
- C. G. Koubash.
- W. B. Kottow. the
- Secretary and the
- Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

- W. A. Hewitt.
- M. R. Hide.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Case statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry payments are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

Medical Superintendent.	for Octo. 6.
Health Officer's.	do. November.
Vehicle Inspectors.	do. do.
Summary of Licenses fees.	do. do.

Watch Committee Minutes are read and in reference thereto:

Case of Vincent Harrison — The Chairman invites attention to the importance which should be attached to a decision which involves the punishment of a man who has been pronounced innocent by his Consul, supports the Committee's recommendation, which is unanimously endorsed by the Council.

Case of Illegal Arrest — Mr. Wilkinson's letter is read, and it is decided that the Council's despatch to the

The Senior Consul shall request that a strongly worded demand be made for the surrender of the Chinese concerned prisoners and rimmers for due trial at the Mixed Court.

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Let the request of the Senior Consul, conveyed in a letter now read, it is decided to call upon the Health Officer for a report on the present state of Municipal prisons with special reference to the food and other regulations for prisoners, and, if possible, accounting for the increase in mortality among the convicts since the establishment of the Municipal goal.

Le Kiu Office in the Settlement

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Reply from the Senior Consul is read to the Council's discussion on this subject. wherein it is stated that the matter of which complaint has been made is one for settlement by the Mixed Court Municipal dealing individually with the "private Chinese subjects" concerned. It is decided to reply that from documents impounded at the time of the raid it can be shown that the Le Kiu collectors were acting under the direct authority of the Subai and that in consequence the Mixed Court is unable to inflict any sentence on them.

Morphine

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Considerable discussion takes place as to the possibility of taking any effective steps for the prevention of the use of this drug by Chinese. The issue of such a proclamation as is suggested by the Chinese Authorities in the Senior Consul's letter submitted, is regarded as inadvisable, the members being of opinion that nothing short of restrictions of importation of the drug can have any real effect; the Secretary is directed to draft a reply in this sense for the approval of the Council.

Cottices

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Letter from the French Consul is read to the effect that no regulation or license of Cottices is necessary in that Settlement in view of the fact that all Cottices were suppressed, so soon as their operations are reported. This reply is regarded as satisfactorily disposing of the necessity for joint action in regard to licensing.

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From the reply to the Council's letter on this

This subject received from the French Council it is noted that the engineer as to the steps to be taken in regard to a temporary service during the interval which will occur after the present Company removes its plant appears to have been misunderstood; the Secretary is therefore directed to approach the French Council on the subject.

✓ Road to the Hills —

The Chairman states that he has discussed this question with several persons during the week, all of whom have expressed themselves as strongly in favour of the acquisition of the land for this purpose, a view in which he himself concurs. Mr. Finlayson does not consider that any money should be voted for this purpose unless it has first the sanction of the Ratepayers, and he expresses doubt as to the benefits which such a road would confer on the general public.

It is decided for the present to ascertain to what extent the French Council would participate in the cost of acquisition, construction and maintenance, also to request that an independent estimate by Pierre Beauvepoire in regard to the latter items be obtained.

Public Band —

The Major-Commanding's letter is submitted dealing with the effect of the Council's sanction to a weekly performance of the Band in the Town Hall upon the convenience of the members of the S. V. C. & Club. After considerable discussion his proposal that 15 feet shall be screened off the Hall is agreed to, the Chairman being of opinion that the point is too trivial a one to be allowed to be a cause of friction.

Complaint against Police —

Further letter from Mr Hunt is read, to which it is decided to reply that no further steps are deemed necessary in this matter.

Road Extension 35 —

Report by the Engineer is submitted requesting that in anticipation of the Estimates, the inclusion in the Budget of the sum of £6,000 for a section of this extension may be regarded as approved to enable him to proceed with the negotiations. In view of the fact that the carrying out

out of this work entails consulting the Chinese Authorities, it is decided that the Native Land Committee be first approached with a view to ascertaining local opinion. Questions referring to the Metalling of a portion of the Niccaon Road and to the American Agency of the Council are referred to the Works Committee for report.

Private Telephone Wires — The Chairman enquires as to the attitude which the Council would adopt towards a suggestion to temporarily utilise the Council's poles for private lines during the time the Community is without a service, expenses being borne by the individuals. The matter is referred to the Electrical Superintendent for report.

The Meeting then adjourns.

F. Anderson

Chairman.

J. A. Maud

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, 10 S. Sump's Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 14th. November 1897. at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman),

S. A. Hardoon

E. A. Hewitt

R. Drylie

H. R. Spenser

J. Pruitice

E. G. van Koubouk

E. B. Skottroe

Secretary

and the

Assistant Secretary,

Absent.

M. R. Hede.

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Settlement Extension Prossment — Letter from Mr J. M.

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Gallon, already circulated for the information of the Members, is considered. The writer takes exception to the procedure and form of Debit Note adopted by the Council in collecting rates on land in the extension area. A Memorandum by the Secretary on the subject is submitted, the substance of which receives the endorsement of the Council and an answer drafted in accordance therewith is directed to be sent.

Processions — An application by the relatives of the late Mr Ching Hong to be permitted to have a procession on the 14th inst along the Malan and Bund, is referred to the Council by the Captain Superintendent of Police, is sanctioned.

Public Band — Letter from the Secretary of the Band Committee is read, submitting an application by the Manager of the "Crocida Restaurant" for the services of the Band at a Bal Masqué to be held at Chau Si Ho's garden. The Band Committee, following precedent, have declined to sanction the attendance of the Band for this entertainment, but Mr Wicks now writes insisting on his right as a rate payer to have his request allowed. The Council is of opinion that no sufficient reason exists for refusing the application in this case, but it should be intimated to Mr Wicks that in the event of any disturbance or disorder future applications of a similar nature would be refused.

Telephone Service — In reference to the Minutes of the last Meeting on the subject of temporary private wires, a report by the Electrical Superintendent is read, expressing his reasons for advising against the

the proposal.

The arguments advanced are endorsed by the Council.

Complaint by Mr Hunt - A further letter by Mr Hunt is read, and in reply thereto, the Secretary is directed to state that the Council does not consider the correspondence of sufficient general interest to justify its publication with the official Minutes, and that the matter must now be regarded as closed.

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The Meeting then adjourns.

J Anderson
Chairman.

W. Bland
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kingsway Road, Waltham, on Thursday, the 21st December, 1877, at 11.30. P.M.

Present.

M.M.

- J. Anderson. (Chairman)
- W. A. Hardson.
- W. S. Hewell.
- R. Mayling.
- H. R. Newman.
- J. Pringle.
- W. G. Rumbold.
- W. R. White.
- W. B. Kottow. the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

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The Minutes of last Session are read, confirmed, signed, by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week, is submitted, and

Charges for Sundry accounts, are signed.

Returns of Prisoners reprobated and Police daily reports for the past week, are submitted.

Minutes of the Works Committee, are read and in reference thereto:-

Electrical Installations - After considerable discussion during which the Committee, amends the Minutes by the withdrawal of the words "for one year or more," it is resolved, that before the recommendation is adopted, an expression of the legal Adviser's opinion shall be obtained, on the following three points:-

- 1) Do the Councils within its rights in refusing to supply the current in cases where the installation has been put in by outsiders?
- 2) If such refusal be withdrawn, for one year, can it be re-imposed?
- 3) How would such withdrawal affect the value of any franchise should the plant and privileges hereafter be sold?

Assistant Superintendent's Quarters - The Chairman, gives his reasons for considering Mr. Spack's case an exceptional one but on a show of hands it is decided to refuse the application.

North Gochow Road Extension - The members discuss the views of the Committee as to the undoubted, & certain, detriment which the completion of this road will cause to Mr. Riva's property but in the light of a statement that Mr. Riva is buying the land in question upon the understanding that the Council will repay him for such part of it as is required for the road, it is decided, before replying to Mr. Messinger & Gratton's letter to call for a report from the Engineer as to how far Mr. Riva was justified in this assumption, and whether, in his opinion, the Council is morally bound to accept the terms of the offer.

Minutes of the Rate Committee, are read, and the recommendations therein confirmed. Discussion of the

The question of renewal of Captain MacKenzie's appointment is deferred pending further consideration.

Minutes of the Finance Committee are read, and in reference

thereto:-

✓ Sec. Hospital — Before carrying out the recommendation, under this head the members will be glad to understand that the proposed discontinuance of Dr. Blane's services has the approval of the Church Council.

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✓ Court of Councils — The petition of Messrs Morrison & Stratton forwarded by the Court is submitted, and it is stated that the Royal Adviser has applied for an extension of the time for reply to 15th January, which has been agreed to.

✓ Appointment of Land Commissioner — After some discussion as to the qualifications necessary for the holding of this important office, during which Mr. Kinross points out the undesirability of appointing any relapsor who is largely interested in land, Mr. Pringle is unanimously elected as the Council's nominee for 1900.

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The Chairman states that he has sounded Mr. J. L. Scott as to his willingness to act in the capacity of ~~relapsor~~ ^{Council's} representative and that he has consented, if elected, to serve.

✓ Telephones — Note from the Telephone Company is read, stating that their London Office has written a letter to the Council which may be expected to arrive about the 18th January. The possibility of extending the time for the receipt of proposals is considered, but it is decided that, given faith with the public demands that the date mentioned in the advertisement be strictly adhered to. To enable the Company, should it wish, to wire the details of any scheme it may share, the Director is directed to inform the local manager of the above decision.

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✓ Survey of the Settlement — An exhaustive report by the Engineer is submitted urging the importance of the prosecution of this work with the least possible delay.

delay. The members concur with the views therein expressed and Mr Bayne is authorized to engage three temporary assistants to this end.

✓ Case of the Spanish Consul — Letter from the Senior Consul has been received desiring an explanation of the so-called disregard of Consular privilege, in the recent arrest of the coolie employed by Mr Aparicio, and the letter is ordered for circulation with draft reply. It is considered advisable that this reply have the approval of the Court of Consuls before despatch.

✓ Public School — Letter from the Hon Secretary of the School Committee is submitted in which application is made for certain enlargements of the premises to meet the growing numbers of the scholars. Mr Hewitt, while admitting the need for more accommodations considers that the same might be obtained by an additional story being placed upon the present building. It is decided to call upon the Engineer for a report on this question with estimates for such work as he recommends.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Anderson.

Chairman.

J. J. [unclear]
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room -
No. 23, Riverside Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the
28th December, 1899, at 11.30 p.m.

Present - M.M.

- W. Anderson, Chairman
- W. A. Harrison
- E. A. Hewett
- A. R. Kimson
- J. Macleod
- C. James Reid
- W. R. Ride
- E. B. Sillitoe, Secretary and the
- Assistant Secretary

Absent

R. Douglas

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Each statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for study accounts are issued.

Return of Dividend is prohibited, and Officer's duty reports for the past week, are submitted.

Second Commission - The Chairman states that when reconsideration of the resolution adopted at last Meeting, it appears that it would not be expedient that any Member of the Council, and especially a member of the Board Committee, should serve in the capacity of Board Commissioner, and that Mr. Sprunt, shares this view. The Council is of opinion that it will therefore be best to ask Mr. Beale to serve, as the Council's nominee, and that the matter of selecting a suitable representative for the Kaitangmoo further considered, and is accordingly postponed.

Document Extension - A despatch from the Consul is read, giving over to a copy of a telegram received from the Consul of the Diplomatic Body, at Peking.

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Minutes, in which the Council is officially informed that the collection account of that Body has been given to the amendment of Article 1 of the Land Regulations, defining the new limits of the Foreign Settlement.

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Illegal Arrest in Guernsey — In view of the above intimation, and with reference to the case of Illegal arrest recorded in the Council's Minutes of the 6th Inst., it is decided to address a further communication to the Senior Consul asking that early steps be taken to deal with the case, the Council regarding the matter as having become of urgent importance. On the receipt of the Consul's Body agreeing to take action, the Chairman understands that the Consuls in Great Britain, Germany and the United States will do so. In the meanwhile, the Mission has undertaken to report at once to the Secretary any attempt on the part of the Native Authorities to take the prisoners through the settlement, it being understood that it is intended to convey them to Rochford.

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The Customs — Letter from the Major Commanding is read, asking the approval of the Council for the formation of a General Service Co, under special conditions intended to complete the local system of defence by the organised services of Non-combatants. The proposal is approved by the Council, and the Secretary is directed, in conveying this approval to request that the details of the proposed organisation in connection with special Police and Six Brigade work be communicated, in due course for the information of the Watch Committee.

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Taxation of Assurance Offices — In view of the decision previously recorded in regard to the taxation of Assurance Offices and Agencies, in connection with the Special Committee's Report, the Chairman asks that the Members should consult with those interested in this question, and consider before next meeting what form this taxation should take, and the probable amount to be derived therefrom for the framing of the Budget. The Vice Chairman, having raised a question in regard to the organisation of the Salvage Corps

Corps, as proposed by the Special Committee, the Council, after discussion, records its opinion that it is inadvisable that this matter be left to be dealt with by the Fire Insurance Association.

Two Memoranda by the Health Officer are submitted, the first dealing with the taxation of Butcher Shops and the second, with the licensing of Launderies.

His recommendations in these matters are, after consideration, approved. The taxation of Butcher Shops will be discontinued for the coming year, in order that these may in due course be placed upon a footing similar to that of the Dairies, Launderies, and Pastry Cooks' establishments, which receive franchises from the Health Department direct, the object being to secure a uniform treatment of all traders supplying the foreign community with food, &c.

In regard to Launderies, the strict enforcement of the Regulations, notified in the early part of the year is postponed until after the establishment of the new Steam Laundry, the Health Officer being of opinion that, in the absence of any establishment complying with all the sanitary conditions named, it is inadvisable to proceed to stringent measures.

Medical Work and General

A letter from the High Court Magistrate, forwarded through the British Consul, having advised that certain steps be taken by the Council in regard to sick prisoners at the Municipal Jail, the matter is referred to the Council of the Public Health Committee. It is decided that when approved Regulations shall have been drawn up by the Captain Superintendent of Police, defining the conditions under which the relations of Sick prisoners may be permitted to visit them, a weekly Sick List shall be posted up by the Police at the High Court for general information.

Study of Chinese

Report by Mr J. C. Simpson on his recent examination of Mr Lambell's class is submitted and ordered to be circulated. The opinion of the Council is generally expressed that it would appear

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appear advisable for the Watch Committee to take into consideration the introduction of measures which will make the study of colloquial Chinese compulsory on newly joined Members of the Society. The inducements offered by the Council having failed to make such study general.

581. ✓ North Sookhow Road Extension — Report by the Engineer, dealing with the app. submitted at last Council meeting by Mr. Morrison & Grotton for acquiring the land required for the abutment of the Shebet Road bridge on the North Sookhow Road, is submitted, and ordered for circulation to the Members.

Decision in this matter will be made next week.

582. ✓ Telephone Service — Letter from Mr. Abing is read, asking that the Council may authorize the Engineer to express his opinion on the lines of roads, &c. in which the writer's Company would be permitted to lay down their proposed Telephone lines.

Decided to reply that the Council is unable to take cognizance of, or discuss, any proposals for Telephone Service until after the date named for the submission of tenders.

The Meeting then adjourns

Hudson

(Chairman)

Secretary

U. S. General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, 10 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, the 14th January 1900, at 10.30 P.M.

Present: M.M.

Mr. Anderson, (Chairman)

Mr. Hardison

Mr. Stewart

Mr. Douglas

Mr. R. Finlay

Mr. Macleod

Mr. MacKenzie

Mr. Ross

Mr. Stewart

Secretary and the

Assistant Secretary.

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Report of Director's apprehensions and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report - The following is submitted: Summary of License fees, Dec 1899.

Minutes of the Local Committee are read, and the recommendations therein confirmed.

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/ Operations of Disturbance Offices - It appears that Mr. Finlay and other members have been under the impression that the Council has already passed under By-law 10 to impose such fee as is considered advisable, decision in the matter is therefore again postponed pending the circulation of a Memorandum by the Secretary giving the exact position of affairs to date.

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/ Local Commission - The Chairman states that Mr. J. L. Scott has consented to stand for election as the Kelpogers candidate, and Mr. Finlay considers it

it probable that the leading landholders will support the candidature of Mr. D. Brand; for the second, elected Commissioner etc. On the motion of the Chair, it is unanimously decided to request Mr. W. K. Poole to act as the Council's nominee.

✓ Proposed Road to the Mills — Estimates by the Engineer are submitted, for the cost of making and maintaining this road, and considerable discussion ensues as to the measure of utility, which such a road will fulfil. The Chairman is strongly of opinion, that neglect of the present opportunity, to acquire so important an outlet for recreation, together with the means of developing the surrounding districts, will be a matter for regret in the future, but a feeling is generally amongst a majority of the members that the proposed expenditure on this scheme, would produce better and more useful results if applied to road extension in or near Settlement limits. It is finally decided by a show of hands that the Council take no further action in the matter, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Rolde and Mr. Guadalupe, voting in the minority.

✓ North Gochow Road Extension — Report by the Engineer is submitted, after circulation, and, in the absence of any evidence therein of the Council's obligation to purchase the requisite land for the completion of this extension, it is decided to decline Mr. J. Morrison & Spillors' offer. In the meantime, instructions are given that the road is to be made up, as far as possible, over the land in question pending the assertion of a good title thereto by a native owner, and any small payment that may be necessary for compensation of the occupants of obstructing tenements is sanctioned.

The Legal Adviser has expressed an opinion in favour of this procedure.

✓ Telephones — Letter from the China & Japan Telephone Company is read, stating that the Directors have arranged for the exchange to remain open until the 31st March. In this connection it is decided to wire the

the London Agents that the negotiations for the purchase of plank at home may be discontinued, it being deemed evident that one of the tenders, the result of local enterprise, will be found acceptable.

Health Officer

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Reply to the Council's letter to this, employed is read and, on the basis of the second suggestion therein contained, an offer of a new three years agreement is authorized to be made to Dr Farley, to date from the 1st instant at a salary of £525. per annum. His duties therefore will be any that the Council may properly call on him to perform as Health Officer.

Band

The approaching termination of the agreement with the Bandmaster is noted, and the necessary sanction of the Council is accorded to the Band Committee's proposal to obtain a fresh draft of musicians from Mytila with the assistance of the Manager of the Hong Kong Bank at that port.

The Council is informed that the Committee recommends renewal of Mr Sternberg's agreement as Bandmaster for one year, but that he is not prepared to accept such an offer. Discussion postponed pending official intimation.

The advisability of placing the Band hereafter directly under control of the Council, and without a Band Committee, is discussed and generally admitted; the Secretary is directed, in the first instance, to enquire whether the proposal commends itself to the British Authorities.

Market Inspector

Telegram from Mr. Prosser is read, advising the departure for Shanghai of the new market inspector, by name Fugall, engaged by Mr. A. R. Birkie.

Fire Department

Letter from the Fire Commissioner is submitted, intimating the re-election of Mr. H. A. Moore, as Chief Engineer for the ensuing year.

Chinese Education Scheme

Definite proposals for the establishment of a school for Chinese, formulated by the three gentlemen who drew up the original Scheme.

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Scheme, is submitted, and, in reference thereto, Mr. President expresses the opinion that the initiative in the matter should properly emanate from the Notary and not from the Council. Further discussion of the subject is postponed till next meeting, the Secretary being directed to re-circulate the earlier correspondence.

✓ Legal Notices —

In view of the petition filed by Messrs. (Messrs.) Grotton, shortly to come up for hearing, the question of the Council's representation in Court is considered and the Secretary is directed to endeavour to arrange that the conduct of the present case be in the hands of Mr. St. Hill; should this be found impracticable, justice is given that a letter be written to Mr. Dowdall desiring that the case be placed in the hands of one or other of his partners.

✓ Technical Installations —

The Chairman re-introduces this subject and urges the throwing open of installation work to the public in terms of the Works Committee's amended recommendation which has the support of Messrs. (Messrs.) Grotton and Staddon. The general feeling of the Members however is that such action would involve the surrender of a valuable asset in case a franchise were hereafter to be given to a firm or company, and the proposal is negatived.

✓ Volumeters —

801. Letters from the Major Commanding are submitted asking that the usual application be made to Hong Kong for an Inspecting Officer and two Distributors for the ensuing season, which is approved.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Anderson

Chairman.

Mason
Assistant Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Raffles Road, Singapore on Thursday, the 11th January, 1900. at 4.30 p.m.

Present - M. M.

J. C. Anderson. (Chairman)
 D. A. Harrison.
 E. A. Howitt.
 R. Douglas.
 H. R. Humeau.
 J. Prochier.
 C. E. MacKenzie.
 W. L. Pollock.
 W. P. Skottowe. and the
 Assistant Secretary.

U. Book.

Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

✓ The Captain, Superintendent, attends with Inspector Kelly, and addressing the latter, the Chairman expresses regret at again having received a report of his misconduct. Inspector Kelly is then reprimanded, and informed of the decision as to his punishment already given.

The Minutes of Cash Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports. — The following for December are submitted:

Health Officers

Vehicle Inspectors

✓ Statation of Insurance Officers — Memorandum on this subject by the Secretary has been circulated, and the Members are agreed that the necessary procedure for the imposition of the tax shall go forward.

It regards to ^{the} method and scale of taxation, Mr. Duple proposes an annual fee of £ 300. to be paid by the Agents for each Company carrying on business in the Settlement whose annual net receipts of premium exceed £ 50,000, and one of £ 250. for Companies whose receipts are less than that amount.

The Chairman, in amendment of this proposal considers a tax of 1% on premium receipts will be a more equitable arrangement, a view shared by Mr. Kinnear who states ^{that} the obtaining of correct returns should not present great difficulty. With these alternative proposals under consideration decision is deferred until next meeting.

✓ Public Band — Letter from the Secretary of the Committee is submitted, covering one from the Bandmaster in which he asks for more advantageous terms in his proposed renewal of agreement.

590/ The Council is averse to making any agreement for a longer period than one year, but consents to an increase in salary to £ 175. per annum with no additional allowances.

✓ Chinese Education Scheme — Further consideration of the proposals under this heading, submitted at last meeting, results in a general expression of approval thereof. It is understood that a sum of £ 3000. is one that will be required during this year, and the question of a suitable site for the building is referred to the Works Committee.

590/ The Chairman considers that the scheme as a whole should form the subject of a special resolution at the forthcoming (July) meeting.

✓ Legal Advice — The members are informed that neither of Mr. Dowdall's partners are willing to approach him in the ^{matters} delegation of the pleadings before the Court of Consuls to Mr. McNeill and that no steps have been taken to this end. After considerable discussion the Chairman consents to see Mr. Dowdall and to explain to him the Council's views in this matter.

Taxation

Taxation of Extension Area — Considerable difficulty is being experienced in the collection of land tax from owners in the new area, the tax office being met with refusals to pay, in cases aggregating 75% of the amount for which debit notes have been issued.

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In this connection a draft retrospective resolution by the Legal Adviser for submission to the Ratepayers, is read, modeled on that passed at the time of the admission of Hong Kow into Municipal limits.

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By the adoption of the procedure indicated therein taxes may hereafter be collected, as from the 1st July last. The members however are of opinion that it will be best to summons one of the leading landowners for non-payment forthwith.

The case of Mr. J. J. P. whose claim for a refund of his land tax paid "sans faute pretence" is considered, and referred *inter alia* for legal opinion.

Spanish Consuls' Office — Letter from Mr. Aparicio is read, requesting a reply to his protest at the amount of a week in his employ in Kowloon.

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It is decided to inform him that the Council has concluded Chinese residents in this district since the receipt of the Governor's proclamation authorizing the extension of the Government.

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Electrical Department — Special Report by the Electrical Superintendent which has been circulated, to the Works Committee, is read, drawing attention to certain unsatisfactory features in the working of the engines. Messrs. Prender and Rolfe agree to visit the works and ascertain more minutely the nature of the defects.

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North Beach Road Extension — Letter from Mr. J. J. Morrison & Gallon is read, regretting that the Council has not given its reasons for refusing the offer recently made by them on behalf of Mr. Kwa.

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Mr. Kwa has been informed that the promise of the Council to purchase the strip of land in question was of a more definite character than has been

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been thought and with this in view the matter is again referred to the Works Committee.

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— Captain MacKenzie's application for a renewal of his appointment is referred to the Works Committee.

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— The resignation of the Major Commanding is inferred from a letter in a recent issue of one of the evening papers is discussed, and the Chairman states that Major Holliday has requested permission to put before his officers a proposal which has been unofficially considered by the Council, that Captain MacKenzie should be attached to the Command. Upon the suggestion of Mr Duple it is decided to authorize the Chairman to say that the question of a paid Commandant is under consideration, but that no name be mentioned as a possible occupant of the post.

Proposals by the Major Commanding for the establishment of a German section of the Victoria Company are agreed to. The standard of efficiency for this Company for the current year is also approved.

✓ Case of Mr D. W. Crawford

— Letter from Mr Geo. Brown & Co. is read protesting at the trespass of a Railway official upon the premises of the firm. Mr D. W. Crawford & Co, together with a Memorandum by the local officer upon the circumstances of the case. It is decided to refer the point to the legal adviser.

No Meeting this afternoon.

J. Anderson

Chairman.

J. S. Stand
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board
 Room, No. 23 Kaiqua Road, Shanghai, on Thursday,
 the 18th January 1900, at 11.30 p.m. —

Present M.M.

Dr Anderson (Chairman),
 Dr A. Harlow,
 C. A. Hewitt,
 R. Inglis,
 H. R. Kinnear,
 J. Macleod,
 C. Mackenzie,
 W. R. Mackenzie,
 C. B. Skottow and the
 Secretary and the
 Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
 the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and requires
 for summary accounts and signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily &
reports for the past week are submitted.

✓ Constitutions of New Council — The Chairman states that
 as only nine nominations for the Council, and one
 for the Land Commissionship have been received no
 election is necessary. A draft notification for the
 press to this effect is approved.

✓ Legal Adviser — The Chairman has communicated to Mr
 Dowdall the Council's wishes as to its representation in
 the Court of Consuls and arrangements will be made for
 this work to be undertaken by Mr McNeil.

✓ Works Committee Minutes are read and in reference thereto:

✓ Technical Department — The Secretary is directed
 to give instructions that Mr R. Mackenzie place himself in
 a position to take charge of all the engines, should
 necessity arise, and that he share with the Super-
 intendent the night supervision duty by alternate
 weeks

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 works or in such manner as may be most convenient.
Telephone Service — The Committee's views in
 regard to the letter of the Chief Japan Telegraph Co.
 were unanimously shared by the Members of Council, the
 opinion being expressed that consideration of any pro-
 posals received subsequent to the expiry of the con-
 tracted time would constitute inferior treatment to the
 local Companies who have tendered.

✓ 1183
Rifle Range Road — The proposal to complete
 the Western end of this road by making up the
 portions lying across the old Bull lock is rejected on
 a show of hands by 5 to 14.

✓ Assistant Market Inspectors Quarters

Mr Pollock states that an alteration which
 he has proposed to the existing building will render
 it quite fit and suitable as quarters and sanction
 is given to the expenditure of Rs 310 thereon.

✓ Match Committee Minutes are read and in reference thereto.

✓ Renewal of Captain MacKenzie's Agreement

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 This question is reviewed in the light of Major
 Holliday's resignation, of the Command of the Volunteers,
 now renewed, and it is decided in regard to Captain
 MacKenzie's duties under the new agreement that he be
 required to assume temporary command of the Volunteers,
 to superintend the working of the Jail, and to perform
 such other duties as the Council may require, the duties
 under his new agreement to be left for determination
 on his return from leave. The Chairman agrees to
 communicate this decision to Major Holliday in order
 that the formal election of Captain MacKenzie by the
 Corps may be effected, and Mr Kincaid points out
 the advisability of hereafter amending the Volunteer
 Regulations relative to the post of Commandant.

✓ Public Band — The Secretary states that he has
 unofficially approached the French Consul in
 regard to the assumption by the Council of direct
 control of the affairs of the Band, and that it is
 likely that no opposition will be made to the proposal.
 It is noted that a meeting of the Band Committee
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will be called to formulate a recommendation to this end. The members agree that the Band Secretary's salary shall be continued as heretofore.

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Termination of Insurance Offices - No fresh argument is introduced on this subject and upon a show of hands, it is decided to recommend the adoption of the Chairman's proposal for a payment by each Agency at the rate of 1% on its annual net receipts of premiums.

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 30. Settlement Extension - Letter from the Senior Consul is read in confirmation of his previous despatches which gave cover to a copy of a telegraph from Peking in final approval of Land Regulation I as revised.

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Case of Illegal Arrest - Note from Mr. H. P. Wickinson is submitted urging that further action be taken in the matter of the illegal arrest and detention of a Chinese in Pina. Mr. Valdez has stated that he has communicated with the Juchan in the matter, and Mr. Howell agrees to consult with N. H. Consul General as to what steps might now be taken to ensure vigorous action.

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 31 Case of the Spanish Consul - Letter from the Senior Consul is read on this subject stating that the Council's conclusions cannot be accepted, but the members concur in the Chairman's view that the matter may now be regarded as concluded.

Air Department's Estimates for 1900 are submitted and approved.

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 33. Thomas Humberg School - Letter from the President on the subject of the constitution of the School Committee for 1900 is read, and it is decided to adopt the usual procedure in reference thereto.

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 32. Columbers - Letter from Major Holliday is read, requesting permission to resign the Command of the Corps. It is decided to reply accepting the resignation, thanking him for his services and expressing the regret of the Council at the necessity for the step.

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Court of Consuls - Petitions of Mr. Morrison and Grattens. The Legal Adviser's draft reply to these petitions is submitted and, after considerable

discussion

discussion, it is decided that the case so far as
 relates to Road Extension 7 shall not be considered.
 In regard to Road Extension 6 it is arranged
 that the Council's action shall be decided on by the
 Works Committee, who will hold a meeting for that
 purpose, at which the legal adviser is to be asked to
 attend.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. S. [Signature]
Secretary.

F. Anderson
Chairman.

The [unclear] Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
 at the [unclear] Room, [unclear], on Thursday, the 25th
 January, 1900, at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. F. Anderson, (Chairman),
 J. A. [unclear], E. A. Hewitt,
 R. Douglas, H. R. [unclear],
 J. [unclear], E. [unclear],
 W. [unclear], E. B. [unclear], the
 Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the
 Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and signed
 for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports
 for the past week are submitted.

Minutes of Works Committee read and confirmed.

✓ Telephone Service — Reply from the Mutual Telephone Co.
 to the Council's letter of 20th inst is read and discussed.

36 The Council considers that it is essential that a
 maximum rate for subscribers be fixed for a period of
 at least five years, and it is understood, that the
 Directors of the Co. will be advised to agree to this
 condition by Mr R. M. Campbell, whose opinions on
 the matter are informally submitted by Mr R. [unclear].

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Mr. Kimball expresses the view that the Council should insist on the deposit condition, but Mr. Rhode considers that a lien on the Co's property to the amount of \$50,000. would prove sufficient security for the public's interests being protected. The fourth paragraph of the Co's letter, dealing with the question of underground versus overhead installations, is also discussed, and the Council considers that it will suffice to get the Co to agree that the work of installation shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Council, represented in the first instance by the Municipal Engineer. After a full discussion it is resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Works Committee, who are empowered to accept the Co's tender if the above questions are satisfactorily disposed of. It is suggested that if the Co agrees to the Council's proposals in these matters, their representative should be invited to discuss with the Committee the details necessary to the completion of a formal agreement, and to settle such further points as require consideration. In the meanwhile, and pending some definite result in this direction, it is decided that no reply be sent to the other tenders.

Report by the Municipal Engineer and the Superintendent of the Electrical Department on points dealt with in the Mutual Co's tender is submitted, and referred to the Works Committee.

Reception of Prince Waldemar — The Council discusses the nature of the entertainment in honour of the Prince at the Town Hall. It is eventually decided to leave the arrangements for this function in the hands of a special Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Mr. Rhode and Mr. Skelton. The latter leaves the meeting to confer on the question with Mr. Henningsen, at whose house a meeting of Danish subjects is taking place. On his return the discussion is resumed in regard to the comparative advantages of a dinner and a Ball, the matter being finally left open, with a recommendation in favour of the former, providing satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Public

✓ Public Bond — Letter from Mr J. L. Scott, Chairman of the Public Bond Committee, is read, intimating that, subject to approval of the Council, the Committee desires to resign, being of opinion that the altered conditions under which the Bond now exists would be better met by placing it under direct control of the Council. The Secretary is directed to forward a reply thanking the Committee for past services, and showing the views expressed. It is also decided to write to the French Council and convey an intimation of the above.

The re-organisation of the Bond, together with the question of the engagement of a new Conductor to replace Mr Sturges next year, is referred to the Finance Committee; a letter from Mr Hellinguer, containing suggestions in regard to the latter point being ordered to be circulated for the information of its Members.

✓ Trees in Debt's Compound — Letter from the Coy Managers of the Russo-Chinese Bank is read, offering to give to the Council the trees standing in front of this property. The Secretary is directed to accept this offer with the Council's thanks.

✓ St Xavier School — The Annual Report of this Institution is submitted and ordered to be published.

✓ Fire Department — Letter from the Chief Engineer, refuting certain statements made in recent anonymous letters to the press on the subject of Police allowances &c at Fires, is read and ordered to be published.

✓ Road Excisions, 1900. — The completed plans (3) are submitted, approved and passed. It is noted that in the Western District three existing private roads have been scheduled for acquisition under Land Regulations VII, viz, that leading in Sigeo to the Cwo Sitatire, and those belonging to Mr Henry Thomas and Mr Seaman, south of the Bebbins Well Road.

An application by the Mixed Court Magistrate, on behalf of the French Authorities, to be supplied with information, and plans for road marking, is submitted and the request therein contained is acceded to. The Engineer will be directed to supply the specifications required.

✓ Captain Mackenzie's Agreement — Letter from Captain
 Mackenzie is read, referring to the Council's proposals
 14 in the matter of renewing his agreement, and request-
 ing that the same may be for a term of five years
 and that the duties to be performed by him thereunder
 should be defined before his departure on leave.

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The Council adheres to the decision already
 arrived at, viz that it is not advisable to specify
 these duties until Captain Mackenzie returns
 from leave, the question of the future command of
 the Shanghai Volunteer Corps being one in which
 final decision is not expedient. The Secretary is
 accordingly directed to reply that the Council can
 only give an agreement to the effect that Captain
 Mackenzie is re-engaged under existing conditions,
 without duties specified, for three years.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Hudson

Chairman.

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Exchange Place, Singapore on Thursday, the 5th February, 1900, at 11.30 a.m. —

Present. —
M.M.

- F. Anderson. Chairman,
- H. F. Karstson.
- C. J. Howell.
- R. Inglis.
- H. R. Newman.
- J. Proctor.
- C. G. Quasthouck.
- H. A. White.
- C. J. Skellern. the
- Secretary and
- Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken up and read. —
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and vouchers for summary accounts are signed.

Return of Premiums upon bonds and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted: —
 Architect Superintendent. for November & December.
 Health Officer. " " " " " " " " " " " "
 Vehicle Inspector. " " " " " " " " " " " "
 Summary of Licence Fees. " " " " " " " " " " " "

✓ The Minutes of Finance Committee are read and confirmed. In regard to Mortgage Rates — The Secretary states that having seen the Secretary of the Truck Council on the subject, there appears to be reason to suppose that the renewal of the existing arrangement will be approved.

✓ Telephone Service — Letter from the Mutual Company, already circulated to the Members, is considered, and suggestions thereon discussed. It is decided to accept the proposals of the Company, as contained in their letter and subsequent letters, on the understanding that the following conditions

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are agreed to:

- 1 That the Company shall adhere to the terms of its contract in regard to a fixed rate for subscribers applying for an appliance, resulting within the limits of the Metropolitan Settlement, irrespective of distance from the premises.
- 2 That the sum of £10,000 to be held by the Company in the Company's property, shall stand for a period of 12 years after completion of the installation, as security for satisfactory performance by the Company of the terms of the agreement to be made with the Council, and of efficient service;
- 3 That in allotting the shares of the Company applicants for 12 or a less number of shares, shall have preference over applicants for a larger number. The Council understands that this is the intention of the Directors, and would further suggest the desirability of allotting shares to all bona fide subscribers, so far as may be possible, at par.

On these terms the motion to give the concession to the Mutual Company is unanimously approved. It is also decided to suggest that in the event of the negotiations being concluded on this basis, a meeting shall take place as soon as possible between representatives of the Company and the Work's Committee, with a view to taking immediate steps for carrying on the public service with a minimum of delay, leaving the formal agreement to be drawn up hereafter under legal advice.

Battle Honour of Prince Willem - The question of inviting the Tabor and his Squadron to this celebration is discussed, and eventually carried in the affirmative on a show of hands, the Members of the War Committee voting in the minority, and Mr. Dentice.

St. Luke's Hospital - An application from Dr. St. W. is forwarded through Mr. Goodenough is read, in which it is asked that the annual grant made from the public funds to this institution be increased. It is pointed out that the work done thereby in Municipal cases has grown very considerably of late years, the present grant of £1500, being quite inadequate. Decided to include

an appropriation of \$1000. in the Budget for this purpose.
Annual Meeting — The date of the Annual Meeting is fixed for 15th March.

Public Band — The Secretary is instructed, to request the Manager of the Young Men's Young Men's Band, to write to the Council and enquire what instruments they may have available for engagement playing, and what is the average rate of salaries asked. If suitable, the men are to be engaged.

A letter from the Band Secretary states that the present Bandsmen are willing to renew their engagements at increased rates of pay, the total increase for annum under the new scale being about \$2000. At the same time it is stated that some of the men are no longer fit for employment.

The Council considers it advisable to re-engage the men recommended for a year, steps being taken to provide for penalties to be inflicted in the case of insubordination or neglect of duty.

A letter from the Musician is submitted, in which it is stated that Mr. Vela, Late Bandmaster, would probably be willing to rejoin the Council's service. It is considered inadvisable that the Council should address Mr. Vela in the matter, but the Secretary is directed to suggest that Mr. Wedemeyer should write to him, and, specifying out the existing position, propose that he should apply for re-engagement, stating clearly his terms for a new agreement. At the same time, he might advise on the question of obtaining a string quartette of Italian musicians, as an experiment, stating what the probable expenditure thereon, exclusive of salaries would be.

Public School — Letter from the Hon Secy is read, forwarding the Committee's annual report, and stating that as the Committee's term of office will shortly expire, it will be necessary for the Council to make a new appointment.

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The question of new nominations is deferred till next week, and the Secretary is directed to enquire which Members of the present Committee are willing to continue their services.

Volunteers — The Major Commandant notifies the resignation of Captain Anderson, Reserve Company, on his departure from Oahu.

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Court of Appeals Case — The Royal Advisor intimates, in a letter read, that the hearing of the suit brought against the Council, by Messrs Monison & Gratton is postponed — at the firm's request pending decision of the Mr. Attorney General.

Institution of Insurance Offices — Draft of amendment to By-laws etc by the Royal Advisor is submitted, but the Members consider the wording thereof too detailed, for the purposes of this By-law, and the Secretary is directed to request Mr. Duval to consider whether the matter cannot be dealt with in some more convenient way.

Common Road — The Chairman states that he has had an interview by appointment with the Chairman of the French Council, who has offered certain suggestions for the transfer to the administration, of the French Municipality of that portion of the road which lies between the limits of the Foreign Settlement and the Cemetery. It is pointed out, that the road, though now situated within the French boundaries, is of Municipal property; the Members concur in the opinion that the difficulties thus originating will best be met by handing over the thoroughfare to French administration on the understanding (1) that the French Council shall light, police and maintain it in good order; (2) that the Town Municipality shall continue to enjoy all rights and privileges therein as heretofore, such as sending Police and Volunteers to attend funerals; and (3) that vehicles licensed by this Council shall be entitled to use the road without further taxation. The Secretary is directed to write in this sense.

The Meeting then adjourns.

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Chairman

J. J. [Signature]
Secretary

At the joint meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber,
St. George's Hall, St. James, on the 25th day of December, 1900, at 4.30 P.M.

Present.

M. H.

- A. J. Keates, Chairman.
- W. F. Gardner.
- E. A. Hewitt.
- R. Duffin.
- A. R. Fittin.
- J. Creative.
- C. G. Buchanan.
- H. H. H. H.
- Director.
- Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

W. B. Kettlewell.

- The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read.
- The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
- Cash Statement for the last week is submitted, and approved for ordinary accounts are signed.
- Return of Expenditure at individual and for the daily reports for the period since is submitted.
- Departmental Reports — The following are submitted: —
 - General Financial Report, January, for December quarter.
 - Engineering Department, January.
- Education Grants — Letter from Mr. A. Welch is read, asking the Council to include in the Budget for 1900 a grant in aid of the Anglo-Chinese School. The Council are unanimously opposed to complying with this request, it being their opinion that the policy of the Council should be towards the consolidation of a system of public education, under British control, directed by the Government, rather than towards increasing the number of subsidies to denominational establishments. The view of the proposed establishment of a Chinese Public School, the present suggestion appears especially undesirable.

Local

Local Advertising — An application by the Colonial to be allowed the advertising of Municipal Notifications is considered. It is decided that such advertisements as refer to matters not purely local shall be forwarded to this paper for insertion. At the same time it is suggested that the incoming Council might with advantage consider whether Municipal advertising in local matters should not be confined to certain "official" papers.

Electrical Department Plans — The Works Committee recommends that, in view of the very unsatisfactory report by the Superintendent on the condition and working of the new engine, an inspection of the same should be made by local engineers. Messrs S. Roberts and J. Ford are recommended as suitable experts to undertake this work. The Secretary is directed to write to these gentlemen accordingly.

Public School Committee — The Council directs that Mr John Morris be invited to join the Committee, and approves the suggestion that Mr Ryde be asked to accept the position of Hon Sec.

Mr Hewitt undertakes to inform the Rev. Mr. Styles of this decision.

Holidays — Letter from the General Officer Commanding in Hong Kong is submitted, stating that he will be pleased to make the usual arrangements for the Annual Training and Inspection of the Corps.

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do — The Commission for Major Donald MacKenzie, as Commandant, is signed by the Chairman.

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It is understood that the services of Captain Chase as Assistant will be continued until the return of Major MacKenzie from leave.

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Letter from the Major Commanding is received, submitting for confirmation certain staff movements in "B" Coy, viz, the resignation of Captain Lanning, the election of Private Brennan to be Captain, and of Sergeant Wilson to be 2nd Lieutenant.

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These appointments are confirmed.

Barbed Wire — A complaint by Mr H. D. King against the

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the nuisance and danger caused by the erection of a barbed wire fence belonging to Mr R. M. Campbell on the Sierra road, is submitted. Before taking the Legal Adviser's opinion in the matter, it is decided to approach Mr Campbell and endeavor to have the question settled unofficially.

✓ Town Hall - The Vice Chairman alludes to a recent Notice issued by the Captain of the Reserve Company, S.V.C. naming an hour for drill of the Company which would interfere with the weekly Band performances. The attention of the Adjutant is to be called to the matter.

✓ Fire Department - On the question of the fund which has been raised for the children of the late Firman Smith, it is decided that the Council can only consent to administer those funds independently, and not, as has been suggested by Mr Kahler, as one of several Trustees.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Anderson

Chairman

J. D. D. D.
Secretary

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiangai Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 22nd February, 1900, at 4.30 P.M. —

Present.

S. Anderson, Chairman,
 S. A. Hardoon,
 R. Duglis,
 A. R. Minson,
 J. Krentler,
 C. Guaskeubush,
 W. R. Hill,
 E. B. Skottow, the
 Secretary and the
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

E. A. Hewitt.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

1/ Education Scheme — Draft of letter to Mr J. Welch is read, replying to his application for a grant in aid of the Anglo-Chinese School. Approved.

2/ Public School — The Council is informed that Messrs John Morris and C. H. Ryde have consented to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Messrs A. White and J. Steinhorse from the School Committee.

3/ 95 107 The Committee is therefore reconstituted for its ensuing term of office by the appointment of these gentlemen.
 1/ The Minutes of the Special Meeting of 17th inst between the Nanking Committee and representatives of the Mutual Telephone Company are read and approved.

2/ The Secretary is directed to forward copies of these minutes to the Truck Council and to the Secretary of the Telephone Company for confirmation.

Minutes of the Watch Committee are read and approved.

They are modified, after discussion, in the following particulars:-

93 ✓ Case of Sergeant Madson - The application by this ex-polein employe for his deferred pay is to be refused. The Council notes the opinion, verbally expressed to the Secretary by the Legal Adviser, that the amount should be paid, since the Sergeant was not convicted by the German Consular Court, but in view of the special enquiry subsequently held into his case by the Watch Committee, and to the cause of his dismissal, the Members consider that the issue of deferred pay would be prejudicial to a discipline.

98 ✓ Savorn License - A protest on this subject having now been addressed to the Council by the Committee of the Sailor's Home, it is decided to refuse the application for the opening of a public house in the building adjoining the Home.

✓ Duties of Captain Maedewitz - Decided, as the result of a semi-official note by the Captain Superintendent of Police, that Captain Maedewitz, as regards his duties in charge of the Guard, shall be directly responsible to the Council. The remainder of the Committee's recommendations are confirmed.

✓ Adjutancy, S.V.C. - After discussion of this subject and understanding that the Major Commanding is in favour of dispensing forthwith with the services of a paid Adjutant for the Corps, the Council decides to pay Captain Close to the end of June and to inform him that his services have been rendered unnecessary by the appointment of a paid Commandant.

4 ✓ Shanghai General Hospital - Letter from the Senior Council is read, stating that the Councils for Great Britain, France and Germany have been re-elected, Sovereigns of the Hospital for the current year.

71 ✓ Letter from the Secretary also submitted, notifying the Council that Messrs McLeod, Inglis, Brand and Paulsen offer themselves for election, as Governors.

75 ✓ Grants to Mrs Russell - Letter from Mr E. P. Wickham, already

already circulated, is considered, in which the Council is asked, to make a grant to Mrs. Reymond of \$1000. to enable her to re-establish a Boarding House, the disappearance of Mr. Reymond having left her in distressed circumstances. The issue of this grant is approved, by a majority of the Council, and it is noted that if application is made hereafter for a sum in aid of other persons dependent on Mr. Reymond, the Council will consider the appropriation for this purpose of the balance of six months salary usually given under similar circumstances.

81 / Pastor's Institute — Letter from the Trunk Council is submitted, offering to make an annual contribution of \$500. towards the expenses of this institution. Mr. Hodson states that this grant will next year be increased to \$1000, but that the smaller sum has been allowed to stand for the current year, the Trunk Council's resolution having been formally communicated.

80 / Town Hall — Letter from the Major Commanding is read, asking the Council to withdraw the permission given to the High-School Comy. Socy. to use the Town Hall for a dance on 15th March, on account of the inconvenience caused thereby to the S.V.C. Drill arrangements.

Decided to reply that in future the Hall will be reserved exclusively for Drill purposes during the training season, but that in the present instance the Council granted the application because a similar one had been forwarded by the Officer Commanding the Light Horse, presumably with the sanction of the Major Commanding.

8 / Case of Illegal Arrest — The Council is informed that further representations have now been addressed to the British and Senior Consuls in the matter of the illegal arrest which came before the Council in December last and with reference to which no action has yet been taken by the Consular Body.

8 / High School Agency — The appointment of Messrs. Pearson, Dunlop & Co. to be the Council's Agents in America is formally approved on the terms already recorded.

- ✓ Electrical Installations — Letter from Mr H. J. Wilkinson, written on behalf of his clerk, Mr E. E. Forster, is read, in which he requests the Council to withdraw the existing rules under which the electrical current is only supplied where the installations have been made by the Municipal Electric Works. It is intimated that refusal to comply with this request will entail legal proceedings. The Council by a majority decides that the regulations must be adhered to. Refers to the Works Committee.
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- ✓ Garbage in the River — Letter from the Engineer on this subject is submitted, containing certain proposals for a river-cleaning service to be instituted by the M. W. Refers to the Works Committee.
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- ✓ Engineer's Staff — Departmental report by the Engineer submitted, detailing the steps taken to secure in Australia a special surveyor for the extension area works, and recommending the appointment of Mr Roy. Refers to Works Committee.
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- ✓ Road Extension — Suit in Court of Consuls — Two official letters from Mr F. M. Gatlou to the Engineer, with report thereon by the latter, is read, in which Mr Gatlou asks that the Council should agree to certain proposals for diverting the line of Road Extension B, on condition of fee surrender. The Council considers that as this case is still before the Court, and as the previous correspondence has been officially published, ^{any} new proposals in the matter should be officially submitted by the firm concerned.
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- ✓ Barbed Wire Fence — The Chairman states the views expressed by Mr R. M. Campbell in the matter of the complaints which have been made to the Council in regard to his fence on the Durga Road, from which it appears that he is prepared to outstep the legal rights of the case. It is decided to obtain the Legal Advisor's opinion in the matter, and in the meanwhile the Chairman will endeavour to obtain an amicable arrangement thereof.
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- The Meeting then adjourns.

J. J. Hand
Secretary

F. A. D. S. S.
Chairman

Of the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room
to 23, Main Street, Shanghai, on Thursday, the
1st March, 1900, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. J.

J. Anderson. (Chairman)

J. A. Harwood.

E. A. Howell.

R. Inglis.

M. R. Kumar.

J. Prentice.

C. J. Kumbush.

M. R. K. de.

E. B. Kottowe.

Secretary and the
Assistant Secretary, also M. J.

M. Leo and Ed., Members of Council for 1900.

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports
for the past week are submitted.

The Chairman states that, following the usual
procedure, the newly elected Members of Council for
1900 have been invited to attend in order to afford
them an opportunity of discussing the Report and
Budget, now published. No questions being asked,
the Council proceeds to the ordinary business of the day.

The Minutes of the Work's Committee are read and confirmed.

Public Board — Letter from the Bandmaster is
submitted, making certain recommendations in regard to
the impending renewal of the Bandmen's agreements.
He suggests that one man be discharged for insub-
ordination and that there be invalided as unfit
for further duty. At the same time he suggests that
the Assistant Bandmaster, Mr. Castro, be sent forth-
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with to Hquira to engage, if possible, seven more musicians, to bring the Band up to its authorised strength.

These recommendations are approved, and the Council authorises the payment of passages to Hquira and certain gratuities to the invalided men.

✓ Tramways — Letter from the Agents of the Shonbin Tramway Syndicate L^d is read, submitting further proposals in regard to their tender and explaining their proposed methods. The Council decides to reply that in view of the declaration made by the Chairman at the special meeting of Ratepayers in October last in which it was stated that if the Syndicate's tender were rejected no further steps would be taken by the Council under the resolution of 1898, any new proposals in the matter must now emanate from ratepayers. The correspondence is ordered for publication.

✓ Annual Meeting — The Motions for submission at the annual Meeting are submitted and approved.

✓ Court of Councils — A letter from the Junior Council intimates that the constitution of the Court, as elected for the current year, is unchanged.

✓ Engineers Department:—Staff — The engagement of Mr Roy, from Australia, at a salary of £ 350, a year, under a two years agreement, as Assistant for special survey work in the extension area, is approved upon the recommendations of the Works Committee.

✓ Health Department:—Staff — The engagement of Mr C. H. Hill, selected by Mr Durdin to be Assistant Sanitary Inspector is notified by the Council's London Agents. He leaves England on 5th inst.

✓ Municipal Publications — It is decided that in future a fixed charge shall be made for all Municipal publications applied for by the public over and above the single copies supplied free to Ratepayers. The Secretary is directed to issue a notification accordingly. The price to be charged for the Report and Budget is 2s 6d, and other publications in proportion to their cost.

✓ Volunteers — The Major Commanding notifies the resignation

resignation of Lieutenant Cornick of the Naval Company, on which subject no further communication will be made. The appointment of Mr. Woodruff to be Adjutant with the rank of Lieutenant is recommended by the Major Commanding after consultation with the Officers of the Corps, and sanctioned by the Council.

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 ✓ Volunteers - Station Staff Officer - Letter from the Major Commanding is read, recommending that Major Holliday be appointed Station Staff Officer, with a view to his rendering special assistance to the Commanding Officer on active service and in ordinary duties. The matter is referred to the Board Committee.

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 ✓ Use of Town Hall - A letter by the Major Commanding is read, referring to the proposed use of the building by the High-ko-Roony Fire Company for a dance on the 13th inst; while suggesting that the Hall should in future be granted for other than drill purposes, under the Council's sanction, by himself, he points out that entertainments given in the Hall by units of the Corps cannot be held to be on the same footing as those of local societies, &c. The Council takes exception to the views expressed by the Major Commanding and the Secretary is directed to reply, drawing attention to the Council's letter of July last on this subject to Major Holliday, and emphasizing the statement that the disposal of the building, in whole or in part, must always rest with the Council alone. Attention is also to be called to the fact that the building has been officially designated as the "Town Hall" by the Council.

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 ✓ Licenses - Petition, from a number of residents in Hongkew is submitted, requesting the Council to refuse any further applications for licensed premises in that locality or for the removal of existing houses of entertainment to other situations. It is also asked that the Council should publish for general information all notices of application for new licenses. The recent request of Mrs. Sterling for permission to transfer the "Swivel" to a site adjoining the Sailor's Home is reviewed in a further letter, and the applicant asks that she,

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
to 23 Kings Road, Shagshid, on Thursday the 23rd
March 1900 at 4.30 p.m. —

Present.

M R.

J. Anderson (Chairman)
D. A. Anderson
E. A. Hewell
R. Angles
H. R. Keenan
J. Prentice
E. Quackebush
M. P. P. P.
E. B. D. Kollowe and the
Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques
for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports
for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following, for February
are submitted:

Health Officers.
Vehicle Inspectors.
Engineers.

Summary of License Fees &c.

The Minutes of the Watch Committee are read and confirmed.

It is required that it is recorded, as the result of a
vote of the Council that the Members are opposed by a
majority to any relaxation of the Muzlines Regulations.

Favorable Licenses — The Council upholds the decision to
refuse the applications, renewed by Mrs Stirling, for per-
mission to transfer the license of the "Travellers Hotel" to
the premises adjoining the Gailors Home. The decision
is based chiefly on the report forwarded by the Com-
mittee of that Institution. The proposals for regulating
the future issue of licenses are approved.

Volunteers

Station Staff Officer. — Considerable discussion takes place in regard to the appointment of Major Holliday to this position, but after reading the Memorandum by the Chairman and Major Holliday's personal explanations on the subject, the recommendation of the Committee is endorsed. The Secretary is directed to request the Major to commence to proceed forthwith with the revision of the Volunteer Regulation which refers to the appointment of the Commanding Officer. The Chairman, at the request of the Council, undertakes to communicate to Major MacKenzie the Council's opinion that in future it will be advisable for him to consult the Chief Commandant before submitting any official communications involving important changes in the administration of the Corps.

Ratepayers Meeting: — Motions

The Council disposes the multitude to be assembled in regard to the Resolutions, of which notice has been given, referring to the question of the Road to the Hills. After a formal decision, carried by a majority, that the Council will not oppose the motion, it is decided that, in view of the difference of opinion which exists on the question among the Members, the Chairman will intimate to the meeting that the Council leaves the matter in the hands of the Ratepayers, but at the same time he will explain the reasons, for and against the scheme, which have influenced the Members of Council.

Electrical Installations

Mr. E. G. Porter having renewed his application, under modified terms, for supply of the current to his house, the Council confirms the opinion of the Works Committee that the request cannot be complied with. The Chairman has advised Mr. Porter verbally that his best course will be to withdraw the letter threatening legal proceedings and to make formal application to the Council to put in his installations, in which case the Council would no doubt be inclined to deal favourably with the request.

In the event of Mr. Wilkinson, on behalf of Mr. Porter — raising this question, in the form of an amendment to the Budget, the Council thinks that the Chairman of the Meeting should be asked to rule such amendment out of order. In the meanwhile, Mr. Rhode undertakes to prepare a Memorandum

To Electrical Dept.

Memorandum giving the Council's reasons for upholding the existing regulations in this matter.

✓ The Mc Murray Case. — It being understood that a resolution is to be proposed at the forthcoming meeting that the Council should defray from the public funds all the costs incurred by Mr Mc Murray in defending the action brought against him by the Council, the Chairman takes the sense of the meeting on the attitude to be adopted. The Members are unanimously opposed to complying with the proposals which it is understood Mr Buchanan will advance, involving an expenditure of some £10,000, and a note by the Legal Adviser is read stating that in his opinion the sum of £1,000 already contributed towards Mr Mc Murray's costs at home will amply cover all the expenses of the appeal on his side.

✓ Ho Lubbers — Recommendations by the Major Commanding to permit of certain alterations in the uniform of the Naval Company, involving no expenditure from the public funds, is sanctioned.

✓ Annual Report — Letter from Mr F. H. Gratton is read referring to the omission in this publication of any reference to the recent land assessment. The Secretary's directive to reply that the omission is due to an oversight and that the Chairman will explain the same in the speech on the Report.

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✓ Barbed Wire — Decided, in accordance with an opinion submitted by the Legal Adviser, to inform the complainant in this matter, that the Council, for reasons given, cannot take action in re.

✓ Electric Department — Plant — Report by Messrs Electricians and Store on the condition and working of the new engines is submitted, and referred to the Works Committee. It is noted that these gentlemen do not consider that any serious defects exist in the plants, and that they recommend that arrangements be made for testing one of the engines at full load, under which conditions they think that the existing defects can be located and their importance defined.

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✓ Road Extension Plans, 1900 — The plans are finally submitted and.

and signed by the Surveyor. On the matter of the land adjoining the Shanghai Home Site, the Council is informed that the owner has now consented to an arrangement whereby he surrenders a portion of the ground required for the proposed road, receiving payment for the balance at a cash to the Council of about \$5,000.

A letter from Mr. Allyn agreeing to this arrangement on behalf of the owner is read. The Council approves of the matter being settled in this way.

The Meeting then adjourns.

F. Anderson.

(Chairman)

E. J. Clark
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Bridge Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the 15th March, 1900, at 11.30 p.m. —

Present —

M. M.

F. Anderson.

C. M. Ede.

S. A. Harcourt.

E. A. Howell.

R. Inglis.

A. M. Lioa.

E. Quaskeubush.

M. K. Lioa.

E. B. Kollowe.

Secretary.

Assistant Secretary.

H. R. Finnan

J. Prentice

Absent —

The Minutes relating the Meeting is taken as read.

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The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the retiring Chairman who takes the opportunity to thank the members for their support during his term of office. He expresses the hope that the ensuing Municipal year may be a successful one.

On behalf of the members the Vice Chairman, thanks to Messrs Anderson and Kinnear - an expression of regret at their retirement and thanks the former for the useful manner in which he has performed the onerous duties of the Chair. The retiring member then withdraws.

Election of Office Bearers - It is proposed by Mr Rolde and seconded by Mr Qualis that Mr Hewitt be elected Chairman for the ensuing year; it is proposed by Mr Hewitt and seconded by Mr Skollowe that Mr McLeod be elected Vice Chairman, both proposals being unanimously agreed to.

On a motion from the Chair it is decided that the constitution of the Works and Watch Committee, shall remain unchanged and that Messrs McKeon, Cole, and MacKenzie shall form the Finance Committee.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts cashed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

River Pollution - A despatch from the Commissioner of Customs on this subject is referred to the Works Committee, to whom the Health Officer and the Engineer will make special reports in re.

Plague Precautions - In response to a further letter from the Commissioner it is decided that the Council agrees to continue during 1900 the monthly contribution towards the upkeep of the Chung Fao San Sanitary Station so long as it is in operation.

Licensing of Boats - The Police report on this subject has been circulated to the members and the opinion prevails that the scheme as a whole is not a desirable innovation. Mr Skollowe points out that a useful and quite feasible change might be effected by increasing the size of the figures on the present license plates.

Decisions.

- Decisions is deferred to enable the new members to read the full report.
- Mixed Court Reform — The Council is informed that the Mixed Court Assessors have returned in conversation to us growing inclination on the part of the Magistrate to recede to the letter of the Courts Rules and to ignore such improvements in procedure as have been effected by recent mutual arrangements. The occasion appears to be one for renewing the Council's request to H. M. Government for a revised constitution and directions are given that a letter be sent to Mr Warren in this sense.
- Police Force — Report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted wherein he asks for permission to recruit ten untrained men through the Chief Constable of Liverpool, to bring the force up to its authorized strength. This proposal has the support of the Bench Committee and the necessary steps are authorized to be taken through Messrs Prosser & Co. It is noted that the men will join as third class constables.
- Case of Sergeant Osborne — Copy of the judgment against this ex-policeman in the Supreme Court is submitted, and the Secretary is directed to see the man and ascertain what his intentions are in regard to the payment of the fine imposed. The Council is willing to forego the claim against him on his agreeing to leave Singapore forthwith.
- The Council versus Mc Murray — Copy of a letter which the legal adviser has addressed to the defendants solicitors in reference to the taxed costs in this case under appeal is read and approved.
- Brewett Freshwater Case — Letter from Messrs Brewett and Ellis is submitted in which are made definite proposals for the final settlement of this question. Except that the Council is unable to accept, or recognize the necessity for, a deed of surrender the proposals appear satisfactory; the letter is ordered to be circulated together with report by the Engineer in the matter.
- Settlement Extension Land Tax — The Council is informed that the outstanding amount of land tax payment of which

which is likely to be refused will probably not exceed \$500, and it is therefore decided not to take legal proceedings for its recovery at present.

✓ Kung-ping Road Jetty — Report by the Engineer is read in which he states that owing to the fact that Messrs. Jardine Matheson could have obtained permission to build up the adjoining lot to a level with the opposite wharf the public convenience will best be served by the completion of this building along the road frontage, the cost of which will be slightly below that of the authorised Jetty. His report is approved.

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Upon the subject of Jetties generally a discussion ensues as to the inadequate control of the water traffic through and it is decided to approach the Customs authorities with a view to remedying the existing state of affairs.

✓ Volunteers — The application of Surgeon Major Macleod for one year's leave is granted.

✓ Sanitary Board — Dr Macleod's resignation of his Seat on the Board is received and the Secretary is directed, in acknowledging his letter, to express the Council's thanks for the useful work which he has performed as Chairman of the Board.

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On the proposal of the Chairman it is decided not to reconstitute the Board, but for the future to control the sanitary work of the Settlement through the Health Office without extraneous assistance.

✓ Chinese Park — The Chairman submits a letter from Dr Burye suggesting the acquisition of the Gaung-si-poo Chinese garden as a park for the use of ^{Foreign residents} ~~the public~~, which is ordered for circulation.

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The Meeting then adjourns.

Edwards

Chairman

J. H. Shaw
Secretary

At the joint Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room,
 23 Kingsway Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the
 27th March, 1900, at 11.30 p.m. —

Present —

M.M.

G.A. Hewitt. (Chairman)
 E. M. Lee.
 W. A. Harcourt
 R. Inglis.
 A. M. Lee & Co.
 J. J. Malice.
 W. C. MacKenzie.
 M. K. H. Lee.
 E. B. Holloway. Secy.
 Secretary and Treas.
 Assistant Secretary.

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
 the Chairman and passed for publication.

The Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques
 for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports
 for the past week are submitted.

✓ Mixed Court Reform — Reply from N. M. Consul General
 is read wherein he states that he has for some time
 had this question under consideration and that
 he will shortly forward to Peking a code of
 revised regulations. The Chairman agrees to see
 Mr. Warren and request that the Council may have
 an opportunity of seeing the draft before its despatch.

✓ Licensing of Mazo's — By and increasing the size of
 numbers on license plates it is decided not to proceed
 further with these proposals. The Chairman states that
 the new plates will be available in four months and
 will cost about £200.

✓ Chinese Park — The members are unanimous in the opinion
 that Dr. Burge's proposal is not one which would
 commend itself to the Ratepayers, and the Chairman
 undertakes

undertakes to reply, in this case, adding that the suggestions offered as to roads from the Yppolze farm road to the river will have due weight at the next revision of the official plan.

Recreation Grounds Committee — The Chairman states that considerable cause for dissatisfaction exists at the manner in which this ground is at present managed. A discussion ensues regarding the constitution of the Committee for the year 1900 and, with a view to possible alterations therein, the Council decides to approach Mr J. L. Scott requesting him to allow himself to be nominated. In the meanwhile Mr Hewitt is re-elected as the Council's representative, and the Secretary is directed to ascertain the names of the nominees of the Race Club and the Recreation Ground Trustees.

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Letter from the Committee is read, in which complaints are made of the unsanctioned use of a portion of the ground by the Light Horse. This letter having been forwarded to the Major Commanding the latter states that application was duly made to the Secretary but in the absence of reply, permission was taken for granted.

Horsing Home Site — A further letter is submitted from Mr Edgar in which he asks that the Council will permit him under agreement to reserve a five-foot strip at the north end of the proposed new road until such time as it is decided to construct a public road at right angles thereto. To this additional proposal the Council will not consent, but Mr Edgar is to be informed that in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that the northern end of this road be kept closed, to ensure a measure of privacy, and that it will be kept thus closed so long as such a course appears expedient in the several interests of the locality.

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Registry Office for Servants — Letter from Mr A. C. Russell Esq, is submitted asking for police and other assistance for their recently established office.

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office. The members are averse to making any official recognition of this establishment or to granting any Police services beyond those to which all Rate payers alike are entitled.

Electrical Machinery — The remarks of the Department upon the Cooper's report on the new engines have been read by the Works Committee, and it is decided that unless Messrs Ford and Eckharts modify their recommendations in the light of Mr Nelson's observations, the full load test shall be proceeded with in the presence of the above three persons and Mr Reach.

Fire Department — Certain requisitions by the Fire Commission regarding telephonic connection for firemen in Canada spouts and fall-bells for the Brigade are approved, it being noted that it will not be possible for the Electrical Department to carry out all these arrangements at once, in view of the approaching change in the telephone service.

Public Lighting — A letter from the Gas Co., submitting certain proposals for extension of the new system of incandescent lighting and for substitution of the same for arc light, is referred to the Works Committee.

Court of Councils — The Legal Adviser forwards a communication from the Clerk of the Court to the effect that the suit brought by the Lord (Prison) System has now been abandoned — The plaintiff's expenses.

Local Lotteries — A letter from the Manager of the Hotel N.R. Michopole is submitted applying for permission to open a "Wheel of Fortune" on race days. A report by the Overseer of Taxes on the general question of lotteries and other forms of gambling is referred, with the above particulars, to the Works Committee.

Telephone Service — Letter from the Shanghai Mutual Company is read, in which the permission of the Council is asked for the erection of certain temporary lines, the negotiations to purchase the China & Japan Company's plant having had no result.

Decided —

Decided to grant the permission asked, the work to be done to the satisfaction of the Municipal Engineer. In this connection the Secretary is directed to call on the Manager of the River Japan and to enquire on what date the Company will commence to remove its plant in the event of its service being discontinued.

The Meeting then adjourns.

E. A. Howell

Chairman.

J. Stand
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Abchurch Lane, London, on Thursday, the 7th March, 1900, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

- E. A. Howell. (Chairman)
- M. Ed.
- S. A. Harcourt
- R. Justice
- A. M. Keon
- J. Spratling
- E. Spaekens
- M. R. ...
- C. B. Skottow
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting, are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash statements for the past week is submitted, and cheques for subsidiary accounts are signed.

Records of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Works Committee Minutes are read and the recommendations therein duly endorsed.

Watch Committee Minutes are read, and in reference thereto:-

✓ Case of Detective Chai Ah Ngy — The Chairman recapitulates, for the information of members, the circumstances of this case, and states that the view of the Watch Committee is in no way modified by the further expression of the Captain Superintendent's opinion under a day date. Mr. Kollome considers that the gravity of the detective's breach of regulations does not appear to be fully realized. The Council is unanimously in favour of the dismissal of Detective Fox.

✓ Volunteers Ammunition — Comparison of the figures giving the present stock of cordite cartridges and of the consumption during last year as given by the Major Commanding with those in the report by Major Kollome which gave rise to the increased grant from Hong Kong would appear to show the need for further enquiry into the matter, the price also at which it is proposed to obtain the new supply from outside sources has not been definitely ascertained, the matter is therefore referred back to the Watch Committee.

✓ Assessment Committee — After some discussion it is decided to request the gentlemen who formed the Committee of 1899 to act in the same capacity in relation to the forthcoming assessment of the Extension Area. As the amount of work involved cannot be definitely known it is decided to leave the question of the fee to be paid in abeyance for the present.

✓ Chinese School — The Secretary is directed to write to Mr. Turquon and request that the sum of £5,000, subscribed by native residents as guarantee for the School building, may be sent to the Council and further to ask his assistance in the matter of the selection.

selection and purchase of a site. In reply to Mr Guackebush the Chairman states that the Council is pledged by the terms of the Resolution adopted to the establishment of one central school and not of several smaller ones, an opinion in which the members concur.

Volunteers — The necessary alterations in S.W.C. Regulations which makes the Command of the Corps a position similar to that of the Head of other departments of the Municipal Service, is approved.

Major MacKenzie is to be directed to issue a general order to the Corps to this effect.

Do Reserve Company — The appointment of Mr C. Stephanius as Lieutenant of the German section of this Company is sanctioned and his Commission signed. The resignation of Lieutenant Clifton is noted.

Do Staff — Captain Dowdall resigns his Commission and is re-appointed as Engineer Staff Officer retaining his rank as Captain.

Licensed Chinese Tea Houses — In order that more adequate control over these establishments may be maintained and more effectual supervision over the class of entertainment provided therein, it is decided to exact a deposit from all holders of licenses of £50. which shall be forfeitable in case of non-compliance with the conditions under which it is issued.

Fire Department — Letter from the Commission is read requesting that action be taken by the Council in regard to an unwarrantable interference with the flank of the Brigade by certain persons whose names are given. The Secretary is directed to address these individuals and call for an explanation of their conduct.

Road Alterations 1900. — Protest by Mr J. D. Seaman is received in regard to the scheduling for a public road of the lane leading to his house No 138 & Bubbling Well Road and adjoining land.

An interview between the Works Committee and Mr Seaman

Deoman will be engaged to examine into the grounds of the 3rd Act.

Case of Mr W. D. Phillips — Letter from this gentleman is read in which he requests that the house tax paid by him previous to the General meeting of Ratepayers be utilised for payment of the current quarters tax. It is decided to point out that it is open to Mr Phillips to proceed against the Council for the recovery of any amount which he considers wrongfully levied. But that in the meanwhile further refusal to pay current dues will be followed by his prosecution before the British Court.

Mayor's Road Widening — It is noted that a sum of £1500 has been expended on the purchase of a lease strip of land from an unregistered lot to the immediate north of Calashoe lot 1100. for this purpose.

Se Kien Collection in the Settlement — The Council is informed of the arrest of three native runners employed by the Chinese Indian Office and of their detention pending instructions. A previous case against this office had arisen on the 26th inst in connection with the confiscation of a consignment of cotton white on transit in the Settlement, no redress being offered. The members are unanimous in their decision not to liberate the runners until the Consul has been communicated with on the subject, and in the meanwhile the Chairman will see Mr Consul General and endeavour to arrange for an adequate outline when the case comes up at the High Court.

Provisional Assessment of Plausion Area — It is decided that matters which cannot be settled between the Council and land owners in accordance with the opinion of the Official Referee, Mr F. M. Gratton's report shall be considered in view until the new Committee has concluded the general assessment. The Secretary states that only two such cases have up to the present arisen.

Sanitary Board — An addition to the Salary of Mr

A. E. Jones is authorized commensurate with that formerly paid to him as Secretary, of this Body, it being noted that should occasion hereafter arise he will perform the functions of Secretary to the Board, as part of his official duties.

Building Regulations — Mr. Rohde is of opinion that the drafting of these regulations under provisions of Law Regulation VIII is not a matter which should be left entirely to the Engineer and he proposes that a Special Committee be appointed for this purpose. It is decided that the Works Committee shall go into this question and in its discussion invite the co-operation of the Legal Adviser and Mr. G. J. Morrison.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Edwards
Chairman.

J. D. Jones
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, 10, 25, St. James's Road, Shanghai, on Monday, the 9th April, 1900 at 11.30. A.M.

- Present
- M. M.
 - E. H. Howell. (Chairman)
 - C. M. ...
 - S. W. ...
 - J. ...
 - S. M. ...
 - M. ...
 - W. B. ...
 - Secretary
 - Assistant Secretary
- Absent
- J. ...
 - E. ...

The former firm have made an offer to sell the land required from their lot, conditional upon the latter's similar action. Mr Harcourt, the representative of the firm Harcourt, states that he has already received a permit to build from the Engineer and that his honors are almost completed; he is therefore unable to make the required surrender. After considerable discussion it is decided to inform the firm Harcourt and to inform that the Council will claim the land under Article VII of the Land Regulations appealing if necessary to the Land Commissioners to determine the price to be paid therefor. Mr Harcourt further states that, though speaking without the knowledge of the owner of the property, he is ready to guarantee that when the property comes to be again rebuilt the scheduled portion thereof will be surrendered at its assessed value.

✓ The Council is strongly of opinion that no permit to build should have been given in this case until the Council had had an opportunity of hearing the circumstances. At his suggestion it is resolved that instructions be given to the Engineer that for the future he issue no permits to build upon land scheduled for road extensions or widening without special reference to the Works & Committee.

✓ Road Extensions - Western District - A proposal by Mr J. W. Kippin is submitted offering upon certain conditions, to surrender the land for a road to connect the Markham Road with the Asiao Sha ferry.

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As the probable expenditure involved is not made clear in this letter, it is decided to request that the road line be marked out with pegs so that the portion of land for which payment is asked may be indicated.

✓ Widening of Broadway - From correspondence which has taken place between the Engineer and the Land Development Company it is learned that in the opinion of the latter the small widening of this thoroughfare which might now be effected would not be wholly advantageous, in that it would result in a zigzag. After discussion, and at the suggestion of Mr McLeod

- The Head, the Secretary is directed to write to the Company and enquire whether they would be willing to give a formal undertaking that, when the Astor House property is rebuilt, provision will be made for a 50 foot road from the Garden Bridge to the Bazaar Road the necessary land to be purchased by the Council at the assessed value.
- Long Leave - Staff - Application is made by the Secretary for six months leave to commence in September, and by the Engineer for nine months leave to commence in February next; both applications are granted.
- Police - Letter from the Captain Superintendent of Police is read, in which he asks what proposals the Council desire to make in regard either to the extension of his period of seconding which expires in December, or to a new agreement. The matter is referred to the Works Committee.
- Officers - Medical Staff - The promotion of Captain Miles to be Major is sanctioned. Commissions for this officer and for Dr A. Stanley are signed, the latter being appointed Lieutenant.
- Do - General Service Company - Letter from the Major Commanding is read mentioning the names of six gentlemen who have consented to serve as Officers in this Company. Their appointments are confirmed.
- Arts Memorial - Letter from the German Consul is read, drawing the attention of the Council to the damage which has recently been done to this statue and requesting that the Police use greater vigilance in the prevention of such acts. It is decided to direct the Engineer to prepare a design and estimate for an ornamental railing to be placed round the monument.
- Police - Recruits from Ireland - On view of the fact that the force is now more than twenty below its authorized strength it is decided to telegraph to Major Hook No and request that the usual draft of recruits be despatched without delay.
- Recreation Grounds Committee - Letters from the Race Club and the Trustees are read nominating respectively Couk Butler and Mr Wade Gardiner as members of

of the Committee.

The Secretary is directed to invite the pro and
contra and Mr. H. J. H. Tripp to act as the Council's
nominees.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Secretary

Chairman

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
to 23 Niagara Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the
12th April, 1900, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

- E. A. Hewell (Chairman)
- C. M. See
- S. A. Hardoon
- A. J. Giles
- A. M. Reed
- J. Spratice
- M. R. Shad
- E. B. Kallman
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

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and the

Absent

E. Paackebush.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the
Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for
subsidiary accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

Electrical Department for January & February.

Vehicle Inspectors — March.

Works Committee Minutes are read, the following points arising for discussion:—

✓ Electrical Department — In the absence of any report on the results of the overhaul of the Engines it is understood that the knocking has in no way diminished and that the Superintendent considers it necessary to wire for a Special Engineer from the British Company before the engines can be properly adjusted. The relative is of opinion that if this problem can be made as to the setting of the valves it may be possible to avoid this step and with the Council's approval he undertakes to draft a message to the Company in this sense, so soon as the Superintendent's final Report is received.

✓ Road Widening — Mr. Robt's proposal under this heading, after considerable discussion and in view of the almost unanimous opposition of the members, is withdrawn.

✓ High Road Extension — While favourably regarding the proposals made in reference to this extension the Council is unwilling to accept them without further negotiations. The Engineer is to be directed to ascertain (1) whether a contribution could not be obtained from Mr. A. White, to whose property the road would be an undoubted advantage and (2) whether the native owners concerned refuse to make a free surrender; in the latter case it is felt that the compensation necessary might well be left to the foreign owners interested.

✓ Rixle Range Road — The opening of the west end of this road meets with no opposition, it being understood that the reassessment of the neighbourhood shall be simultaneous.

✓ Town Hall — The proposal to seek the assistance of Mr. Dancer in obtaining curtains for the Town Hall is approved, the Council fixing the limit for the cost of the same.

the material at \$1500, to be covered through the London Agents.

Captain Superintendent of Police. — The Honorable states

that the Watch Committee's recommendation, in regard to this officer's application is to the following effect:

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(1) That with Mr. Pattison's consent application be made to the Irish Government for an extension of his period of seconding for one year.

(2) That with regard to the engagement of a new Captain Superintendent Mr. Burkell be asked to take certain preliminary steps dependent upon the approval of Mr. F. Reid to the above, some words being forthwith arranged so that, upon receipt of telegraphic reply from the Irish Government, Mr. Burkell may at once be placed in possession of the Council's position.

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With an expression of the hope that Mr. Pattison will acquiesce in these proposals, the members endorse the recommendation.

Electrical Installation and Other work. — Letter from

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Mr. J. D. Bishop is read in which he complains of the competition, which the Municipal Department's working causes to his business. It is decided to reply that without in any way seeking for orders for electrical work the Council requires it as an advantage to the community that the Department should be in a position to complete installations in every way when so requested.

The opportunity is taken to place on record the Council's resolution that henceforth no Electrical installations or work shall be undertaken outside the limits of the Port of Shanghai.

Mr. Porter's petition in the Court of Consuls is submitted and it is noted that the conduct of the case will be in the hands of Mr. McNeill.

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The application of Messrs. Strickland, Gardner & Co for a continuous day and night service is submitted.

The Secretary is directed in reply to quote from the speech of Mr. Taron at the Anti-Paypro meeting of June last and to say that the development of the scheme under which work is not yet sufficiently advanced to admit of compliance

compliance with the firms request, though efforts will be made to meet their requirements as far as possible.

Telephone Service — At the suggestion of the Engineer, it is decided to write to the Nippon Japan Company and enquire definitely on what date their plant will be removed, pointing out at the same time the inconvenience which must result from their present dilatory procedure.

Alleged Illegal Arrest — Report is submitted by the Captain Superintendent of Police on the arrest without warrant of one Saunders charged with forgery of banknotes, together with an application by Chief Inspector Howard to be permitted to proceed against the Daily Press for libel, said to be contained in their leading article on this case. The Legal Adviser, being of opinion that such procedure would produce no good results, it is decided not to sanction the proceedings. The Chairman desires to point out to the Captain Superintendent that the Police action in this case was irregular and to caution him with reference to similar future cases.

Mr Skelton considers that the illegality of the arrest is quite open to question owing to the absence of any reliable information as to the nationality of the accused, and, in view of the good result accruing in this instance, he does not regard the opportunity as a good one for censure of the Police. It is decided that the best course will be for the Chairman to personally to communicate his views to Mr Pattison in the matter.

Browett, Foreshore Case — Reply from Messrs Browett & Ellis to the Council's last letter on this subject is read, and it is decided to agree to accept a surrender deed as therein described with the addition of the word "usual" to qualify the foreshore rights reserved.

Opium Shops Licences — Report by Detective Inspector Armstrong and by the Comptroller of Taxes on the applications of certain leading Opium Shop owners for permission to allow women to frequent their shops are referred to the Kato's Committee.

Volunteers - German Company — The resignation of Lieut Phillips is accepted and the election of Sergeant Landgraf

as Lieutenant in his stead confirmed, Commission for the
latter office is signed.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Edw. A. Hunt
Chairman

W. J. S. M.

Assistant Secretary

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room, 10, S. Quince Road, Shanghai, in China,
the 19th April, 1900, at 11 A.M.

Present.

H. H.

C. A. Hewitt.

Chairman.

G. M. Lee.

S. W. Gordon.

A. D. Taylor.

A. M. Reed.

J. G. Mitchell.

C. J. MacArthur.

H. H. Spence.

C. B. Holloway.

and the

Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the
Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the last week is submitted and checked.

for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners, experimentals, and other daily
reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports.

- The following for March is submitted:-
- Technical Institutions.
1. Women in Spinnings Works — The Chairman states that the sub-committee is not unanimous regarding the proposed withdrawal of the regulation prohibiting women from frequenting these establishments, Mrs Inglis being of opinion that such withdrawal is inadvisable. After some discussion it is decided to enquire into the attitude of the Works Councils on the point, there being a general consensus of opinion that the procedure should be identical in both Settlements. Mr Hunt undertakes to see the Chairmen of the Works Councils in the matter.
2. Merhead Road Extension — From a further report from the Engineer the Council learns that Mr A. White is now willing to contribute £450. towards the cost of this extension, and that the subscriptions for the making up of the road now amount to within £150. of the compensation to be paid to (lease) owners. Under these circumstances it is decided to accept the offer of Messrs W. G. Lyman and others, and proceed with the extension forthwith.
3. Browett Foreshore Case — Letter from Messrs Browett & Ellis is read in which it is contained that the proposed insertion of the word "usual" in the Summary deed will give the expressions an indefinite character. The Council regards this point as unimportant and it is decided to agree to the clause as originally drawn.
4. Telephones — Plans of the Mutual Company's trunk-lines are submitted and referred to the Works Committee.
- 275 The China & Japan Company have replied to the Council's letter that they will require from two to three months for the removal of their poles. This period is considered excessive and directions are given that they be informed that the poles must be removed within one month from date, provided that the Engineer considers this time adequate.
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5. Soochow Road Extension — Report by the Engineer is submitted detailing the results of his negotiations with Mr J. Ambrose for the section of this extension through Cadasho
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Lot 34. It is decided to offer to pay for a 10 foot strip at the rate per man quoted by the owner, viz \$500, and to ask for a free surrender of the 20 feet adjoining the Harbour masters boundary, pointing out at the same time that it has been decided to include this extension in next years official plan.

✓ The Council Versus Mr Murray — The text of the judgment of Mr. Gray Council in the appeal case, forwarded by the Legal Advisor, is submitted, and his proposal to obtain a transcript of the arguments of the Council, engaged is approved.

✓ Porter versus the Council — Reply to the petitions to the Court of Consuls in this case, is submitted, and ordered to be circulated, to his subscribers.

✓ Volunteers - A Company — Leave of absence for one year from the 1st proximo is granted to Captain W. 738. White.

✓ Commission as 2nd Lieutenant is signed for Mr. G. St Bell.

✓ Native Troops in the Settlement — The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the Senior Consul's letter advising the arrival of the Governor of Anhui with an armed escort was only delivered the day after the week, and it is decided to address the Senior Consul on the subject in terms of the draft letter submitted.

The opportunity is taken to renew the instructions that no permit shall be granted for bodies of armed men to pass through Settlement limits, except on the application of the Senior Consul.

✓ Portland Council — Statements for the supply of Council during twelve months from July, with are submitted and considered, that of the Green Island Council C. L., through their Agents Messrs Shewan Tomes & Co being accepted.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Mr. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

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Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Minusse Road, Shanghai, on Shanghai, the 26th April, 1900, at 4.30 P. M. —

Present: M. M.

- E. A. Hewitt. Chairman,
- C. M. Cole.
- S. A. Harwood.
- W. H. Reed
- J. Forster.
- M. R. ...
- E. B. Skottow Secretary and the Asiaticbank Secretary.

Absent:

- R. ...
- E. Guackebush.

- The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.
- The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
- Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.
- Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.
- Telephones — plans of the trunk lines to be adopted by the Electrical Company, together with tracing of the form of pole to be temporarily used, have received the sanction of the Works Committee.

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Letter from the China Japan Company is read, in which it is stated that every effort will be made towards effecting the dismantling of their plant with the least & possible delay, estimating the period of clearing the streets within Settlement limits at six weeks. The letter concludes with an expression of regret at the entanglement of their wires with those of the Electrical Department which led to the interruption of the current on the 24th instants.

Arrival of Ke-Kiu Officials. — From copies of correspondence with the Saohai on this subject, forwarded by the Junior Consul,

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✓ Monnaie in Opium Shops — Stokes — The Chairman states that in conversations with the French Consul General he learns that the prohibitions, if it has been withdrawn, will be re-enforced in the French Settlements without delay. Mr. de Beraud expressed himself as anxious to have this and similar regulations identical in both Settlements.

✓ To Kien - Soochow Road Widening — Letter from Messrs Stokes & Platt is read raising the question of legal representation before the Land Commissioners. In the course of the discussion which ensues it is decided that the point is one for the Commissioners themselves to decide. It is understood that Mr Scott has informally expressed his opinion that the best course will be that the land owners and the Council should respectively forward statements of the case to the Land Commissioners, who after consideration thereof, would appoint a date for hearing the case. In this view the Council concurs.

✓ Drainage outside Settlement Limits — An application from the Shanghai - Hong Kong Building, Loan, & Investment Co is read, requesting that their Estate situated to the north of Rifle Range Road be drained by the Council.

The Chairman is of opinion that to obtain a footing in Paoshan is desirable with a view to future extensions, and he is in favour of granting this request upon condition that the proposed roads are of standard widths and are surrendered to the Council, and that Municipal taxes are paid on the property.

The Secretary is directed to ascertain what possibility there is, by endorsement on the title deed or otherwise, of assuring such payment of Taxes, the Council regarding such assurance, as the first essential to compliance. If this is feasible a reply in the above terms is agreed to. Mr Justice registers his protest.

✓ Health Department - Staff — From a report by the Health Officer it is learnt that Mr May, the Chief Sanitary Inspector desires to terminate his appointment.

reprimand. The Council, regarding this application as tantamount to a resignation, accepts the same, and approves of the Health Officer's recommendations regarding the carrying on of the duties of this post.

Engineer's Department - Staff - Upon a recommendation, from the Works Committee to whom was referred a Police charge against Mr S. Wickinson, Inspector of Buildings, the Secretary is directed to write a letter to this employe, pointing out the bad effect which such conduct produces on the credit of the Municipal Service, and informing him that the consequences of a reprobation will be serious.

Lottoria - An application from the representative of Warren's Grove to run a Wheel of Fortune in connection with his entertainment is refused.

Soochow Road Extension - Reply from Mr Ambrose is read in which he refuses the Council's offer regarding 247. Cadastral lot 57. The Secretary is directed to point out the apparent misunderstanding, regarding the scope of Land Requisition No. 1, which is evidenced in this letter.

Drainage of Ice Company's premises - The Works Committee has questioned the issue of a building permit to this Company, without receipt of the customary drainage plan, upon the assurance of Mr Proutie that the drainage will be carried out to the Council's satisfaction.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Robert A. Jones

Chairman.

J. M. [Signature]
Secretary.

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Niagara Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the 10th May, 1900 at 4.30 p.m.

Present. M^{rs} M.

E. A. Hewitt. Chairman,
E. M. Ede.
D. A. Hancock.
A. M. Kead.
J. Spruitice.
M. K. Kide.
E. B. Kottow. The
Secretary and the
Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

E. Guackebuck.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for Square accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police division reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for April are submitted:—

Summary of License Fees.
Vehicle Inspectors
Enquiries.

The late Sir Nicholas Hannen — In opening the Meeting the Chairman alludes to the recent lamented death of Sir Nicholas Hannen, Her Majesty's Chief Justice in India. He considers that the Council should take this, the earliest opportunity to give its expressions to the universal regret felt by the Community at the great loss this sustains. He proposes a resolution that the Council's respectful and sincere sympathy be conveyed to Lady Hannen and her family. The resolution is seconded by the Vice Chairman & carried.

Letter is read, and ordered for publication, conveying the thanks of S. B. to Council General for the arrangements made on the Council on the occasion of the funeral.

Minutes of the Finance Committee are read and confirmed.

On regard to the question of issue and redemption of debentures, the Chairman undertakes to call on the Managers of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank and endeavor to obtain a reduction of the rate of interest charged on the Council's overdrafts on current a/c to 6%.

Issue of proposed circular to debenture holders in the loan of 1874 is approved.

Said Commissioners — Letter from Mr W. H. Doane is submitted, informing the Council that he has been elected by his colleagues to be Chairman of the Commission.

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On regard to the first case to come before the Commission, viz, the Harrison's patented Claim, it is now decided to proceed therewith and, while forwarding copies of the correspondence in re to the Commissioners to request them to name a day for the hearing, in accordance with the provisions of said Regulations, &c. The Council is informed that the proceedings might at this date be abandoned by withdrawing from the road widening scheme and by payment of a sum of \$20,000 as compensation for delay &c, but the sense of the meeting is opposed to such a course.

Election of Councillor — Mr R. Duglis having resigned his seat on the Council on his departure for home, the Chairman proposes the election of Mr B. Landale to fill the vacancy. Carried unanimously.

It is decided that the place of Mr Duglis on the Water Commission shall be filled by Mr Cole, Mr Landale becoming a member of the Finance Committee.

Seward Road Widening — Letter from the Land Investment Co's Agents is submitted, dealing with the question of the future widening of this road at such time as the Astor House property shall be rebuilt. As the arrangement of the matter, therein proposed, is not of a sufficiently definite nature, the Secretary is directed to state in reply that the Council abandons the widening.

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of the Thoroughfare on the west side only because it was believed that the Directors of the Land Investment Company were prepared to give an undertaking that a strip of land sufficient to widen the road at this point to 30 feet would hereafter be surrendered at the then assessed value; the Council would therefore with that such an assurance be given, to come into effect upon the rebuilding of the property, provided it then remained in the Company's hands. A copy of the Minute referred to in the Agents letter is also to be asked for.

Census of 1900 — Draft of the Notification to be published, detailing the arrangements to be made in conducting the Census is read and approved, the date on which the returns are to be filled in, being left for the Secretary to arrange after further consultation with the Comptroller of Taxes.

Legal Proceedings — Instructions are given that summonses be applied for and proceedings instituted against Messrs. McIvor, Doonan and Phillips for non-payment of Rates.

New Road - Western District — Letter from Mr. Seaman is submitted, stating the conditions on which he is prepared to surrender the road scheduled to run through his property from the Bubbling Well road to the Great Western.

The matter is referred to the Works Committee for report. The Council votes, and approves, the suggestion made by Mr. Seaman that this thoroughfare be named the Wales Road.

It is noted that a protest has been filed by Mr. McAniss against the new road scheduled to be acquired by the acquisition and extension of the Wales Road.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps — The Inspecting Officer's report is laid on the table and ordered for circulation to the Members, transmission to the Major Commanding and subsequent publication.

Light Horse — The issue of Commissions to 2nd Lieutenant C. H. Ross & overlooked for issue in 1899, and to 2nd Lieutenant R. C. Phillips, Sergeant on leave, authorized.

Complaint against Hany Kuo Co, Shanghai Fire Reinsurer by a
 263 Japanese subject, forwarded through his Consul is referred
 to the Fire Commission for report. It appears that the
 complainant was injured by the firm during their
 Hong practice.

Soochow Creek Foreshore — Draft letter to Mr Ambrose
 is read and approved notifying him, as Agent for
 the beneficiary owner of Cadastral lot 5 by, that the
 Council will require the land necessary for the construc-
 tion of a 30 feet road along the south bank of the
 creek, and stating that Building Permit has been
 issued under this condition. The Legal Adviser who
 has approved this letter, is the registered owner of the
 property in question, but it appears that the action
 of Mr Ambrose in the case has been taken, without
 his cognisance.

Mr Denton states that owing to the similar
 action of the Council in the matter of the frontage of the
 adjoining lot, the Ice Company has been compelled
 to give up its lease of the land and to arrange for
 construction of the Ice works in the Yungtze-poo
 district.

274 Lotteries. — A letter from the Legal Adviser is read, advising
 as to the powers conferred by the Council for curtailing
 the number of licenses to be issued; but in the absence of
 advice on the further question of an immediate increase
 of the license fee, the Secretary is directed to ask for a
 definite expression of opinion. On the moment:

" The Council, noting and endorsing the recommen-
 " tions of the Finance Committee, as minutes, is of opinion
 " that the present working of the Lottery Licensing regula-
 " tion is unsatisfactory from an administrative point of
 " view: the results anticipated by the Council of 1900
 " from the imposition of the license fee of \$1000 per
 " license (vide Chairman's remarks in re as recorded &
 " at page 23 of report of last annual meeting)
 " have not been attained; the monthly fee being now
 " shown to be insufficient as a deterrent. The present
 " legislation, admittedly tentative, while effecting a
 " certain"

" certain measure of useful supervision and control, but
 " failed to effect the end chiefly desired, viz, the
 " reduction of lottery establishments to the smallest
 " number compatible with the recognised exigencies of
 " local conditions. Under these circumstances it is
 " decided that hereafter steps shall be taken, consistent
 " with the provisions of Byelaw III, to ensure such
 " reduction. In the meanwhile, and pending reference
 " to the legal adviser, the question of refusing any further
 " increase in the number of Lotteries for the current year
 " is left for further consideration."

The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]
 Chairman.

[Signature]
 Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
 No. 23, Kings Road, Chelsea, on Thursday, the
 17th May 1900, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present.

- E. A. Newell. (Chairman)
- C. H. Cole.
- S. A. Harcourt.
- J. Lauder.
- A. B. Reed.
- J. Krubice.
- M. R. White.
- E. B. Kollowe. (the
- Secretary. and the
- Assistant Secretary

Absent.

E. Guackebush,

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—
General Municipal Rate — Native. March quarter.
Health Officers April

Resolution — After considerable discussion of this subject, the sense of the Meeting is taken upon two points with the following results:— (1) No alteration will be made in the license fee charged, during the current municipal year. (2) no licenses will be issued after the 30th proximo other than renewals of those then current.

A notification containing the latter decision is ordered for publication, after its approval by the legal adviser.

Queen's Birthday — The Chairman states that he has received an invitation to the Council from the Senior Harour Officer to be present at the review to be held in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, and it is decided on behalf of the Council to accept. The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday instead of Thursday, the 27th.

Works Committee's Minutes are read, and in reference thereto:—

Technical Department — Mr. Pringle speaks in favour of the ultimate adoption of the Superintendent's proposals for the development of the Department but considers it probable that the ratepayers would be largely influenced towards the proposals if some improvement were first shown in the road street lighting between this and next March. Publication of the schedule is therefore postponed.

The Committee's recommendation to purchase 50 new lamps, being the first essential step to that end, is approved.

Gooshow Road Extension — The Council is unable to arrive at any decision as to the several cases now pending in regard to the Gooshow Road foreshore notice

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receipt of the legal adviser's opinion. Mr. Ricketts is inclined simply to notify all intending builders of the Council's intention to schedule the extension and thus to obviate subsequent claims for compensation; but it is pointed out that under the terms of the Judge's judgment a free sum of at least enough land for a 300 ft. road can probably be claimed and obtained.

Mr. Dowdall's final opinion on this point has been officially called for.

Settling — Mr. Ricketts raises the question of additional accommodation on the B. D. and the matter is referred to the Works Committee for early report.

Road Extensions — The view of the anticipated increase in revenue due to the large number of licenses issued for lotteries, the feeling of the Council is general that the opportunity should be taken to enlarge the scope of the Council's Road Extension programme for the current year. With this end in view the Engineer is to be directed to report generally on the subject, submitting his proposals for work in the immediate future, and at the same time to devote particular attention to the question of extending the roads in Singa westwards to the Carter Road as soon as possible.

Legal Adviser — Letter from Mr. Dowdall is read, in which he states that during his intended absence for 6 months from Shanghai, his firm will conduct the Council's work.

Volunteers — Light Horse — Leave of absence for one year is granted to Lieutenant Phillipps from the 1st instant.

Do — Naval Commission — Commission as Lieutenant is ordered for issue to Mr. H. R. Hewson.

Do — Munitions — Regulations for the supervision of the issue of munitions throughout the Corps are forwarded by the Major Commanding.

Do — Home Training of Officers — A proposal is submitted, whereby the equivalent of the allowance made by H. M. Government to Volunteer Officers who obtain certificates after undergoing a course of training

training at Chelsea Barracks shall be granted to officers of the S.V.C. This scheme has the support of the Works Committee and is agreed to.

At the request of the Mayor Commencing the regulation is made retrospective so far as relates to Captains & Trueman and Kintworth (bills of B and A companies respectively).

Public School — The Chairman reports that an exhaustive enquiry is now being undertaken by a specially appointed Committee into the system of training and education obtaining in the School.

Court of Consuls — Porter v the Council — Copy of the Judgment in this case is submitted. In pursuance of the decision given therein by the Court of Consuls, it is resolved that steps be taken at an early opportunity by the Works Committee to consider the conditions under which independent installations shall in future be examined, and to make other necessary arrangements for connection of such installations with the Electrical Department's supply mains. A notification on the subject will be published in due course.

Dealing with the question in its wider aspect, and regarding the case in the light of its probable effect upon the future administrations of the Settlements, Mr Skollowe expresses the opinion which was emphasised before the Court by the Council's Legal Adviser, that the question at issue between Mr Porter and the Municipality, referring as it did to a matter of internal and financial administration, was one in which the Court of Consuls could not properly claim jurisdiction. Referring to the arguments laid before the Court on this point, Mr Skollowe observes that although the results in this instance are not of grave public importance, the precedent thus created is one which requires very serious consideration.

The Members are generally agreed that in financial and other questions relating to purely internal administration the Council's policy and actions should properly be called in question, and revised if necessary, by discussion and vote of the Rate payers in meeting assembled.

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This recourse was open to Mr Porter, and the matter was one properly to be decided upon by the Rate payers as they might consider best in the general interest of the community. On the other hand recourse to the Court on such a question, might, if resulting in a judgment opposed to the expressed directions of the Collectors, be productive of grave consequences to the local government of Shanghai, and necessitate the establishment of a recognised procedure for appeal to Her Majesty.

The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]

Chairman.

[Signature]
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Hongse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 23rd May 1900, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present - Mr. Mr.

- E. A. Hewitt (Chairman)
- C. M. Edie
- D. Kaydale
- A. McKee
- J. Spruice
- Mr. Rohde
- E. B. Skottowe, the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary

Absent

- S. A. Harcourt
- E. Quakenbush

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read

The Minutes of Cash Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the week will be submitted, and claims for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the week will be submitted.

Lotteries. — After noting the legal adviser's opinion, to the effect that although a limitation of the number of lotteries is within the Council's power, it would appear advisable to allow licensing to proceed on its present basis for the current year, it is resolved to take no immediate steps in the matter. The Overseer of Taxes sees no likelihood of further licenses being applied for, if the measure is shown to be expedient hereafter, the notifications, as recommended by the Water Committee, will be published, and the number of lotteries thereby limited.

Woochow Creek Foreshore. — Opinion by the legal adviser on the Council's position in the matter of the acquisition of the land for the projected road along the south bank of the Creek is submitted and considered. A discussion takes place in regard to the steps to be taken in this matter, as well as in regard to the reply to be sent to Messrs. Stokes & Platt, representing the Doe Company. It is eventually decided to write to Messrs. Dowdall, Hauser & Field, as registered owners and Agents for the two lots immediately concerned, and, stating that the Council proposes to call for surrender of the road-land, as foreshore, under Land Regulation VI, to request them to state whether the owners will make any objection to this measure.

The Minutes of the Works Committee are read and confirmed. On the subject of Jetties, considerable discussion ensues, Mr. Public being opposed to the proposal to make additional accommodation by placing attached pontoons alongside of those already existing. On a show of hands, however, the proposal is confirmed by the Council, it being decided to apply to the Harbour Authorities in the next instance for permission to place such a pontoon alongside that at the HuiKang Road Jetty, on the north.

The formal sanction of the Harbour Master is also to be asked for the erection of a new Jetty and fronton in a suitable position between the Mill Quay and Shanker roads, and, if granted, the making of a footpath thence from the Band is to be taken in hand at once.

Sack Depot in Suez. —

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Letter from the Junior Consul on this subject, already dealt with in previous letters, is submitted. Translation of a Faohai's despatch is enclosed, renewing the request that certain recognitions should be explained by the Council to the petition of so-called merchants who wish to establish a depot in the settlement. The Council decides to refer the Junior Consul to the letter sent last year in reply to a similar application.

Sale of Morphine. —

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Letter from the Junior Consul, forwarding on behalf of the Faohai certain proposed regulations limiting the importation and sale of Morphine, is read. On this matter also, the Council has nothing to add to the reply sent last year on the subject. The correspondence is ordered for publication.

Municipal Land Office. —

In view of the fact that the report to the Consular Body, by the Special Committee, favourable to the Council's ^{proposals} has for some time been in the hands of the Junior Consul, it is decided to address the latter again on the matter and to ask that an expression of the Consular Body's views be obtained and communicated at the earliest possible opportunity. The Chairman undertakes to call on Mr. Valdes on the subject. In the event of the Consular Body being unable unanimously to ratify the recommendations of the Committee, it is decided that the British and German Consulates be requested to give effect thereto, and that the correspondence and a report be then published, it being understood that pressure will probably be brought to bear from speaking on those Consulates which at present are unwilling to accept a reform in procedure.

Seward Road Writings. —

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Reply from the Land Investment Committee in this matter is read, it contains nothing that previous correspondence has not already placed on record, and the net result of the negotiations is regarded by the Council as unsatisfactory.

Cattle Disease in Shanghai — Certain correspondence on this subject, with report by the Health Office is submitted.

294 The Council endorses the view that no damage to the local food supply equates from this source.

Road Excision, 1/2 (Fook Chuen Houg Pang) Letter from the Land Surveyor to is read, requesting the

314 Council to revive the negotiations, which lapsed last year owing to the obstructive attitude of native owners, for the construction of a 40 foot road by subdividing a portion of this block.

Matter referred to Works Committee.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Robert [unclear]

Chairman.

J. D. [unclear]
Secretary

At the joint Meeting of the Councils held in the Board Room, No. 32 Raffles Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 31st May, 1900, at 11.30 a.m.

Present.
Mr. [unclear]

- Mr. [unclear] (Chairman)
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]

Absent.

- Mr. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]

The Agendum calling the Meeting is taken as read.
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed
 by the Chairman and passed for publication.
 Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques
 for sundry accounts are signed.
 Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily
Departmental Report for the past week are submitted.

General Municipal Rate, Foreign, March quarter
 is submitted.

The Minutes of the Watch Committee are read and confirmed.
 On reference to D. V. C. Armauerh, the purchase of
 the two weapons, as recommended, is approved, it
 being understood that Major Higgs' prices shall not
 exceed those of the Government and that samples of
 the weapon shall be inspected and passed by the
 Hongkong armory as up to Government standard.

Captain Mackenzie — The various points
 arising in connection with this officers application
 are considered, and the decision resultant from the
 discussion which ensues is that the intentions of the
 last Council, as intimated, and communicated to
 Captain Mackenzie in January, should be adhered to.

By this decision, the questions of salary and
 agreement are disposed of. The Chairman then states
 that he considers it only reasonable that, in accordance
 with Captain Mackenzie's wish, an application be
 addressed to the General Commanding in Hong Kong
 that he may use his influence in obtaining for
 Captain Mackenzie provisions similar to those en-
 joyed by officers in similar positions in British
 colonies; the Members concur in this view, provided
 it be understood that the application is made at
 Major Mackenzie's request, to prevent his being called on
 for reserve duty. On regard to the question of title,
 the Council considers that any change from the present
 style, Major Commanding D. V. C., would be undesi-
 rable.

John James Hong Kong — The request of the Land Disposal
Company

Company to redress this question, in view of the protest and consent of the neighbouring Chinese owners to contribute their share of the making up of the proposed road, is again submitted and, with its reports by the Engineer and Health Officer in v.

The Council endorses the recommendations of the Works Committee that no work should be done in any form until the autumn when the improvement will be carried out, provided that the cost to the public charge be not greater than was estimated originally.

310. Grand Allusion Plan — In reply to a request from Messrs Joseph Mathison & Co the Secretary is directed to say that the Council is unable to apply the time limit fixed by the Regulations VI^a in the matter of protests against road lines scheduled.

318 Outside Roads — Letter from the Junagadh Hong Kong & Canton, Lou & Orosstank Co is read restating their request for the Council's assistance in the matter of the development of an estate north of the Kipling Range Road. The principle is again affirmed that until the payment of rates by residents or prospective residents is assured, the Council cannot take joint action in the matter.

219 Foreshore Road Allusion — Letters from Mr. J. H. & Platt and from Messrs. Dorothe, Hauzon, & Co are read upon the subject of the proposed road along the foreshore of lots 569 and 571. In the former instance it is agreed that no negotiations can be entered into with anyone except the registered owners of the property or their recognised agents. In the latter, and in view of the clear proof at the Council's disposal that the land required is foreshore, the Secretary is directed to consult Mr. H. H. with a view to a settlement of the whole question, it being suggested that if legal proceedings are eventually necessary a friendly suit in the British Court be instituted.

324 Sheds and Jetties — Reply from the Harbourmaster is read to the request for permission to enlarge the existing sheds accommodation and a view of the nature

In view of Mr Tyler's remarks on the subject it is decided to refer the matter again to the Engineer's report after consultation with Mr Bishop, who it is understood, resumes duty as Harbourmaster from the 1st proximo.

328 Kim Kee Shan — An application from Mr W. J. Allen is submitted desiring the intervention of the Council on behalf of his refugee, but the members are of opinion that the case is quite outside the province of the Council, and directions are given to reply in this sense.

330 Electrical Installations — Letter from Mr E. E. Porter is considered in which he asks that his house which is already wired may forthwith be connected with the Municipal mains. It is decided that in this special case compliance with the request may be granted upon conditions which will absolve the Council from any responsibility in the matter of lighting &c.

327 Encroachment by the Russo-Chinese Bank —

It is pointed out that an encroachment of six inches has been made upon the Bank on the new premises of this Bank. A plan of the building is submitted together with letters from the Bank managers from which it appears that there will be a ship of coal on the Kienkung Road side unuse and it is decided to offer in exchange for a formal surrender of this strip, permission in perpetuity for the encroachment.

329 Case of Charles Frederick Yee — This question, deferred for consideration until the conclusion of the meeting is now discussed. The Chairman explains in full detail the circumstances which have led him to regard the dismissal of this employe as desirable in the public interest. No doubt exists in the minds of the members that Mr Yee has been connected with certain transactions of a nefarious and extortionate character and the point for consideration is whether his immediate dismissal is expedient. In view of Mr.

The failure to demonstrate a definite breach of the "Heli" regulation, and in the expectation that additional evidence may be forthcoming, it is decided to postpone decision until Saturday next, when a special meeting of the Council will be held in re.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. A. H. [Signature]

Chairman.

J. A. H. [Signature]
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 230, Causeway Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 17th June, 1900, at 4.30 P.M.

Present.

Went

- E. A. Hewitt. Chairman
- C. M. Cole
- S. A. Harbison
- J. Launder
- J. M. Lee
- J. Francis
- C. J. MacKintosh
- Mr. Polke
- E. B. Kelloway. Secy
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

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Final statement for the bush work is submitted and
 Thomas signed for summary accounts.

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 reports for the bush work, are submitted.

Departmental Reports — the following are submitted:

Electrical Superintendents for April

Engineers " May

Health Officers " "

Vehicle Inspectors " "

Summary of Licence Fees " "

Electrical Disturbances Inspector — Upon the

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recommendation of the Works Committee it is
 decided to accept the application of Mr
 S. S. Seltick, one of the three candidates for this
 post. The terms under which the work of
 inspection will be performed are to be published
 by notification announcing this appointment.
 In the absence, from illness or other cause, of Mr
 Seltick, inspections would necessarily be performed
 by the Electrical Superintendant.

Sand Assessment 1900. — Letter from the Secretary

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of the Assessment Committee is read, and ordered
 for publication, in which the Committee's proposed pro-
 cedure for preparing assessments and schedules in
 the new districts, is outlined.

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Case of Oberprober Yee. — The Chairman states
 that although since the special meeting, at which
 it was decided to suspend Mr Yee from duty, &
 nothing has been obtained in the way of direct evidence
 in the matter of the charges made by various natives
 against this employe, there can be no doubt that
 the statements made by him before the Watch Committee
 have been proved to be untrue. He therefore
 recommends that Mr Yee be dismissed on this
 general ground that the Council has lost confidence
 in him, and that a statement to that effect be
 published in the native press. Mr Yee's successor
 will be appointed only with the approval of
 the Watch Committee.

Volunters

Volunteers — Application by Lieutenant Wingrove, forwarded through the Major Commanding, to submit, in order that the Council may be able to reconsider the decision not to allow this officer the grant for having borne his part in the expedition at Nelson.

The Council decides that the application cannot be entertained.

Adjutant — Rank as Captain is conferred on Lieutenant Wedemeyer, in accordance with the recommendation contained in a letter from the Major Commanding.

In regard to an informal proposal that the Adjutant shall be paid a salary of £50 per annum during the absence of the Major Commanding on leave, the Members are of opinion that such a proceeding is inadvisable in the interests of the Corps; further discussion is, however, postponed till next meeting, Mr. Leedale undertaking in the first place to ascertain whether Messrs. Jordan & Matheson & Co would permit Mr. Wedemeyer to accept such remuneration.

Major MacKenzie — Passage Allowance —

A question having arisen as to what allowance is payable to Major MacKenzie under his engagement, it is resolved that in this case a return passage is to be provided, but that the case is not to be taken as constituting a precedent.

The Finance Committee will in the near future consider, and report on, the general question of a standing order in reference to passages of employees going on long leave.

Public Debt — An official letter from Mr. De la, stating the terms under which he would be prepared to resume the position of Bandmaster, is submitted. These terms are generally considered to be unavailing, and the question of filling of this post on Mr. Strubberg's retirement at the close of the year is referred to the Finance Committee.

Road & Tunnels, Dec. 1900. — Fresh Case —

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Letter from the Hon. Justice Halliday Esq. is received, notifying their formal protest against the road schedule to run along the south bank of the Tordoun Creek & towards the new boundary of the Settlement.

The protest will be dealt with by the Works Committee in accordance with established procedure.

Municipal Land Office —

The Chairman states that he has had an interview with the Senior Consul on this subject and that he is informed that the Consular Body is generally in favour of the Special Committee's proposals, but that the representatives of Germany, Italy, Russia and the United States have raised objections on divers grounds. The present position of the matter is that each member of the Consular Body will, without further delay, send in a memorandum of his views in re, and that the several objections to the scheme will then be forwarded for the reconsideration of the Special Committee. It is hoped that a solution of the matter may thus shortly be arrived at.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Chairman.

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Councils held in the Board Room No 23, Wing Lok Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the 14th June, 1900 at 4.30 P.M.

Present,

- E. A. Hurst. (Chairman)
- C. M. Ed.
- S. A. Harcourt
- A. Handale
- A. M. Reed
- J. Freutson
- E. Spangenberg
- M. H. H. H.
- E. B. Skottow
- Director
- Assistant Secretary

The Resolutions calling the Meeting is taken as read.
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
 Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and Cheques for sundry accounts are signed.
 Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps - Adjutant. - Du regard to this question, decision in which was postponed from last Meeting, Mr Handale states that while Messrs Jardine Matheson Co cannot undertake that Mr W. C. Meyer's duties will permit him to act as Adjutant indefinitely, there is no formal objection to his doing so; he cannot, however, receive any official salary for this work. Should the Council think fit, on the conclusion of his duties as Adjutant, to offer him a gratuity, this would probably be a satisfactory solution of the matter. The Council concurs in this view.

The Minutes of the Works Committee are read and confirmed. On the subject of Jetties; the Council considers that the site proposed by the Harbour Master, opposite the Chartered Bank property, is unsuitable owing to the position

position of the Hulk in its vicinity. The Works Committee recommends a site between the Kienking and Kankou roads, as the most generally expedient, and the Engineer is thence to be directed to see Mr. Bisbee and to wish that the Harbour-Authorities should, if possible, agree to this location, and to arrange for the actual position of the proposed pontoon and Jetty.

1 / Road Extensions Protests — It is decided to publish the Committee's Minute on this subject as expression of the Council's views as to the initiation and scope of such protests, and pointing out that reference to the question of future compensation does not *per se* constitute evidence, or show cause, why the proposed road should not be made.

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348 / 349 Further protests (5) forwarded by Mr. K. Lohar, and Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas, are referred to the Works Committee.

1 / Road Extensions — Siuza — While generally endorsing the minute of the Works Committee, the Council considers that it will probably be found expedient to offer to pay to Mr. Siuquill the out-of-pocket expenses for the land he has obtained under U.S. Consulate and two Shugko papers in the line of the proposed Municipal road, and it is decided that the Engineer shall endeavour to arrive at an amicable arrangement of the matter. Should Mr. Siuquill be obdurate, the assistance of the Land Commissioners will be availed of in due course to determine the compensation payable.

33 / Siuza District — Proposed new Police Station —
The sites of the sites which have been offered to the Engineer for purchase by the Council is considered as being in a suitable position, a position more in the direction of the creek being held to be preferable. No pretence is made to expending further funds at present on Police Stations, but the Works Committee holds the provision of land for the purpose is a desirable measure. The Engineer is to be directed to institute further enquiry with a view to

to obtaining a site in the desired locality, and it is pointed out that the Council's requirements, while not urgent as to time, would be sufficiently met by purchasing an area of 3 or 4 acres.

✓ Soochow Creek Foreshore — The Council is unanimous in deciding that it is inadvisable to create the precedent which would be involved by compliance with Mr. Hager's request to be permitted to use the recently reclaimed portions of the foreshore above the Kiangpu Road, for playing tennis.

✓ Census — The returns of the Foreign Census are submitted and ordered for circulation to the Members prior to publication.

⁴⁷ ✓ Lotteries, — The Senior Consul forwards a translation of a Taotai's despatches in which it is stated that the Taotai will take proceedings against all native-owned Lotteries except that which has been sanctioned by the Peking Viceroy, the Kiangnan Lottery. After a full discussion of the subject, the Secretary is directed to draft and circulate a reply containing an expression of the Council's views.

⁵⁴ ✓ Proposed Licensing of Native Hotels — Certain proposals on this subject from the Taotai are transmitted for the Council's consideration. Decided to reply that the matter is receiving attention and that the question of licensing of such establishments will be taken into consideration when framing next year's Budget.

✓ Opium Houses — In reply to a despatch giving the Taotai's views in regard to the control of these establishments, it is decided to request the Senior Consul to convey to the Native Authorities a clear intimation that the Council cannot admit any interference whatsoever with the control of these, or any other, undertakings licensed by the Municipality.

✓ Police outside Settlement Limits — In a despatch to the Senior Consul now transmitted for the Council's information, the Taotai hints cause for complaint in the alleged action of the Police in arresting certain receivers of stolen property at Jessfield, and he requests

requests the Council Body to intimate that in future all cases occurring outside Settlement limits must be dealt with by the City Magistrate.

Decided to forward copy of the Inspector's report on the case referred to, showing that the Troops' observations are unfounded.

54 / Shanghai Volunteer Corps — As the result of enquiries addressed by wire to the Chief Ordnance Officer in Hong Kong, it is ascertained that the Government is able to supply the 400 carbines required at once at a price of £ 3. 3 each, this price being considerably lower than that quoted by Messrs. Steggs.

Decided to accept the offer and to telegraph a request that the weapons may be forwarded by fastest British steamer, consigned to the Consul General.

39 / Police Staff — Letter from Captain Pattison is read, asking whether the Council will consider an application from him to be given permanent command of the Force. Consideration postponed till next Meeting.

— do — Appointment of Inspector — The Council approves the promotion of Abraham Aiers to be Inspector, in charge of Gyantze, & vice Inspector Reid deceased.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Albert J. Pearce

Chairman.

J. D. Lamb
Secretary.

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 10, D'Souza Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 7th June, 1900, at 7.30 p.m.

Present,

M. H.

W. A. Hewitt. (Chairman)

C. M. Cole

S. A. Hardoon

D. Handale

C. M. Hood

J. Preudier

C. J. MacKenzie

M. R. Rhee

C. B. Kollowo

Secretary

and the

Assistant Secretary.

The business calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry payments are signed.

Returns of prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

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 ✓ Captain J. P. Henderson of Police. — The Council is unanimously of opinion that it is inadvisable to comply with the request of Mr. Patterson, contained in his letter submitted at last meeting, the members considering that although in many respects an excellent officer, Mr. Patterson lacks the temperament and training required for dealing successfully with Asiatics.

The Secretary is directed to endeavour to arrange that Mr. Patterson's application be withdrawn, but in case this is not feasible, a draft letter containing the Council's decision is to be circulated for approval of the Council.

✓ The Minutes of the Watch Committee are read and confirmed.

The Chairman in reference thereto, explains in detail the arrangements which have been, and are being, made for

for local defence. These include the issue of a free
ammunition warehouse to Native residents; increase in the
strength of the Sikh Police, the purchase of considerable
ammunition, supplies of rifles and ammunition from
the Hong Kong Government, special precautions in case
of fire and joint orders with the Naval authorities
to be taken in the event of disturbance..

A Memorandum describing the proceedings of
a meeting of the Council Board, at which the Chair-
man of the Council was present by invitation, has
been circulated for the information of the members.

It is noted that the Maxim Guns are now ready
for shipment to Shanghai, and in this connection
it is resolved to convey the thanks of the Council to
the Hong Kong Authorities for the prompt manner in
which they have supplied all the requirements of the
Municipality, as well as for the representations made
by the officer commanding to the Home Government,
in regard to the status of Major Mackenzie of
London.

S. V. C. - New Companies and Recruits - Du reference

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to the intimation conveyed by the Portuguese Consul
General on the subject of the proposed formation of a
Portuguese Volunteer Company, the Council is now
informed that a similar intimation has been unofficially
received from the U.S. and Japanese Consuls.
Certain Chinese residents have also proposed the
formation of a Chinese Corps. The Council is of
opinion that it would be highly prejudicial to the
interests of the Community as a whole, to permit the
organization of any Volunteer Companies, which do
not form an integral part of the S. V. C.,
and whose members would not undertake to comply
with the Regulations of the Corps.

The Director is directed, to see the Japanese
Consul on this subject. The formation of the
Chinese Company is not approved.

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Customs Company - The Council on the
recommendation of the Major Commanding approves the
issue.

issue of Commission no Lieutenant to Sir Wm. Tyler, but, in forwarding the same, the Secretary is directed to note that a formal intimation in regard to the formation of this new Company, may be forwarded for the information of the Council.

S. P. C. Staff — The temporary attachment of Captain [unclear] to [unclear] for service with Headquarters Staff, as recommended by the Major Commanding is approved.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and confirmed.

On regard to DASHAN ALLOWANCES Municipal Supts.

The Council considers that in granting such allowances, provision should in every case be made, under special form of agreement if necessary, whereby the employe's return to duty on the expiration of his leave would be secured, it being the opinion of the Council that passage should only be granted, where a satisfactory guarantee in this respect is forthcoming. The Finance Committee is requested to report on this subject.

The Council further suggests that when such arrangements are made, it is advisable that return passages rather than single fare, be provided.

Loan of 1900 — The Council authorises the immediate advertisement of the new 5% Loan in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee. Debitures to be issued to applicants with interest from the date of issue, and the public to be invited to apply at any time between the present date and the 30th September.

The amount to be redeemed of the Loan of 1894 would depend on the amount of applications received for the new issue.

Land Commissioners Judgment — On the case dealing with the property registered in the name of the Jns Morrison and Gallon (Torchwood Road) recently heard before the Commissioners, judgment has been given for an amount of Rs 5.881. A letter to that effect from the Chairman is submitted, and ordered for publication.

Food Supply — Report by the Health Officer on this subject, advising that certain precautionary measures be taken, is submitted. The Chairman considers that

if the measures recommended were put into immediate effect, the result might increase the already existing feeling of insipid panic among native residents.

It is of opinion that the local visible supply would be amply sufficient to meet all requirements pending arrival of shipments from Japan.

The Secretary is directed to write to Messrs. Holme & Co. of Hayasaki on the subject, and also to see the Manager of the local Meat Supply Association to ascertain whether, in case of need, arrangements could be made by him to obtain a reserve stock of cattle at short notice.

Census — Returns of the native population are submitted and ordered for publication.

Unemployed Coolies — The Chairman alludes to the fact that a considerable number of coolies have been thrown out of work by the stoppage of trade with the north, and it is suggested that the Council might, by the provision of relief work for these, improve local conditions. A report by the Officer of Taxes on the subject is submitted; the Secretary is directed to ascertain whether the Engineer considers the proposal feasible.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Robert A. Rose

Chairman.

John Stand
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the
Board Room, No. 3, Mungse Road, Shanghai,
on Thursday, the 18th June, 1900, at 11.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Mr.

E. A. Howell. (Chairman.)

G. H. Lee.

S. A. Hardoon.

D. Kaydate.

A. McLeod.

J. Sprentice.

C. Guackebush.

M. Reine.

E. B. Skollow.

Secretary

Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily
reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report Electrical Superintendents for
May is submitted.

The Minutes of the Wages Committee are read and confirmed.
The Report to Unemployed Coolies. The Secretary
is directed to ascertain by enquiry addressed to the
Comproadors of the principal Shipping firms whether there
is at present any appreciable number of men in need
of work. If so, the Council will issue a notice through
the Comproadors etc., that labour will be provided by the
Quarantine Department at rates somewhat lower than
the wages paid for coolie labour at the wharves.

D. W. C. — Command — By a vote of the
Council it is decided that it is not advisable to
apply to the Hong Kong Government for the services of a
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Military officer to take command of the Corps during the present disturbances.

American Company — Decided that before issuing the Commissions to the officers named in the Major Commanding's letter recording the organisation of this Co, the Council requires to be informed either that these gentlemen have passed the usual examination required by the Regulations or that, in the Major Commanding's opinion, their qualifications are such as to justify exemption from examination.

Searchers of Ships from the North — The Council approves the Committee's recommendation on this subject and the Secretary is directed to address the Shipping firms accordingly, stating that the Debetives would conduct the searching operations after boarding at Woosung.

Soochow Creek Foreshore, Cadastral No 541 —

Letter from Messrs Stokes & Platt is submitted, written on behalf of the Shanghai Ice Company &c, in which it is stated that the Company is not prepared to admit that the spot of the land on which they desire to build, and which the Council requires to be surveyed, is foreshore, and that if Permit is not issued, proceedings will be taken in the Court of Consuls to obtain the same. Decided to state that if such proceedings are taken, the Council will be represented by the Secretary, at the same time the plaintiffs are to be requested to consent to a decision of the case by means of a friendly suit before the British Supreme Court, the Council agreeing to pay all costs. The Council considers that the plaintiffs being British subjects and there having been a case already tried at that Court which bears on the question now at issue, this is the proper course to be pursued.

Miscellaneous Case — In the case referred to the Council by the Watch Committee, in which the proprietor of a licensed Sing-Song House was brought before the Court on a warrant issued by the Magistrate without any charge or evidence being brought by the Police, it

it is decided to write to the Senior Consul and point out that, while the Council is always ready to receive and act upon any complaints that may be made in regard to the conduct of establishments licensed by the Municipality, it is inconsistent with the established administration of the Settlement that any warrants should be issued against the proprietors of such houses, or punishment inflicted, except with the direct intervention of the Police. To sanction such procedure as has been adopted in the present instance would mean that holders of the Council's licenses would be exposed to squeezing and other abuses at the hands of the Court runners, &c. Pending reply to this communication the Captain Superintendent of Police is to be instructed not to execute warrants in such cases without reference to the Council.

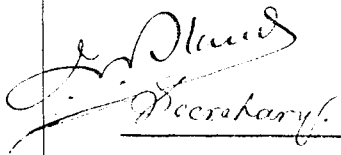
Native Press — The attention of the Council has been called to the bad effect which the native press is producing by the circulation of all manner of sensational rumours calculated to alarm the public.

Decided to address the Consular Body in the matter and ask that steps be taken to deal with offenders. At the same time the Captain Superintendent of Police is to be directed to issue instructions to the Detective Force to arrest any persons found posting or distributing sensational news, or other placards, and to warn the keepers of tea-houses &c that they will be held responsible if any persons are found to be disseminating alarming rumours on their premises.

The Meeting then adjourns.



Chairman



At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, House Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 5th July, 1900, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

E. C. Merrill, Chairman
 C. M. Lee,
 R. A. Harcourt,
 D. Luntale,
 A. M. Reed,
 J. Bruckner,
 C. J. Kuehnsch,
 M. R. Rice,
 E. B. Stollow, Secy. and the
 Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statements for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for June are submitted:

Engineers.

Health Officers.

Financial Statements

Summary of License fees.

Arrest of Chinese Soldiers — A discussion arises

as to the best course to be pursued in the matter of the arrest of four men in uniform on the Bund, all carrying rifles and ammunition. It is finally decided to agree to their release, retaining the arm-
 pending further adequate explanations.

Italians - Portuguese Consular —

Letter from the Portuguese Consul is read containing an application from about 150 of his nationals

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notionals to be enrolled as a Company of the S.V.C.

A report by the Major Commanding is also read in which he alludes to the difficulties which attended the management of a former Portuguese Company, and recommends that, in the event of the Council contemplating compliance with the proposal, the most stringent precautions be taken, to prevent a repetition of such a state of affairs, and to guarantee the public from pecuniary loss. The Chairman is of opinion that it will be well to guard against hurting the susceptibilities of this section of the Community, while insisting upon such conditions as will effectually achieve the desired result. The Secretary is directed to draft a reply in this sense.

Volunteers

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Defence Measures - Letter from the Major Commanding is read asking that steps be taken to prevent the possibility of the numerous native boats lying in creeks be used as a means of crossing by mobs, and further alluding to the necessity in case of rioting for some definition of authority to fire. In the former matter, the Secretary is to see the Commissioners of Customs and make such arrangements as are possible; in the latter it is decided that at a meeting of the Water Committee the senior officers of the Corps shall attend, and after hearing the Council's views on the subject receive sealed orders as to the procedure to be adopted.

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Customs Company - The appointment of Mr R. H. R. Wade to be 2nd Lieutenant is approved and commissions are ordered for issue accordingly.

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Japanese Company - Letter from the Japanese Council is read in which he states that with the co-operation of Major Clarke this Company has now been formally enrolled; commissions for a full complement of officers are signed, in accordance with the Commandant's recommendation, and it is decided to convey to Mr Odagiri an expression of the Council's thanks for the personal share he has taken in the formation of this new unit.

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New Landing Order
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A proposed new standing order No. 39A, as revised under recommendations of the Council is submitted and discussed. The Chairman says that the point now to be settled by the Council is whether single or return passage should be granted. Mr Skottow desires that decisions on the subject be deferred for further consideration, but upon a show of hands it is decided by 5 votes to 4 that the order as drafted shall hold, i.e. that provided the employer is under agreement and guarantee to return to duty, he shall receive a return passage free.

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Health Department Staff

Upon the application of the Commission at New Hei it is agreed that Nurse Goodwill, who is now on leave at that post shall be permitted to remain until the end of the month upon the understanding that she will return at once if telegraphed for.

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Upon the recommendation of the Health Officer the salaries of the Chief and Deputy Sanitary Inspectors, Messrs Johnston, and Hill are fixed respectively at £185 and £180, with a proviso that so soon as their quarters are completed, a deduction of £30 will be made from each.

New Buildings

Plans of the new Health Department and Fire Stations are laid on the table and finally approved.

Jellies

The conversation with the Harbourmaster the Engineer has ascertained that his objections to the site agreed on for a new jetty are of such a nature that he considers it would be wise to apply definitely for a permit to enable Mr Bisbee to lay his views before the Council. The Secretary is directed to endeavour to settle this question with Mr Bisbee, and the Engineer will prepare a plan showing the exact proposed location.

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Chinese Servants

The Chairman draws attention to a suggestion recently made in the North China Daily News regarding the protection of foreigners' servants

servant in case of risk. The matter is referred to the Welsh Committee.
The Meeting then adjourns.

J. J. Jones
Secretary.

Edw. Evans
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, King's Road, St. Pancras, on Thursday, the 12th July, 1900 at 12.30 P.M.

Present, M.A.

- E. A. Howell, Chairman
- C. H. Williams
- S. A. Hancock
- D. Llewellyn
- A. W. Lewis
- J. Roberts
- C. J. Jones
- M. J. Jones
- E. D. Holloway, the Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Officers apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmentsal

✓ Volunteers - Artillery - Letter from the Major Com-
 manding is read recommending the promotion of Lieu-
 tenant Ruff to be Captain, and 2nd Lieutenant's
 1417 Marshall to be 1st Lieutenant and Commissions will be
 issued accordingly. It is noted that Sergeant Pragnell
 is elected to be 2nd Lieutenant and will receive his
 commission after the usual examination.

✓ Do - Night parades - A discussion arises as
 to the advisability of continuing these matters of the
 Corps and the members generally regard their effect
 upon the House as of an undesirable nature.
 Mr. Lauder is opposed to interfering with the
 internal arrangements of the Corps and upon Mr. &
 'Oratius' proposal it is decided that the Watch
 Committee shall put the Council's views forward before
 the Major Commanding in the form of a strong recommenda-
 tion.

✓ Defence Measures - Protection for Chinese - Letter
 1418 from Mr. J. Morrison is read in which he draws
 attention to the need for measures providing adequate
 security for Chinese residents in case Shanghai is
 attacked, and in reference to this subject the Chairman
 states that the defence scheme includes such protection.
 That this may be more widely known amongst the
 native community the Secretary is directed to inform
 the heads of the providential guilds that these arrange-
 ments will be made and in the meanwhile a para-
 graph will be inserted in the Daily News in both
 English and Chinese to the same effect.

✓ Proposed Chinese Company of Volunteers - The
 Chairman understands that a proposal upon this
 subject is shortly to be laid before the Council and
 desires an expression of opinion as to the advisability
 of adopting some scheme of this nature. He enumerates
 the safeguards which might be put in force and states
 that a section of the Councilar Body is in favour of
 the scheme. Mr. R. White reads a memorandum which
 he has prepared summing up strongly against arming
 Chinese in any way whatsoever and upon a show of
 hands the Council is unanimously against the proposal.

Guard for the Waterworks — Mr. McLeod at the Chairman's request has discussed with the Directors of the Waterworks Company the advisability of providing sufficient guards at the tower and filter beds to prevent any possible poisoning of the water and now states that the Company, while willing to apply for \$5000 should the Council consider it desirable does not require such precautions as in any way necessary at present.

Case of arrested LeKie Runners — The Secretary states that it having been arranged between the Chairman and the U.S. Consul General that the three men in custody should be released on bail, the men were brought again before the Mixed Court and released, but that the amount of the bail did not transpire and that it had been retained by the American Assessor. The Secretary is directed to see Mr. Goddard and if possible have this irregularity rectified, failing which a formal despatch will be drafted expressive of the Council's views on the subject for publication in the Minutes.

Mr. Patterson's Compensation — The application of the Captain Superintendent for £100. compensation, and his pay while en route home is sanctioned.

Chinese Recruiting near Arsenal — Letter from the Senior Board is read, asking the Council to supply certain information in regard to the continued employment of coolies by the Chinese Authorities for service in the Arsenal Camps; decided to reply giving the information required and requesting that the Substr be called upon to remove the troops in question.

The Meeting then adjourns.

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Chairman.

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Assistant Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23, Hongque Road, Shanghai: on Thursday, the 14th July, 1900, at 4.30 P.M.

Present.

M. M.

E. A. Hewett. (Chairman.)
 C. McEide.
 S. A. Harcourt.
 D. Kaidabe.
 A. McLeod.
 E. Quackenbush.
 W. R. Lide.
 C. B. Kolloway. and the
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. Proctor.
 Secretary.

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The Agenda calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

✓ Return of Prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

✓ New Post on "the Jolly" — The Chairman points out that in the absence of any budget appropriation for this structure its erection must necessarily be postponed until next year.

79/ ✓ Defence Measures — Protection for China — The Council is informed that the Secretary has held a meeting at the heads of the provinces, and local quills, who unanimously expressed satisfaction at the Council's proposals for the maintenance of order in the Settlements. A joint proclamation will shortly be issued, the effect of which will, it is hoped, be to restore confidence among the native community.

80/ ✓ Case of arrested Lo-Kien runners — Letter from the U.S. Consul General is read in which he says that he will

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will consult his colleagues on the point as to whether the Assessor should hold bail. He quotes also the case of the Truck Mixed Court where such is the practice. As the Council is aware that there has been a meeting of the Consular Body since this letter was received and that Mr. Cosentino did not avail himself of the opportunity to discuss the point, the Secretary is directed to draft an official letter comprising the whole question as previously decided upon.

✓ Watch Committee's Minutes are read and in reference thereto:

✓ Alvaru System — Memorandum by the Captain Superintendent, and the Major Commanding is read giving their views as to the desirability of a second alarm. The Chairman wishes the point left for the further consideration of the Watch Committee.

✓ Protection of Native Christians — A letter from the Rev. F. K. H. Spott has been circulated, in which he states that the present outbreak in the North is highly anti-Christian and desires that the Society arrange for the protection of Chinese Christians in and about the Settlement. The Council's reply is that steps are being taken for the protection of all law-abiding citizens alike and that it would be undesirable to make any sectarian distinctions; also, in the matter of the Chinese in the surrounding districts, that it will be well for them to arrange in the event of disturbance to transfer their families to within Settlement limits.

✓ Volunteers — Portuguese Company — Letter from the Portuguese Consul is read in which the application of his nationals to form a company is received. The continued insistence upon the points that the corps shall be Portuguese and the intendant organisation independent of the rules and regulations of the Corps leaves the matter from the Council's point of view in the same position as before; it is therefore decided & courteous to inform Mr. Valdez that the conditions enumerated in the former despatch are alone those upon which the Company may be formed.

✓ Mr. Kingonilla's Shenko Cases — Two instances are brought forward

forward in which this gentleman's operations have brought him into opposition with the Council.
 In the first case he has secured a U.S. deed No 823 for a narrow neck of land wholly required for a road extension in Hiram. The Council decides to demand a free surrender and in the event of a refusal, to have the surrender value fixed by the land Commission. It is noted however that it may be possible for the firm Jardine Matheson & Co as owners of a lot to which this land has accreted, to bring pressure to bear and possibly to upset the validity of the deed, a point which Mr. Leudake undertakes to look into.

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In the second case, through the mechanism of the Mixed Court and with the connivance of the American Consulate he has secured the illegal detention for 9 months of the rightful owner of certain land covered by U.S. deed No 824. A full report of the circumstances is contained in a letter from the Engineer, setting aside for the present the fact that this deed also covers a section of the North Horkiang Road, the Council decides to approach H.M. Consul General in the matter with a request that he, being Mr. Kingsmill's proper Consular representative, will demand from the Factor the immediate release of the prisoner.

✓ Nurse at Hei Hei Looi — Letter from the Commissioner at Wei Hei is read in which he requests that Nurse Gladwell be permitted to remain there for an additional three months. Report by the Health Officer in re is also submitted. The Council is disposed to grant this request provided the views of Shanghai do not demand her recall, in consideration which point the Health Officer must regard leave for the remainder of the nursing staff as at present impossible. It is further decided to point out to Dr. Stouby that all leave requires the sanction of the Committee concerned, vide Standing Orders, and that in Nurse Gladwell's case the Watch Committee was not aware of her absence until the Commissioner's telegram was received.

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Sale of Arms to Chinese — The Chairman has called upon Messrs Selge & Schroder to enquire whether the statement, which received very general credence, was true that their firm had sold several thousand rifles to the Chinese within the last week. A letter from Mr C. Bismarck is read denying the allegation.

Arrival of Li Hany-chang — The question of the return permissible for the Viceroy on his landing in Shanghai is discussed, and the members generally are of opinion that a minimum should be granted and that unarmed. The question is finally left in the hands of the Chairman, who will be guided by the attitude of the British Consul General, it being agreed that no armed soldiers will be permitted.

Defences of Shanghai — The Chairman is desirous to obtain further military advice in regard to the defence of the surrounding country and suggests application to Hongkong for an Engineer Officer who shall draw up a scheme therefor. A discussion ensues: ^{as a result, the} Chairman undertakes to endeavour to obtain the services of a competent ~~person to draw up a plan~~ naval officer from one of the ships in port.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Signed

Chairman.

J. M. Stand
Secretary.

At the general meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Minerva House, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 26th July, 1900, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present.

M. M.

W. F. Hewitt. (Chairman)
 E. M. Cole.
 W. A. Harwood.
 D. Landale.
 C. A. McLeod.
 J. Proutiee.
 E. J. Schenkbusch.
 W. R. White.
 W. B. Skellorne. Sec. and Treas.
 Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended, and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Meeting of Consular Body — The Chairman states that, in accordance with the invitation of the Junior Consul, he attended a meeting of the Consular Body convened at the request of the United States Consul General. Mr Goodnow, however, was not present and it did not definitely transpire for what purpose the Chairman's presence had been requested. This act of discourtesy on the part of Mr Goodnow is commented upon and it is decided that, should another similar request be made, a reply will be sent to the effect that the Chairman cannot attend unless he is informed of the business before the meeting.

Volunteers — The following appointments are confirmed: —
 1st Lieutenant E. Gumpert, "A" Company to have the
 Brook, rank of Captain.

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Volunteers - Mr S. R. Gale to be Commissariat officer with the rank of Honorary Lieutenant.

The acting Commissions requested for two members of the Light Horse are deferred pending the usual modifications as to elections and examinations.

1448. A proposal forwarded by the Major Commanding to alter Rule XVI of the Corps so as to allow of the appointment of Subaltern officers by the Council, in lieu of the present system of election by the members of the troop or company concerned, is not approved, the Council being of opinion that such change should properly be discussed at a meeting of the Corps, upon whose vote confirmatory action would be taken if necessary.

1449. Letter from the Major Commanding is read, desiring authority to sanction the formation of a body of about 30 mounted Scouts into a company of the F.V.C. The letter is ordered for publication with an affirmative reply.

85/ General Defence - The Chairman states that some slight friction is likely to arise owing to the non-consultation of certain authoritative bodies in regard to the Defence Scheme and to the other measures which have recently been taken in the public safety. At his suggestion it is decided to call a meeting on Tuesday next to which shall be invited the Councilar Body, the Commanders of the Ships of war in harbour, representative officers of the Volunteers and the Truck Volunteers, the Chairman of the Truck Council and Captains Davis and Barrow, military attachés to H.M. Consul General. Therein will be fully discussed a scheme of united defence based upon that already formulated and it is hoped that the general co-operation of all authorities in the two Settlements will result.

85/ Sale of Arms - Letter from the Portuguese Consul General is submitted advising the Council to confiscate all munitions or implements of war landed or stored by any of his nationals without a permit.

- ✓ Ice Company's Building Permit — The Council is informed that, if the decision to defend this case before the Court of Consuls without legal assistance, is carried out, the legal advisors would consider it necessary to return their resignation. The Secretary is directed to see Mr McNeil and arrange that he conduct this case, it being understood that the firm will cease to represent Mr Morgan's interests.
- 73/ ✓ Tax-Office Staff — The resignation of Collector Davies is voted, together with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that he be granted a gratuity of 450. months pay. In view of this employe's 28 years service, it is decided to call for further information as to his financial circumstances, and state of health.
- ✓ Land Registration Reform — Draft letter to the Senior Consul is approved, instancing the recent Shindo case of Mr Higginbotham, now in H. M. Consuls hands, as an additional argument in favour of the Council's proposals for the establishment of a Municipal Land Office.
- 63/ ✓ Mixed Court Bills — The return without comment of the Council's letter to the U.S. Consul General is voted and it is decided to refer the question with copies of all the correspondence in re to the Senior Consul.
- 82/ ✓ Highway Contract — Petition by the Contractor to be allowed a reduction for the time being in the amount of his contract payments, is considered together with recommendations in re by the Military Inspector; matter postponed pending further enquiry into the validity of the arguments on which the Contractor's petition is based.
- ✓ New Bell-Tower Site — Decided to authorize the re-erection of the old Bell-tower at the Carter Road Police Station compound and to instruct the Engineer to report to the Works Committee in regard to the purchase of a suitable bell for the same.
- The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Stand
Secretary

Secretary
Chairman

Minutes of a Special Meeting held in the Municipal Board Room, on Tuesday the 31st July, at 4.30 p.m., convened to discuss the arrangements made, and in contemplation, for Local Defence. —

Present, of the Council, the Chairman, Vice Chairmen, and Major Edie, Robt. and Kollowe; also by invitation, the following:—

The Chairman of the French Council.

The Officers commanding the Volunteer Forces of both Settlements, and Major Kollowe, Colonel Desimo, Russian Military Attaché, and Captain Davis of H.B.M.'s expeditionary force.

Captain Saville of H.M.S. "Bonaventure",

Captain Kymundi of the "Holland",

Commandant Fickel of the "Pascal",

Captain Kollman of the "Gefiro",

Captains Harita and Myphara of the "A-Haji" and "Takao", and Captain Crockett of the "Alacrité".

The Chairman, calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Chairman, in opening the Meeting, thanks the various Naval and military Officers for their attendance and proceeds to explain the present position of the Municipality in the matter of local defence.

He says that the Forces at the disposal of the Council are admittedly inadequate; explains their nature, organization and armaments; and emphasizes the need for a comprehensive scheme of defence for both Settlements, with united action in carrying out the same. It is evident that the plan of defence drawn up under the advice of Major Morris two years ago is on a scale which the local forces could not attempt to render effective, and that, in the event of a serious attack on Shanghai by armed forces, the line of defence would have to be considerably restricted, since the protection of the entire area would on the estimate of competent military opinion, require some 15,000 men.

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At the request of the Chairman, Captain Wehrung, Commanding the French Volunteer Corps, details the arrangements made on the Settlement south of the Haanping Pass, which in the absence of adequate forces from the fleet, would be confined to an area sufficient to afford protection to the women and children, the line including only the Bay des Consuls, ^{from the consulate to Sour Hall} and the Electric Light works.

In regard to the last speaker's remarks and to the plan of defence submitted, Colonel Dessine observes that the reserve forces are apparently stationed too near the outskirts.

The Major Commanding the B. V. C., when called on to explain his scheme of defence for the Foreign Settlement, requests that this may be done by Major Holliday, under whose directions it was originally drawn up.

Major Holliday accordingly lays the plan and details of organization before the Meeting, explaining it at considerable length.

There being no suggestions offered by any of the Officers present, the Chairman renounces the expression of the Council's thanks, and is gratified to think that the arrangements ^{made} meet with general approval.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Yours sincerely
Chairman.

J. J. Lane
Secretary.

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kings Road, Stamford on Thursday, the 2nd August, 1900, at 4.30 p.m.

Present. W. M.

- E. A. Hewett. Chairman,
- C. M. Eds.
- S. A. Harcourt.
- D. A. Haulton.
- A. M. Keed.
- J. P. Keeble.
- E. G. Quackebush.
- M. R. R. R.
- E. N. Skottow. the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

The questions relating the Meeting is taken as read. The Minutes of last Meeting, also those of Special Meeting relative to the proposed scheme of defence, are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of prisoners apprehended and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports. — The following are submitted: —
General Municipal Rate, Native and Foreign, for June Quarter.
Electrical Superintendent, " "
Summary of Licence fees. July
Engineer's. " "

1 High Price Contract — The Secretary states that the position of the Contractor is founded upon enquiry to be justifiable to a certain extent, and it is decided to authorize a temporary reduction of £200. from his monthly payment which amount may be increased later, if necessary.

1 Local Defence — The despatches of the Senior Council is

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is considered in which a demand is made that the Council should "turn over" to the Senior Naval officer the local defence arrangements and forces. On a motion by Mr. P. H. H. it is decided, without a definitely declining to act upon the terms of this letter, to communicate to the Consular Body the contents of the Council's recent letter to Vice Admiral Seymour, in which is clearly stated the Council's readiness to hand over charge of the Settlement, so soon as actual disturbance becomes imminent. It has been unofficially pointed out to Mr. Valdez that the word "confidential" in the margin of his letter is inexplicable, the Council being of opinion that its subject matter is of the highest importance to the community. Its publication in the ordinary course is decided upon.

Brothels — As a result of a paragraph in the "North China Daily News", confirmed by Police enquiry, it is decided to communicate with Messrs David Sassoon, Sons & Co, Agents for the owners of the property, requesting that they will take steps to mitigate the nuisance arising from disorderly scenes in the neighbourhood of the 2 brothels situate in the Doohow Road.

Correspondence with Guilds — The Council is informed that at a meeting to be held on Sunday next the final form of the proposed proclamation by the Guilds will be decided upon. In the meanwhile a further paragraph is to be inserted in the Native papers contradicting the wild rumours as to the Council's defence measures now in circulation.

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Certain steps which have been taken by the Engineer in consultation with Major Holliday are criticised, viz, the loosening of bridge-planks, preparations of wire entanglements and barbed wire, and the Engineer is to be informed that no such work can be undertaken except upon instructions through the proper channels.

Police, Sikh Strength — An addition of 12 men to this branch of the force upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, is approved.

Police - Misconduct of Inspector Kelly -

This Inspector having again been reported for drunkenness, it is noted that his connections with the Force must now cease.

Gordon Road Extension - Report by the Engineer

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is submitted upon the progress in the formation of this road and his recommendation to expend £5000 upon its continuation to the loop at Jesfield is sanctioned after some discussion.

Volunteers - A request for supply of 150 additional

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carbines and 150,000 rounds of ammunition is approved, to be transmitted to the Ordnance Authorities in Hong Kong.

Taxation Levy for Native Defence - The Secretary is

directed to inform the Guild headmen that residents in the Settlement will be upheld in refusing to pay any contributions demanded of them for native military preparations.

Traffic on Recreation Ground - The Chairman states

that, through a member of the Ground Committee, he has no knowledge of the recent modifications in the regulation as to carriage traffic on the interior paths. The Hon Sec is to be communicated with on this subject.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Robert Jones
Chairman

J. P. Jones
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No 23, Raffles Road, Singapore, on Thursday
the 7th August, 1900. at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

- Mr. E. A. Howard (Chairman)
- C. H. Cole
- S. A. Harcourt
- J. Handley
- A. McLeod
- J. Prentice
- J. Quackenbush
- M. R. Lee
- E. D. Kottow
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for July, are submitted:

Health Officers.
Financial Statements.

Senior Consul Correspondence — Reply from the Senior Consul to the Council's despatch in the matter of Consul refusals is submitted, in which is enclosed copy of the Consular Board's letter of the 20th July to the Senior Naval Officer asking the latter to take over the defence of the settlement. It is decided, in view of the arrangements made by the Senior Naval Officer in direct communication with the Council, that it is inadvisable to publish this correspondence.

Local Defences — Despatch from Admiral Seymour, Senior Naval Officer, is submitted, having already been circulated to the Council, in which certain recommendations are made.

to be carried out, if approved by the Council, in connection with the organization of local defenses. These recommendations entail reference to the Shanghai Fire Department, Shanghai Volunteer Corps and other Departments of the public service, whose replies, on the various points dealt with, the Secretary is directed to obtain as soon as possible. The question of accommodation for the various divisional forces and reserves is being dealt with by Captain Davies.

Mr. Rhodes expresses the opinion that consideration and decision in matters of defence arrangements should not be confined to the Watch Committee but that a Special Committee of Defence should be organized which any Member of the Council should be free to join. The Council does not endorse the proposal of a Special Committee, but it is resolved that all measures for local defence shall be submitted for the consideration of the full Council till normal conditions are restored.

S. V. C. Light Horse — Further communication from the Major Commanding is submitted in reference to the question of granting acting Commissions to Messrs Dyer and Sucklow, pending the return from leave of Lieutenants Keylock and Rogers. He forwards a letter from Captain Wickham on this subject wherein the Council is requested to reconsider the decision arrived at at last meeting, for reasons specified. The Council is willing to waive the usual examination on Captain Wickham's character of the efficiency of the gentlemen in question, but not to issue Commissions without previous election of the candidates.

Local Militia. — The Secretary states that the proclamation issued on Monday last as the result of arrangements made with the Opium, has produced a reassuring effect and that native residents have ceased to leave the Settlement. The news that the British Government has now decided to send troops is calculated to remove their fears unless the matter is placed before the public in a proper light. For this reason the Secretary is authorized to convene a further meeting with the Opium Secretaries to explain the situation and to discuss the issue of a further proclamation in re.

✓ Brothels - Reply received from Messrs David Jasson Sons & Co to read, stating that they will make arrangements as soon as possible to get a more respectable class of tenants for the houses referred to in the Council's recent representation to the owners of the property.

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Decided to instruct the Police to report further in the matter after a month's interval.

✓ Public Band - The dismissal of Bandman Martinez for continued drunkenness is approved.

✓ Resignation of Tax Collector - Decided to accept the resignation of this employe and in recognition of his long and efficient service to grant him a gratuity of \$1,200. with passage for himself and family to Singapore.

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✓ Mixed Court Procedure - Letter from a special Committee of the local Bar is submitted, enclosing copy of a new rule recently framed by the Consul General for Great Britain, Germany and the United States, to be adopted at the Mixed Court. This rule makes the pleading of cases by lawyers a matter requiring the sanction of the Jussessor and to its embodiment in the Constitution of the Court the local Bar takes strong exception. The Council endorses the views expressed in the special Committee's letter - viz, that the Consular Body by its own admission has no powers to alter the Rules of the Court without reference to Her Majesty; it is therefore decided to reply that the Council will support the action of the Bar by any representations that may appear necessary and useful.

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The Meeting then adjourns.

Robert A. ...
Chairman.

J. ...
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the
Board Room, No. 25, Mianque Road, Shanghai,
on Thursday, the 16th August, 1900, at 11.30 P.M.

Present. Mr. M.

E. A. Hewitt. Chairman,
C. M. Ede.
S. A. Haradson.
D. Landale
W. McLeod
J. Spruntied
C. J. Woodhouse
C. B. Kottaw. the
Secretary and the
Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

Mr. Rohde.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed
by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheque
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily
reports for the past week are submitted.

96/ Resignation of Tax Collector — It is noted that
Collector Davis has reconsidered his resignation
and is permitted to resume duty. He wishes to
remain two or three years longer.

96/ Mild Court Procedure — The Secretary states that
Mr. Platt, one of the signatories of the Ben-
Committee's letter on this subject, has expressed the
Committee's intention of approaching H. M. Consul
General in the matter therein referred to, and that,
pending Mr. Warren's reply, it would be best for
the Council to take no action.

Finance Committee's Minutes are read and confirmed.

96/ Volunteers, Armament — Reply is read to the Council's
application to H. E. the General commanding the
Troops

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- Troops in China and Hong Kong, for an additional 150 carbines and 150,000 rounds of ammunition, and it is concluded that the required shipment will be made.
- 1/ Volunteers - Light Horse - In connection with the question of officers for this unit Captain Wickham's resignation is received. After some discussion acceptance is deferred at Major Clark's request pending an enquiry, which he is now instituting as to the reasons for the non-appearance of the troop at yesterday's parade.
- 5/ 490
- 1/ Do - Infantry Company - Commission is ordered for issue to Mr L. Phillips as 1st Lieutenant.
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- 1/ Do - C Co. Company - The following staff movements are approved and the necessary commissions will be issued accordingly:-
- 501
- 2nd Lieutenant L. J. Cubitt to be 1st Lieutenant.
Sergeants G. E. Stewart, and F. B. Rickard to be 2nd Lieutenants.
- 1/ Do - Artillery - Sergeant Praquett's examination having now been held, his Commission as 2nd Lieutenant is signed.
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- 1/ Do - Staff - An application from the Naval Authorities for the services of Major Holliday to be utilised in the matter of defence details, is approved subject to the consent of the Major Commanding.
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- 1/ Do - Care of Maxim Guns - Letter from the Major Commanding is read recommending the appointment of Mr J. E. Bauld as Armourer Sergeant, on a salary of £30 per annum. This man has had previous experience in the care of Maxims and is thought to be qualified for such special work.
- 498
- Reply is deferred pending enquiry into the fitness of certain members of the Health Department Staff for the post.
- 1/ Alarm Signal - A discussion takes place upon the subject of various suggested methods for providing a second signal to intimate to non-combatants that they are to collect in the divisional refuge posts. It is finally decided that such signal shall be a continuous ringing

ringing of the fire bell for ten minutes, and the Secretary is directed to write to the Major-Commanding accordingly.

1 / Creek in Hong Kong — Letter from the Senior Consul is read in allusion to certain irrigation works in Hong Kong, of which complaint has been made by the Chinese in the neighbourhood. The matter is referred to the Works Committee.

95 / Permits for Natives — Mr Ede is of opinion that the system which has been arranged with the heads of the Provincial Guilds for the issue of these passes is not calculated to work satisfactorily. He states that it is within his knowledge that certain natives have been unable to obtain passes and he is of opinion that their circulation should not be confined to the present distribution system. After some discussion, during which the Chairman states that he has reason to believe that the present system is working quite satisfactorily, it is permitted to stand.

1 / Mr Higginmill's Shikho Land — It is decided to place the question of the acquisition of U.S. Lot 828 at once before the Land Commission for valuation.

83 / Land Commissioner — It is noted that only one nomination has been received for the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Braud, namely that of Mr W. J. Jackson who is accordingly considered to be elected.

1 / Mixed Court Bail Case — The Secretary is directed to point out to the Senior Consul that the reply to the Council's despatch on this subject is still awaited.

88 / Loaded Fire Arms — A police report is submitted regarding the case of Mr Marshall of the American Company S.V.C. who was found with a loaded rifle in the streets. Referred to the Major-Commanding for official enquiry.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. H. Paul
Secretary

John A. Paul
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the
Board Room, No. 23, Haughey Road, Shanghai,
on Thursday, the 23rd August 1900, at 11.30 p.m.

Present: M. M.

E. A. Hewitt. (Chairman),
C. M. Ede,
D. Kaudole,
A. McKee,
J. Spratkin,
E. Quackenbush,
E. B. Kottow. the
Secretary. and the
Resident Secretary.

Absent.

J. W. Hurdon,
H. Roberts

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily
reports for the past week are submitted.

Medical Dept. Bail Case. — The Secretary has again
approached the Senior Consul asking for a reply to
the Council's despatch on this subject, and it is
understood that it is the present intention of the
Consular Body to take no steps in the matter.

The Chairman undertakes to see H. P. M. Consul
General and ascertain if this is the case.

Relief of Peking. — The Chairman reads the draft of a
letter he proposes to address to the Senior Consul, for
transmission to the Diplomatic Body in Peking, in
expression of the feeling of relief of the Community at
the safety of the foreigners in Peking. It is ordered
for circulation before despatch.

A sum of \$1,500 is voted for the illumination of

of the Band on Tuesday next, and the Division will approach. Admiral Seymour with a request that the men-of-war in harbour on that day may take part in the display.

1 / Local Defences. — At the instance of General Gough, it is decided to post a proclamation throughout the Settlement assuring the Chinese that no danger need be apprehended from the presence of British troops in Shanghai, and asking all persons with complaints of ill-treatment by the soldiers to address the General, by whom such complaints will be heard and investigated.

✓ It is noted that the Gaol site and the two Victoria Police stations have been temporarily placed at the General's disposal.

✓ The second alarm, as decided upon, having been approved by the Police and Volunteers, is ordered to be communicated by circular to foreign residents.

1 / Volunteers — Naval Company. — Commission for Mr 510 J. D. Strong, R. N. R. as 2nd Lieutenant is ordered for issue, as recommended by the Major Commanding.

1 / Do — Light Horse. — Letter from the Major 490 Commanding is read from which it appears that Captain W. D. Kham is desirous of withdrawing his resignation. The Colonel considers that some pleasure should be made conditional upon his giving a guarantee to obey the Council's instructions for the future, upon which a discussion ensues.

The final form of reply as drafted is approved to be forwarded, and published with the minutes.

1 / Do — B Company. — Certain correspondence between members of this unit is submitted informally with a view to ascertaining the Council's attitude in regard to certain protests at the recent order relative to Volunteers who are also members of the Fire Brigade. The action of the Volunteer authorities in refusing to accept resignations based upon a disagreement with the purpose of the order is unanimously upheld.

✓ Nursing Home — Draft estimate of next year's revenue and expenditure, submitted in connection with the Health Officer's request for 3 new nurses, is referred to the Finance Committee.

✓ Land Assessment — Plan, schedule, and report of 513 the Committee, relative to the Northern District, are laid on the table and approved.

61/ The Meeting then adjourns.

Robert A. Howell
Chairman.

John D. Clark
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kingsway Road, Shaftsbury, on Thursday the 30th August, 1900, at 11.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

- E. A. Howell. (Chairman)
- D. A. Harcourt.
- D. Kendall.
- A. McKee
- J. Pringle.
- C. Quakerbush.
- M. R. R. R.
- C. B. Skottow.
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary.

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Absent.

C. M. Ede

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Treasure apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Secure of Bail at Mixed Court — The Chairman has seen H. M. Consul General on the subject of the absence of reply from the Russian Consul to the Council's letter re the action of the American Consular in regard to the retention of birch, and he infers that the Consular Body are unwilling at present to do anything in regard thereto; it is therefore decided to publish the dispatch forthwith.

Illuminations in honour of the relief of Pokina. —

The Special meeting of Council held on the 27th is recalled, at which a letter from H. M. Consul General was read advocating the postponement of the illuminations in accordance with General Cragg's recommendations. This letter and reply is decided upon was duly forwarded for publication and a further letter from Mr Warren is now read. It is finally decided to abandon the proposed celebration in deference to the views of the Naval and Military authorities. The Secretary is directed to communicate this decision to the French Council and to those Ratepayers who were requested to illuminate their houses.

Private Carriage Licences — Letter from the Horse Bazaar is read pointing out the disadvantages which will arise from the general adoption of license plates and to meet the views therein expressed it is decided that such vehicles as are bona fide hired by the month shall be exempted from carrying the plates. A list of all vehicles then employed will be furnished to the Inspector at the beginning of each month.

Fire Brigade — Letter from the Departmental Secretary is read descriptive of certain meetings of Companies held

held in protest at the Council's rule as to members of the Brigade who are also Volunteers.

The Chairman will see the Major Commanding upon the subject but wishes for an expression of the members' opinion in the matter. He considers that so far as officers and non-commissioned officers are concerned it is essential that their volunteer duties take precedence of those with the Brigade but he is in favour of making it an optional matter for privates. So soon as the Form of Companies S. F. D. learn how many vacancies are likely to arise from this arrangement steps might be taken for the supply of temporary members from the ranks of the General Service Companies.

These proposals are generally assented to.

Nursing Home — The engagement of three more nurses is finally decided upon, with the assistance of Dr Macleod in regard to their selection, if he is willing to ask in the matter. The Health Officer's rough estimates of the cost and income of the Home are used.

Chinese Volunteer Companies — A circular letter is submitted from seven leading exporters and merchants in Shanghai asking the Council to sanction the formation of a company of Volunteers.

The Secretary is directed to reply, thanking these gentlemen for their public spirited offer but stating that the existing local defenses require no further augmentation.

Lotteries — The Chairman has been approached in regard to the apparent non-compliance with the published terms of his lottery on the part of Mr J. Charles * and it is decided to enquire from the legal advisers whether he could be prosecuted before the Supreme Court and, if so, what charge should be brought against him. Meanwhile this lottery is to be watched by the Police.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. S. Land
Secretary

Edw. [Signature]
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the
Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai,
on Thursday, the 6th September, 1900, at 11.30 p.m.

Present. Mr. M.

E. A. Hewitt. (Chairman),
 S. C. A. Harcourt.
 W. Laudale.
 A. M. Leo.
 C. J. van Kenbuck.
 W. R. G. R. G.
 E. B. S. Kottlowe. The
 Secretary. and the
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

Mr. Ed.
 J. Freuhon.

The business calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the
 Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques
 for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily
reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for August,
 are submitted:

Summary of License Fees.

Vehicle-Inspector's.

Mixed Cook Bail Case — Letter from the Junior Council

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is read, in which it is stated that the Council
 Body is not competent to deal with the matter
 at issue between the Council and the U.S. Consulate
 in this case. Under these conditions it is decided
 that the only course open to the Council is to
 refer the question, with a copy of the correspondence
 to the U.S. Minister at Peking, informing Mr
 Goodnow at the same time of the action taken.

Lotteries — The Chairman refers to the complaints recently
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made against the proprietors of Fattersell's Lottery, the Secretary states that none of these complaints have been formulated officially in writing; the lottery is not at present licensed, however, but is under police supervision the local agent of the concern having been grasped to his principals for instructions.

The Council decides that any application for renewal of license by this concern must be submitted for the consideration of the Watch Committee, the Chairman being of opinion that such applications should be refused.

The Minutes of the Watch Committee are read and confirmed

The Vice Chairman refers to the lateness of the hour at which the electric street lighting begins, expressing the opinion that the proper schedule time is not observed.

The Secretary is instructed to call for a report from the Superintendent on the point.

Municipal Debt — The correspondence and reports on this subject being of considerable length, they have not yet been read by all the members; consideration of the question is therefore deferred till next meeting.

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In the meanwhile the Secretary is directed to see the head of the Geo Weeks, & Co and ascertain whether there is no possibility of the firm establishing an undertaking business, since Mr Oswald's methods are not calculated to give satisfaction so long as he himself remains at Bootham.

Quarry Staff — The Council decides to leave it to the discretion of the Overseer to say whether he should leave the Quarry with his staff and return to Langhain.

S. D. C. — Letter from the Major Commanding read, applying for Commission as 1st Lieutenant for Sergeant Dyer.

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After some discussion as to the propriety of this appointment, it is decided that the Council is not justified in going behind the recommendations of the officer in command so long as the Regulations of the Corps are observed, and the Commission is therefore signed for issue.

Fire Department — Letter from the Major Commanding

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S. V. C. is read, asking the Council, in the interests of discipline, to uphold the order which was recently issued by the Chief Engineer and himself jointly, and against which certain members of the Fire Brigade have protested, in the matter of Voluntary duties taking precedence over those of the Fire Department in the event of a riot and fire occurring simultaneously. The Council unanimously concurs in the views expressed by Major Clarke; draft of a letter to this effect addressed to the Secretary of the Fire Commission, is read, amended and passed.

Russian Bank: New Building —

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Letter from the Co. Managers of the Bank is read, stating that, in return for being permitted to make the encroachment projected for their new building on the Bund, the strips of land lying between that building and the Bund on one side, and between the building and the Hankiang Road on the other, shall be left free to the public use. It is understood that no formal surrender is to be made; the Secretary is therefore directed to reply that the Council sanctions the encroachments on the understanding that, so long as it remains, the strips of frontage aforesaid shall remain continually subject to public use.

Mixed Court Case —

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Letter from the Junior Consul is read, in reply to the Council's letter of the 2nd July, stating that the Consular Body is unable to interfere in the judgment rendered by the Mixed Court Magistrate in the matter of the native Theatre owners concerned in the case in question, the rules of the Court providing for a regular process of Appeal; also the Consular Body cannot agree with the instructions issued by the Council to the Police in this matter.

The Secretary states that, under instructions of the Chairman, he called on the British Consul and was authorized by him to state that this letter was not in accordance with the views and opinions, as Mr. Warren understood them to have been expressed

expressed at the counter meeting. He further stated that if the Council would refer the matter back again with a clear statement of the points at issue, he would support the Council's views.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Subscribed
Chairman.

J. D. ...
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiaungse Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 13th September, 1900, at 4.30 P.M.

Present.

M. M.

- E. A. Hewitt. (Chairman)
- D. A. Harison
- D. Lyndale
- W. W. ...
- J. ...
- M. ...
- E. D. Kottow
- Secretary and the
- Uzbekistan Secretary.

Absent.

Ede
Quackenbush.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
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Cash Statement for the past week, is submitted, and
 cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily
 reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report — The following is submitted:
 Engineer's for August

56/ Shanghai Fire Department — It being understood,
 that considerable feeling exists in certain sections
 of the Brigade on the question recently discussed
 in re correspondence with the Council, it is decided
 to include the letters in the next published Minutes.

56/ Sextonships — The Secretary reports that Mr Jones
 & Co are unwilling to start an undertaking
 business; letter from Mr Truman is read to this
 effect, in which he suggests that, by advertising
 the Council might find a steady respectable man
 willing to take charge of such business. The Council
 decide that for the present it will be best to
 carry out the suggestion of the Engineer — paying
 Mr Jones the 25. a month to attend all funerals
 and cremations with instructions to report any
 shortcomings on the part either of the undertakers
 or the sexton. At the same time Mr Olsen is to
 be notified that unless he returns the Council
 will use every effort to induce a respectable
 firm to start an undertaking business.

Proposed Road to Rifle Range — An application
 verbally made by Mr Bryan is referred to the
 Council. He asks that this road, as far as the
 Rev. Dr Barbet's house be now made up, on the
 understanding that Mr Jones Stokes & Platt form-
 ally undertake to refund the cost of such works
 should a clear title to the entire road, as origi-
 nally proposed, not be forthcoming within a reason-
 able time. Mr Prichard is disposed to any
 departure from the decision formerly arrived at
 in this matter; but after some discussion, on the
 motion of Mr Rhode, it is decided to reply that
 the Council will make up this portion of the road
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at the expense of those concerned, and will hereafter repay to them the cost of the work, upon the entire road being handed over.

47 / Waghorn Road Extension - The Council is unwilling to agree to the modifications of the scheduled route & line as proposed by Mr. Morris, and the Engineer will accordingly be directed to report independently on the subject, giving his opinion, as to whether the road should remain as scheduled, i.e. overrunning the protest lodged, or whether it would be to the public interests, financially and otherwise, to divert the line originally laid down; if so, in what manner?

48 / Land Assessment - Eastern District - It is noted that the Finance Committee has approved the decisions of the Committee in the matter of protests received from land-owners in the eastern district. The schedule and report for this district, with plans, are now submitted, and passed for publication.

554. / Shanghai Volunteer Corps - The Major Commanding recommends the issue of a Brief Commission to Mr. Whittall, formerly a Lieutenant in C. Company. The Council considers that as Mr. Whittall is not at present a member of the Force, and it is uncertain whether he has any intention of returning to it, the issue of this Commission must await further information, which the Chairman undertakes to obtain.

83 / do - do - do - Portuguese Company.
Mr. White draws attention to a statement which has recently been made in the press to the effect that Admiral Deymas has sanctioned the formation of the Portuguese Volunteer Company. It is suggested, and agreed, that should this statement prove to be correct, a point on which the Chairman undertakes to obtain information, the Council will address the Admiral on the subject, and forward copy of the correspondence which

which led to the refusal to sanction the enrolement of this Company as part of the S. W. C.

✓ Li Hung Chang — The Senior Council advises the impending departure of the Viceroy, accompanied by his retinue and escort, and the Council directs that the necessary instructions be given for police & arrangements. It is understood that the troops accompanying him are to be confined to his personal body guard.

✓ Assistant Secretary — Renewal of Agreement. —

Letter from the Assistant Secretary is read, asking that his agreement, which expires on the 30th inst., be renewed, with salary at the rate of \$5,000 a year, and allowances as issued to heads of Departments. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, renewal of Mr. Lewis's agreement on these terms is agreed to.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Amesbury
Vice Chairman.

J. D. [unclear]
Secretary.

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Raffles Road, Singapore, on Thursday, the 20th September 1900, at 4.30 P.M.

Present. M.M.

W. C. Hewell (Chairman)
 W. A. Harrison
 A. McKee
 J. Menzies
 W. J. MacKenzie
 M. R. White
 E. D. Kellowe, and the
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

C. M. E. A.
 D. Landale, and
 Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

✓ Mr. Kay's — The Chairman states that for reasons connected with his health the Secretary will leave for England on the 27th instant.

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✓ The resignation of the Watch Committee is recorded to the departure of Mr. Pattison, Captain Superintendent of Police, early in October, instead of at the end of the year as previously arranged. Some discussion is caused as to the advisability of recalling Captain MacKenzie but it is decided to leave the Chief Inspector in charge of the force until the arrival of the new Captain Superintendent.

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✓ Disturbances at the Central Hotel — Letter from Messrs. C. D. Gisson & Co. is read, complaining of the noise caused by drunken sailors in the Raffles Road, together with

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an explanation afforded by the Hotel managers attributing the disturbances to the lack of proper supervision of the juwekoka traffic in the neighbourhood.

The members generally consider the complaint reasonable and it is decided to reply that, while instructions will be given to the police to take steps for the proper supervision of the street at this important corner, should the nuisance not be abated the question of the withdrawal of the Hotel's license will be considered.

1/ Lotteries — Application for a Chinese Lottery is submitted and approved, it being understood that the promoter is willing to deposit certain little sums as a guarantee that the lottery will be run upon the lines set forth in his letter. The form of acknowledgment of this security is to be drawn up by the legal adviser.

559 ✓ 05/ Letter from Mr O. Shea is read making certain charges against the managers of the lottery known as "Chattersalls". With it is submitted a statement by the official auditor to the effect that the inaccuracies pointed out were due to a mistake and expressing regret therefor.

The members do not regard the question as one which should be taken up on public grounds and directions are given, when the letters alluded to by Mr O. Shea have been inspected, to reply in this sense.

1/ Volunteers - B Company — It is noted that in an interview with the Chairman the Major commanding expressed that the proposed issue of a commission to Mr Whittall was inadvisable.

10/ ✓ 551 The resignation of Lieutenant Peace is received and recorded.

1/ ✓ 564 The election of Mr R. R. Thomas to be Second Lieutenant is duly notified and his commission is signed accordingly.

1/ Court of Consuls — The petition of the Shanghai Tea Company re Customs lot 571 has been served on the legal adviser and a copy thereof is submitted.

1/ Mohammedan Teachers — Letter request by five ✓ 562 Mohammedians

The numerous firms is read asking the Councils assistance in obtaining land for a cemetery, their present site being inadequate for their requirements. Before considering this request it is decided to ascertain the amount of land required as also what would be the most suitable locality for this purpose. The Engineer will see Mr. Spatany in the matter.

✓ Building Regulations — Draft of the Regulations for Chinese houses, as proposed by the legal adviser, is referred to the Works Committee.

✓ Mixed Court Case — Letter from the Senior Counsel is read in which he again discusses procedure in re appeals from the Mixed Court Magistrate's judgments, to the exclusion of the points clearly put before him in the Chairman's recent letter on this subject.

107. It is suggested that it is possible that Mr Warren is not aware of the contents of the Senior Counsel's letter and the Secretary is directed to ascertain whether his promise of support will be maintained.

✓ Goal Accommodations — The Chairman states that ~~should~~ ^{not suffice}

the measures taken ^{may} to prevent overcrowding in the goal it becomes necessary to request the Mixed Court Magistrate to hold short sentence prisoners at the Court. Mr Mayers, the Assessor at the Court, has however pointed out the lack of existing accommodations for this purpose and it is therefore proposed to build temporary association cells at a cost of Rs 5000 in the goal compound.

Decision is deferred pending enquiries as to the possibility of acquiring a further wing of the British goal.

The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]
Chairman.

W. Wilson
Assistant Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Prince Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 27. September, 1900. at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M.M.

E. A. Hewitt.

Chairman.

S. A. Harcourt.

A. McLeod.

J. Prentice.

E. Guackebush.

M. R. Lee.

E. B. Skottow.

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Secretary, and Asst. Secretary.

Absent.

C. M. Ede.

D. Laudale.

The minutes relating the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts were signed.

Report of Prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Ypot Accommodations — A discussion is raised as to the proposed erection of cells in H. M. Ypot Compound to provide further accommodations for prisoners, during which the Secretary states that in conversation with Mr. Hangers he has ascertained that it might be possible to acquire a further wing of the Ypot for Municipal use. The Chairman will endeavour to arrange this with H. M. Consul for eighteen months, at the end of which time he hopes the Municipal Ypot will have been erected. The Engineer is to be directed to forward rough plans of this building, in the form already advised, upon, adapted to the size of the site acquired.

Mixed Court Case — The Secretary has seen Mr. Warren in the matter of his promised support to the Council's attitude in this case, but in view of the fact that the Council Body were unanimously opposed to him his advice is that the point be allowed to remain in abeyance.

- ✓ Works Committee Minutes read and confirmed.
- ✓ Draft — Mr. Justice expresses his opinion that the system under which Municipal employees escape Police prosecution is an undesirable one but upon a show of hands the existing regulation is upheld.
- ✓ Chinese Building Regulations — Article XVIII as modified by Mr. Piche is approved and the draft code thus amended is ordered to be forwarded to the Land Commissioners.
- ✓ Reserve Garden — The issue of a return passage to Yokohama for Mr. Arthur is sanctioned and he is authorized to expend \$500. in trees and shrubs suitable for road decoration.
- ✓ Police Sports — On a application from the Captain Superintendent to expend \$300. from the Recreation fund on prizes for this annual function is approved. The suggestion to erect a wall enclosure and to charge for admission is negatived, the members noting the proximity of the Races and being of opinion that by the proposed charge the popularity and success of the Sports would be impaired.
- ✓ St. Xavier's School — Letter from the Director is read, asking that the school play ground may be repaired free of cost. In view of the grant to this Institution it is decided to offer to do the work at cash price.
- ✓ Lotteries — The opinion of the Legal adviser has been circulated as to the advisability of holding security on behalf of the promoters of Lotteries, and, in defence thereto, it is decided to issue the new license recently applied for without further conditions.
- ✓ Laundries — Letter from Messrs Stokes & Platt is read, making enquiries on behalf of a Chinese washman as to the action of Assistant Sanitary Inspector Moran in notifying that his laundry would be closed at the end of the month. It is decided to reply that this officer was acting under instructions and to forward a copy of the conditions for laundry licenses.
- ✓ Quarantine — Reports by the Health Officer are read, giving the steps he has taken in the matter of two herds of cattle imported into Shanghai infected with Rinderpest.

Rinderpest, together with a letter from the Municipal Veterinary Surgeons on the same point. Subject to certain enquiries which the Secretary will make forthwith his proposed action is approved.

The Chairman alludes to the question of guaranteeing all imported cattle at fixed stations at Bush Island or elsewhere, and states that, in view of the necessity for the sanction of the Consular Body and Customs authorities to such a measure, steps will be taken to secure the support of Mr. Warren and M. de Bezaure before action is taken.

Brothels in Dochoy Road — Further letter from M. de

David Dussone is read, stating that preparations are being made to rebuild the block of houses of which some complaints have been made. The Secretary is directed to reply that the Council desires a better class of tenant for houses in this neighbourhood and that after an interval of three months should no improvement have taken place will take steps to close the establishments.

Mr. Freutige then withdraws.

Court of Consuls, Ice Company's Case — The Secretary gives the substance of the procedure recommended by the legal adviser in regard to the petition of the Ice Company which receives the members support.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Albert de Bezaure

Chairman.

W. J. Wilson
Acting Secretary.

(At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Queens Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 4th October 1900, at 4.0 p.m.)

Present.

Mr. M.

E. A. Hewitt. (Chairman)

C. M. Ede.

S. A. Harcourt.

D. K. Dale.

A. M. Hood

J. D. Bretherton.

E. Guerin-Kendrick

M. F. H. de.

and the

Acting Secretaries.

Absent.

E. B. Kelloway.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and Receipts for sundry accounts are signed.

Reports of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports. — The following for September, are submitted:—

Engineers.

Summary of Licence Fees.

Financial Statements.

✓ Health Committee's Minutes are read, and in reference thereto:

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✓ Quarantine Report — It is decided to await the reply of the Chinese Health Officer before initiating any local quarantine measures against this disease.

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✓ Salary of Chief Inspector — It is the approval of the Finance Committee the extra pay proposed to be issued to Mr. Howard while in charge of the Force is fixed at \$125. per month; his permanent salary to be as recommended.

Resolutions

✓ Resortiness at Central Hotel — In connection with the police report of the brawl outside the Hotel on the 5th instant, a verbal complaint has been received from the representative of the China Traders Insurance Co., who states that he was unwilling alone to incur the responsibility of causing the cancellation of the Hotel's licence. It is understood that a circular letter, signed by a number of residents, will be addressed to the Council in the course of a day or two.

✓ Volunteers — Clothing — On the recommendation of the Major Commanding the renewal of Messrs Lane, & Co. Bradford & Co's contract for clothing is authorized.

✓ Recreation Ground Committee — The resignation of Mr Wade Gardner of his seat on this Committee is received and the Secretary is directed to enquire whether another of the Trustees is willing to take his place.

✓ Wahank Road Estate — Plans showing the modification of the scheduled road through this estate is laid on the table and directions are given to acquaint Mr Morris with the Works Committee's decision in regard to the branch roads to be scheduled next year.

✓ Procedure for Arrests — Letter from the Senior Consul is read, containing certain requests of the Viceroys at Hankow as to the arrest of members of two Secret Societies now in Shanghai. The Council desires no alteration in the method of execution of warrants at present in vogue, noting that it rests with the Senior Consul to withhold his stamp from such warrants as he does not wish carried into effect.

✓ Municipal Land Office — Letter from H. M. Consul General is read, intimating his willingness to adopt the new procedure for land registration from the 1st proximo. The Council readily agrees to the designation of its office "the Cadastral Office" as suggested by Mr Warren. The Chairman undertakes to obtain similar concessions from so many of the remaining Foreign Consuls as possible. United

1 United States Consul General — Letter from the British
 5/ 586. Public Minister at Portland is read, to the effect that
 he will institute enquiries into Mr. Gordon's recent
 action in the Mixed Court Bill Case.

1 Electrical Superintendent — His employe confirms in
 590 writing the statement made to the Works Committee as
 to his unwillingness to accept a renewal of his exist-
 ing agreement. The Council decides to advertise at
 home for a Superintendent on the same conditions as
 those upon which Mr. Nelson was engaged, leaving
 the negotiations in the matter in the hands of the
London Agents under the direction of the Secretary
 now on leave.

1 Municipal Premises — Letter from Messrs. Cashy & Co. is
 574 read stating that the owner of Adashal is desirous of selling his
 land, and inquiring if the Council has any jurisdiction
 to purchase. While noting that the special sanction of
 the Ratepayers would be required before an expenditure
 of such magnitude were incurred, it is decided to request
 that particulars of the tenure of the land may be furnished.
The Meeting then adjourns.

W. Nelson
 Chairman.

W. Nelson
 Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kingse Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 11th October, 1900 at 11.30 p.m.

Present: W. M.

E. A. Newell. Chairman,
 & M. Eds.
 S. C. Hartman.
 D. L. Underhill.
 C. L. McKee.
 J. Pringle.
 C. Guenther.
 W. H. Pollock and the
 Acting Secretary

Absent:

E. B. S. Kottow.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Reports of Prisoners apprehended and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

1 / Consular Office — The Chairman has called on the Consul for Germany, France and Japan, and now has Mr. Bourne's authority for stating that there is some likelihood of the new procedure becoming generally adopted. At the latter's request it is decided not to publish the correspondence on this subject with H. M. Consul General.

1 / Relief of Pekin — The Senior Consul forwards the reply of the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body to the Council's

100 / Sept. Letter of Congratulation of the 27th August last
Inflammatory Libels — Intimation is forwarded from the Taohai to the effect that the publishers of the Chinese pictures of which complaint was made have been arrested and punished.

14 / Rowdiness at Central Hotel — The joint letter of complaint

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complaint has been received, signed by the principal residents in the neighbourhood of the Hotel, but, in view of the circular issued by the Manager, stating that in future no liquor will be supplied to sailors, it is decided before further action is taken to await the effect of this regulations. The suggestion is put forward that the Hotel might now be induced to close altogether the Sandring Road Entrance.

- Volunteers — Naval Company — The resignation of Lieutenant Hearson is received and recorded.
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— Do — American Company — Letter from the Captain of this unit is submitted through the Major Commanding stating that the Company has resolved to disband. On receipt of the resignation of the officers it is decided to convey through them to the members of this Company the Council's thanks for their three months emergency services.
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— Do — Japanese Company — The Council learns of the probable reorganisation of this Company on a permanent basis.
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— Do — Clothing — On view of Messrs Lane, Sandford & Co's refusal to accept a renewal of the Clothing Contract for the ensuing year the Council authorises the S.V.C. Clothing Board to make such arrangements and conditions for a three years contract as they may consider satisfactory, so long as the price per uniform is not increased.
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— Do — Band — Letter from the Adjudant is read, making certain recommendations on the subject of the public band as utilised for Volunteer purposes. It is assumed that the new bandmaster may be expected before the close of the year — it is decided to take no steps at present, the Chairman undertaking to see Major Clarke in the matter.
- Electrical Department — Letter from Messrs Anhold Harberg & Co is submitted requesting permission to examine the books etc of this Department with a view to its purchase.
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Upon a show of hands it is unanimously agreed that it would be desirable to dispose of the whole plant and

and privileges provided an adequate price could be obtained, but, in view of the Ratepayers decision when the matter previously came up for discussion, it is decided to reply that until that decision is reversed the Council cannot accede to this request. Mr Blund is to be informed that the Council will guarantee its new Superintendent that in the event of the sale of the works his salary and agreement will be assured.

16. / Chinese Building Rules — The Land Commission notifies its examination of the code recently drawn up which is ordered for due publication.

105 / Site of Old Cemetery — The Engineer reports that the Truck Municipal road making operations have involved seizing a strip of this property and that trees have been cut down and boundary stones removed from the neighbourhood. A letter has been sent to the Secretary asking for an explanation of the matter.

44. / Engineers Department - Staff — A Police charge against Mr. S. Wilkinson has been referred to the Works Committee whose recommendation in the matter is adopted to the following effect:—
"That if the charges are proved he should be compelled to resign or otherwise that he be dismissed."

The Making them adjourn.

Chairman.

W. Emerson
Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 25, Hingpo Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 18th October, 1900 at 11.30 P.M.

Present.

M.M.

E A Hewitt. Chairman,
 C M Ede
 S A Hardoon,
 S Kaudale,
 A McLeod,
 J Prentice,
 G Guackebush,
 M R Shae,
 E B S Kolloway, and the
 Acting Secretary.

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Harbage Dues — Return for September Quarter is submitted.

✓ Seditious Chinese in the Settlement — Letter from the Senior Consul is read, requesting that a notice be issued warning natives that Shanghai must not be regarded as a safe harbour for political offenders and stating that such persons will be arrested and handed over to the City Authorities. Mr Prentice is of opinion that if such notice is needed it should be issued by the Consular Body. Finally it is decided to postpone the matter until next meeting when the views of the Consuls may be more clearly known and when the procedure in such arrests likely to be adopted in the French Settlement has been ascertained. The Secretary is directed to prepare a notice in the above sense for submission to H. H. Consul General.

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Resolutions

14/ Recreation Ground Committee — The Secretary of the Recreation Ground Trustees notifies the willingness of Mr H. M. Davis to fill the vacancy on this Committee.

23/ Engineers Department - Staff — The case of Mr. Wilkinson is reconsidered, in the light of his replies to the police charges against him and upon the recommendation of the Engineer it is decided to allow his resignation to take effect from the end of the year.

11/73. Obstruction at fires — The issue is authorized of a notification calling public attention to the police regulations at fires; this has been rendered necessary by the circumstances, assistance rendered by foreign soldiers, which at a recent fire led to some confusion.

Charge for use of Rifle Range — The Chairman states that he has been approached in this matter by certain Volunteer Officers who are of opinion that a higher fee should be charged to regiments and ships making use of the Range, sufficient to cover the cost of wear and tear thereon. The Council is informed that no official charge is customarily made and it is decided to communicate with the Major Commanding and enquire whether any demand has been rendered for such payment and if so under what authority.

16/ Laundries — Mr. Ede enquires whether any steps are being taken to allay the agitation caused by the Council's conditions for licensed laundries. After some discussion a Special Committee is appointed, consisting of Messrs McLeod, Robde and Ede, to examine into the question and report to Council.

The Meeting then adjourns.

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Chairman.

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Clothing Secretary.

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The Council are stated that he has been given to understand that considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed by the Naval and Military Authorities at the proposal to make a charge for the use of the Range. It is unanimously agreed that under the circumstances no such charge shall be made.*

At the Joint Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 25th October, 1900, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

E. A. Hewell. Chairman
 C. M. Lee
 W. A. Harcourt
 L. Cantale
 A. M. Hood
 J. Prentice
 C. Guockendush
 M. R. White
 E. A. Skellorne and the
 Acting Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of prisoners apprehended and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

General Municipal Rate, - Foreign - Summary for September quarter, is submitted.

✓ Laundries - The minutes of the meeting of the Sanitation Committee are read, and the recommendations set forth therein approved. It is pointed out that the warning given by the Health Department is at variance with the statement contained in the Health Officer's report for September which is to the effect that the public laundries had been notified to cease work.

The Chairman, while recognising the desirability of supporting the Health Officer in his efforts to purify the washing procedure in the Settlement, is of opinion that the methods adopted should have been conducted with more regard for the convenience of residents, and that steps should have been taken to prevent an excessive permanent increase in the cost of washing. The
 Secretary

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Secretary is directed to communicate with Dr Stanley to this effect.

Seditious (House in the Settlements). — It is decided to issue

1424. the notifications on this subject as requested by the

German Troops — Letter from the Major Commanding the German Contingent is read, ^{in the presence of the Consul} expressing regret at the departure of his battalions from Shouglid.

628. A Police report alludes to certain charges of larceny in the Tsochow Road against foreign soldiers said to be German and the Chairman undertakes to see the German Consul General in the matter.

Site of Old Cemetery — Reply from the French Council

632. is read, expressing regret at the appropriation of a strip of this property, which was the result of an error, and making proposals for a satisfactory settlement of the matter. After some discussion, during which it appears from a plan furnished to the Chairman that the French Municipality have in contemplation the construction of a system of roads in this neighbourhood, it is decided to instruct the Engineer to prepare, in consultation with the French Engineer a survey showing exactly what land will be required on all sides of the Cemetery, whereafter the terms of lease or surrender may be arranged.

The opinion is expressed that the French Council should pay the cost of a wall round the property either in whole or in part.

Volunteers - Light Horse — Letter from the Major

634. Commanding is read, from which the Council learns of the re-arrangement of the officering of this unit, which now stands as follows:—

Captain. E. P. Nickerson

1st Lieutenant. N. E. Keylock.

2nd -do- Co. J. N. Dyer.

Fire Department — Application from Mr Ord, the Departmental Engineer is submitted, asking for an increase of salary. The recommendation of the Fire

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Fire Commission is adopted that he receive \$250. per
 annum on a three years agreement.
The Meeting then adjourns.

James A. Hewitt

Chairman.

W. Benson

Acting Secretary.

At the Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board
 Room, No. 23, Adams Lane, Manchester, on Thursday
 the 8th November, 1900, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

E. A. Hewitt. (Chairman)

C. M. Ed.

W. A. Hurston.

J. Kaulak.

A. M. Leonard

J. Prentice.

E. G. Keubush.

M. Rhode

E. D. Hollands.

and the

Acting Secretary.

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the
 Chairman and passed for publication

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques
 for sundry accounts are signed.

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Report of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:
 Technical Superintendents for September.
 General Accounts — Rate, Native — — — Quarter.
 Financial Statements — Oct's Str.
 Summary of Licenses fees — — —

Minutes of the Works Committee, read and in reference thereto Beachway Front Foreshore — Mr. Prentice states that the Police are not sufficiently careful in regard to permits for beaching house boats, which are only issued for the sections of foreshore beyond their duty to be turfed.

Truck Road making operations — Plan of the old Cemetery with a report by the Engineer is submitted from which it appears that an area of 3 acres, 4 fms, 4 li, is here required by the Truck Council. After some discussion it is decided by vote to ask for £1000 per acre for the surrender of this land, and an additional £200, being the Engineer's valuation of the small strips of roadway already constructed. The Truck Council will also be required to provide adequate drainage for the cemetery. The Legal Advisor will be consulted as to the practicability of transferring the land should it be considered necessary.

Cemeteries — Mr. Prentice is of opinion that the present is a suitable time to re-open the old Cemetery for burials inasmuch as the vacant land will now be unsuitable for any other municipal purpose. The Secretary is directed to issue a notification in this sense, in the cancellation of that issued last year.

Chinese Public School — Letter is read from the Rev. Timothy Richard, F. L. Hawks Potts and Mr J. C. Ferguson, asking that the Council's assurance of support to the scheme for a Chinese School may be renewed for another year. It is decided to reply that the Council will make similar provision in the Budget for 1901 to that made when the scheme was first proposed.

Municipal Premises — The offer of Messrs. Ashby & Smith is again

again considered in the light of the statement by Mr. Cusker that the property of the Cadastre Ltd 1912 comes in lease expiring in 1916 at the rate of 5% per annum. The Council is prepared to recommend to the Ratepayers its acquisitions at a price which represents this sum capitalised at 5%; any further proposals which the owner may make will be considered on its merits.

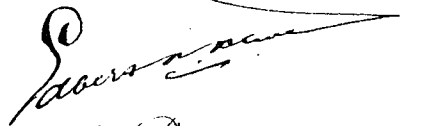
✓ Police Charges against French Soldiers — The Chairman has called on General Gray in this matter and, on his advice, it is decided to address the Senior Council, calling attention in general terms to the difficulty which is experienced by the Police in the detection or prevention of petty larcenies and assaults by Foreign Soldiers, and asking that the various Communitarian Officers may be requested to do their best to check them.

✓ Louise — It is wished that debentures of the 1892 Loan amounting to £45,000, have been drawn for payment on the 31st December in accordance with the Council's decision of the 16th August last.

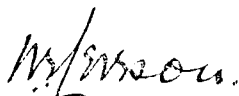
✓ Use of Town Hall — The fees fixed provisionally last year for the use by the public of the Town Hall are confirmed as follows:— for the whole building £100, for the North Room £10, in the afternoon, and £15 in the evening.

✓ Mohammedan Cemetery — The Council is informed that the cost of the necessary fence and building for this purpose will amount to £3500, which sum it is considered may well be subscribed by the leading merchants and others of the Mohammedan section of the Community.

The Meeting then adjourns.



Chairman



Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Mudge Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 15th November, 1900 at 11.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

E. A. Swett, Chairman.

C. M. Ede.

J. A. Harrison.

D. Landale.

A. McLeod.

J. Spratue.

E. J. Kewbush.

M. Rhode.

E. B. D. Kollowe, *aud. l.*

Acting Secretary.

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for October, are submitted:

Health Officers.

Engineers.

Vehicle Inspectors.

It is decided to forward the first named for publication at once in view of the paragraph, limiting on the subject of Cattle plague.

Sketch Committee Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:

Applications for Licenses — Mr Rhode has been approached by the French Consul General in the matter of Mr Dalong's application and he explains that the proposed establishment is for the exclusive use of Commissioned officers of the French garrisons and their friends. Upon these terms and noting that the license will be cancelled upon the departure of the garrison from Shanghai, the application is granted.

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659 Foreign Soldiers in the Streets — A memorial case with the General Commanding A. M. Troops in Shanghai is submitted, and the arrangements for military police duties therein described have the Council's approval.

In thanking General Cragg for the trouble he, in conjunction with Consul von Schlippenbach, has taken in this matter, it is decided to record the fact that though the police will at once notify the presence of any disturbance in the streets in which soldiers are involved, yet necessity may arise for summary orders of soldiers to be made and that in such cases the police will act as spectators, handing over the men so arrested, to the process of his nationality.

The Quackenbush desists from these arrangements being of opinion that no military jurisdiction should be countenance unless the Settlement is definitely placed under martial law.

The Secretary is directed to acquaint the Police with the details of General Cragg's scheme.

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Case of Sergeant Chambers — The Council is informed that with the Committee's approval this case has been handed to the legal adviser, to undertake the defence of the Sergeant, and if necessary to go bail for him on the Council's behalf.

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680 Licenses for 1901. — Report by the Director of Taxes is submitted giving his recommendations on this subject, which include a new tax on native lodging houses. A discussion arises as to the Council's power to take this step and the matter is postponed pending the circulation of Mr. Johnson's report to the members.

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666 Charges against French Soldiers — Letter from the Chienkung Guild is read forwarding a petition from the mother of the Chinese killed on the 1st Instant by a soldier believed to have been French. As requested by the Guild, it is decided to forward a copy of the petition for the information of the French Consul General.

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665 Fire Department — The Council is notified of the resignation of Mr. E. Guisport, Foreman of the Fire Department.

Victoria No. 4. C. S. F. D., and of the election
of Mr. C. Manning in his stead. While confirming
this appointment, it is decided to address a letter
to Mr. Gumpert, thanking him for his long and active
services to the Society.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Geo. S. [Signature]
Chairman.

W. Mason.
Acting Secretary.

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 25, Niagara Road, Vancouver, on Thursday,
the 22nd November, 1900. at 4.30 P.M.

Present.

- W. H. [Signature]
- W. H. [Signature] Chairman
- W. H. [Signature]
- W. H. [Signature]
- W. H. [Signature]
- W. H. [Signature]
- W. H. [Signature]
- W. H. [Signature]
- W. H. [Signature]
- W. H. [Signature] and the
Acting Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting is taken in order.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, corrected, signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and the
for sundry accounts are signed.

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- Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police reports for the past week are submitted.
- Agricultural Report — The Electrical Superintendent for Toledo is submitted.
1. Site of Old Cemetery — Letter from the French Municipal Council is read, containing a proposal which the strips of land, shown in the plan, as required for roads, shall be abandoned upon payment by the French Municipality of sums of \$5000 as compensation for the roadway already made, and \$5000 as a contribution towards the cost of a brick wall round the cemetery.
99. Resolving the expression of regret on the part of the Chairman of the French Council at the action taken by his Council, the members unanimously decide to accept this offer, and the correspondence which has passed in the matter is ordered to be published for record.
2. Charges against French Soldiers — Reply from the French Consul General is submitted, to the effect that the results of the enquiry into this matter have been furnished to the Police.
3. Miscellaneous of a Panamanian — The Council is informed that within the Spanish or United States Consulates will exercise jurisdiction over a Mexican Customs agent against whom is a police charge of some gravity. The Chairman considers that under no circumstances should the case be brought before the Mixed Court and it is left to the Watch Committee to deal with the matter from a disciplinary point of view.
4. Mixed Court Bail Case — Letter from Messrs Drummond, Phillips & White Cooper is read, demanding the return of the \$5000 bail held on account of a petty offence implicated in this case. Reply is authorized to the effect that pending a final settlement of the case, the money cannot be refunded.
5. Land Commission — Case of Mr J. W. Kinsman — Copies of the Council's letter to the Commissioners
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and the reply thereto are ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Knapman.

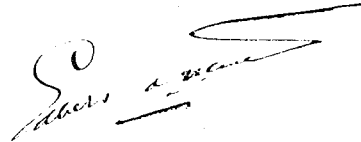
Isolation Hospital. — The Engineer notifies the occupation of the new Hospital in the Scott Room and asks for instructions as to the disposal of the building and site in the Ping-yang-Ka.

The Council is of opinion that it would be inadvisable to dispose of this property before next China New Year and it is decided to temporarily utilize the building, if possible, in the meantime.

Shanghai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. —

Attention is drawn to a statement made by the representative of Messrs. Stokes & Platt in a case before the Swedish Consul that he "appeared on behalf of the Police", and a note from the firm is read calling attention to the status of the Society in prosecutions, which needs placing upon a proper footing. The Council will await a communication from the Society in this matter.

The Meeting then adjourns.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 25, Newman Road, Brompton on Thursday the 14th November, 1900, at 4.30 p.m.

Presiding Mr. W.

W. A. Hewitt. (Chairman)
 C. M. Cole.
 J. W. Hardoon.
 J. Lundale.
 W. M. Kemp.
 J. P. Maitland.
 C. J. MacKenzie.
 H. P. M.
 E. B. K. Kottow. and the
 Acting Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read. The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and Cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Dr. Davidson, apprehended and Police (with) Reports for the past week are submitted.

Health Committee's Minutes, read, and confirmed, with reference thereto.

✓ Reading by Frank Goldiey.—The Chairman has seen the Consul General in this matter and has learnt that the soldiers implicated in the affair of the 26th instants will undergo Court martial. Mr. de Bezaure in the course of his remarks has laid a charge against certain of the police, having shown unnecessary violence to two of the Drunken men at the time of their arrest and afterwards while detained at the Station. The Secretary is directed to make enquiry into this matter for circulation to the Committee.

✓ Public Band.—Mr. Fisher dissents from the decision to dispense with the services of Mr. Strubbery, of whose musical abilities he has formed

a high estimate, he is of opinion that the Council will experience great difficulty in securing a number of men who will satisfactorily carry out the various duties required of them.

Military Police Arrangements — Note from the Japanese Consul General is submitted alluding to the apparent exclusion of the troops of his nationality from the international arrangement.

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The Council is informed that General Craigh and the Provost Marshal are already in communication with the Japanese Commanding Officer on this subject, and the Chairman undertakes to see Mr Odagiri and acquaint him with the reasons for the establishment of British, German and French provosts, which were non-existent in the case of his nationals.

Excise — Protests from owners in the first section of the Western district are submitted, with replies as approved by the Finance and Appeal Committee. The only point requiring the Council's decision being the basis for taxation to be observed in the case of Tang Su-ho's Garden.

Mr Landale considers that inasmuch as only a small section of the Public makes use of this garden no reduction should be allowed but upon a show of hands it is decided that so long as the land remains free to the Public, land tax shall be charged upon a valuation of £700 per annum.

Charges against French Soldiers — Letter from Mr

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A. J. Browne - Burke is read, in which he states that he holds a brief from the Trindling Guild to prosecute enquiries in the case of the *Trindling Guild* on the 1st instant, and that he is desirous of obtaining copies of the detective reports which were compiled when the matter was under the notice of the Police. The members are agreed that while the Police should afford Mr Burke all reasonable assistance in his investigations, the reports he refers to are in the nature of confidential documents copies of which should not be issued except under instructions from the Court having jurisdiction in the case.

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 (Strat.) Letter from the Engineer is read, specifying that his agreement will expire during his approaching term of leave and asking the Executive Council to make arrangements for its renewal. The matter is referred to the Works Committee.

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 (Public School Grant.) Under instructions from the Chairman members have been furnished with copies of a letter from the School Committee containing proposals for a largely increased grant for the ensuing year. Discussion of the matter is postponed to next meeting.
 The Meeting then adjourns.

E. A. Howell

Chairman.

W. J. Mason

Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room to B. Howard Road, Phaulkni, on Thursday, the 8th December, 1900 at 8.30 p.m.

Present. M.M.

E. A. Howell. (Chairman)
 G. Hoyle.
 D. C. Harrison.
 D. Lyndale.
 A. M. Hood.
 J. Pringle.
 C. Quackenbush.
 W. R. Hill.
 E. B. S. Holliday and the
 Acting Secretary

The Questions calling the Meeting is taken as read

The Minutes of Cash Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Visitation apprehended and Police of the City for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for November, are submitted:

Commissary

Summary of Licences fees,
Vehicle Inspectors.

Financial Statements.

137 Willeburg Police Arrangements — The Chairman has seen the Japanese Consul General requesting his national's participation in the system of proceeds and an understanding has been arrived at under which the Japanese organization will be of the same nature as that arranged for European troops but upon its own distinct basis.

The Minutes of the Works Committee are read, and with a reference thereto:—

Electrical Department - Coal, Subsidy — It is

decided to accept Mr J. Hopkins, Dinnick's offer

which has been ascertained to be open till Saturday next

Road Extensions for 1901 — Upon a show of

hands the minimum width of new trunk roads in the

Weston District is fixed at fifty feet, the standard

for cross roads to be forty.

Decoration of the Town Hall — The Council endorse

the views held by the Committee that the present is not a

suitable time for authorizing the outlay involved in

adequately upholstering etc. the Town Hall building.

138 Staff - Obnoxious Agreement — Mr. Prentice states that

the Works Committee's recommendation in this matter

is that Mr. Bayne should be offered a renewal

of his present agreement on a salary of

£650. per month. After some discussion as to the

limits to which the salaries of heads of departments

should attain, this recommendation is carried; Mr. J.

Wade, B. Holloway, and J. Goodenough recording their

dissent.

dissent. The Chairman is of opinion that this decision calls for an amendment of the terms of the Secretary's present agreement, inasmuch as he holds that the Secretary, as head of the Staff, should also be the highest paid employe. On his proposal, seconded by Mr. R. B. H. it is decided that upon Mr. Blaine's return he shall draw pay at the rate of \$5000 per annum. The members further recording their opinion that the salaries attached to these two posts should be understood to be at their maximum limit.

✓ Court of Councils - Dea. Contrary Case - The Legal Advisor writes that this case will be heard at 10 o'clock on the 11th instant.

✓ Crematorium Chapel - The application of the Rev. A. C. to today to utilize this building for holding services for soldiers is sanctioned.

✓ United Church Bail Case - Further letter from Messrs. Drummond, Phillips & White Cooper is read, in which the fact is demanded for the return of the \$5000 bail is based on a contention that the collection in the Settlement is not illegal. The Council is unable to discuss this point with a firm of lawyers, while the case before the United Church is yet unsettled.

✓ 889 - A despatch from Mr. Goodnow has been circulated in which at some length he defends the action of his Consulate in retaining the bail for the runners in this case. It is decided to reply that the Council is now in direct communication with the United States Legation in Peking in the matter, and further to remind Mr. Goodnow that it was by his own wish that correspondence on this subject between himself and the Council ceased. The Secretary is directed to draft a letter to Mr. Conger recalling his promise of a further communication, enclosing copies of Mr. Goodnow's letter and reply, and giving the Council's views on the points raised therein.

✓ Captain MacRae - His officer writes his return to duty and makes application for an agreement in accordance with the Council's letters of the 2nd and 29th January past. Resolved to the Watch Committee.

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Stated Contract of the Rev. Bazaar's contract with respect
 to the 1st. and 2nd. is submitted. It is
 proposed to receive the same at increased rates of 10% for draught
 minimum and 20% for office paper. The Council
 recognizes the necessity for some modification, in view
 of the scarcity of paper and the matter is left in
 settlement by the Finance Committee.
 The Meeting then adjourns.

W. Erson.

Chairman.

Acting Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board
 Room, No. 25, Temple Street, Manchester, on
 Thursday the 13th December 1900, at 11.30 A.M.

Present,

- W. J. Hewitt, (Chairman)
- A. H. ...
- W. G. ...
- A. ...
- W. ...
- W. ...
- W. ...
- W. ...
- W. ...
- Acting Secretary.

The minutes of previous Meeting is taken as read.
 The minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
 the Chairman and passed for publication.
 Cash statement for the past week is submitted and shown to
 be correct and approved.

Return of Prisoners discharged and Police ...
 Reports for the year ... are submitted.
 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Wales Committee are read
 and the recommendations therein contained receive the
 Council's confirmation.

Public School Grant — The Chairman states at
 some length into the reasons which have led the District
 Committee to apply for so greatly an increase, namely
 to 10,000, and the members generally are in favour of
 for this year the amount is required. Mr. ...
 alludes to the small number of ratepayers who receive
 benefit from the District, and it is also pointed out
 that the present proposal is equivalent to a raising
 from the public funds one hundred percent to the amount
 expected to be received in fees. He explains that
 a proportion of the proposed grant is in the nature of
 extraordinary, and consequently non-recurrent expenditure,
 and on a show of hands it is decided that
 the District should include the amount under two
 heads:

- (1) £5,000, the increased annual grant, and
- (2) £5,000, a special grant, to meet the initial
 expenditure involved in the Committee's organiza-
 tion scheme.

Land Registrations Reform — Letter from the Joint Council
 is read in which the Consular Body unanimously conforms
 to certain procedure, in the matter of land registrations,
 modelled on the scheme propounded in the Council's
 despatches of 10th October 1877.

Report by the Engineer is submitted, urging the
 acceptance of these concessions if only as an experiment
 which may in the future lead to complete compliance with
 the Council's demands. A discussion ensues as to the
 practicability of completing the extensive survey which
 the Council require, and in regard to the second point
 in the new procedure, which the arrangement for boundary
 stones is likely to prove. The Secretary is directed to
 draft a reply for circulation to Members, accepting the
 scheme as a whole but alluding in general terms to the
 above mentioned two matters.

Technical Subscriptions — Telegram from Mr. Blau is read, in which he asks the Council, either to increase the proposed salary of the new Superintendent, to £ 600, per annum or to waive the condition, that the candidate must have had charge of a Central Station. It is pointed out, that the increase suggested, amounts to but a £ 50. per annum, and that Mr. Blau is probably wiring under advice from the President of the Institute of the Electrical Engineers. Mr. Proutie is of opinion that the condition may well be omitted and states that the qualifications are completely set forth in the Memorandum prepared by the Works Committee for Mr. Blau's information, in which was no mention of previous charge of a station. On this score it is decided to reply to the telegram.

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Disturbances by French Soldiers — Correspondence with the French Consul General has been circulated, from which the members learn that misunderstandings have arisen as to the exact nature of the charge of violence against the Police on the 26. ultimo.

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The Chairman's proposed concluding letter is approved, wherein he states that there was no intentional discourtesy on the Council's part and further alluding to the friendly relations which have always been maintained between the various nationalities and the ~~French~~ Municipal authority in Shanghai.

Volunteers — Winter Uniforms — The Chairman has the unanimous support of the Council in his opinion, that it would be highly undesirable to seek to compel the newly formed Japanese, and Customs Companies, to wear scarlet winter uniforms. Allusion is made to the superiority of Khaki Serge should the Corps be on active service during the cold weather.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Murson
Acting Secretary

Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Queen's Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 20th December 1900, at 12.30 P.M.

Present

M. M.

- E. A. Hewitt. (Chairman)
- C. M. Ede.
- D. W. Harrison
- D. Landolt.
- C. M. Lee
- J. Prentice
- C. Quackenbush
- M. Rhode
- E. B. Skolton and the Acting Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisons apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports —

Steam Disinfecter — Report by the Health Officer is read, in which he recommends that the maintenance

720 of this apparatus be entirely carried on at the expense of the Municipality instead as at present of the Marine portion by the General Hospital. He further urges that the charge to the public for disinfection of clothes be henceforth waived. The Council approves these suggestions and the Secretary is directed to approach the Governors of the Hospital and the French Municipality in the matter.

Engineers Department, Staff — Letter from Mr S

726 Welkinson is read, asking that he were continue in the Council's service and that his resignation were considered cancelled. The Engineer's view of this case

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is submitted in a memorandum and the members are agreed that the arrangements already made must be adhered to.

Land Assessment - Western District - Report, Scheme and plan for this district are submitted and pressed for publication. Further letters from the Committee were read in which:

(1) the inclusion of the reports in the Council's annual Report is allotted to a committee.

(2) the Committee express its appreciation of the able manner in which the Secretary has carried out his duties.

In connection with the latter subject Mr. Proctor proposes that a gratuity of \$500. be granted to Mr. Godfrey; Mr. White seconds the proposal which is carried unanimously.

Volunteers - Adjutantcy - In reference to the decision recorded at the meeting of Council of the 14th June last it is decided to offer Captain Wedemeyer a gratuity of \$500. in recognition of his services as adjutant during the absence on leave of Major MacKenzie.

Do - Inspection - The Chairman points out that the fact that the Corps is now brigaded under General Craig will render the usual inspection arrangements somewhat complicated. It is therefore decided to address the General asking if he will have any objection to the detailing of an officer from Hong Kong in accordance with the established custom, and in view of the departure of the first grant of ammunition upon the report to the General Officer Commanding in Hong Kong.

Municipal Holidays - A proposal is put forward that the Council should fix at the beginning of the year the holidays which will be observed in the Municipal service during such year, but the members are of opinion that it is not desirable to make any change in the existing system by which each holiday is arranged on occasion as it arises.

It is decided to close the offices on the 20th & 26th instant, and on the 1st proximo.

Meeting of Council - The meeting of Council will be this
next week.
The Meeting then adjourns.

W. W. ...

Chairman.

W. W. ...

Acting Secretary.

At the annual Meeting of the Council held in the ...
Room, No 23 Niagara Road, Toronto, on Thursday
the 3rd January 1911 at 12.30 P.M.

Present:

W. W. ... (Chairman)

M. ...

E. ...

U. ...

M. ...

E. B. ... and the

Acting Secretary.

Also present:

W. W. ...

J. ...

E. ...

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed and
for the Chairman, and expressed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques
for sundry accounts are shown.

Return of Prison is apprehended and Police ...
reports for the past week are submitted.

W. W. ...

Steam Disinfecter — Letter from the General

730 Hospital is ready, requesting in the Council's proposals for taking over the entire charge of the disinfecter. The reply from the French Council on the same subject may be expected shortly.

Members of the Medical Committee are sent and with reference thereto.

Alleged Arrest — The Council is informed that two letters have been addressed to the Consul, urging that the Chinese Authorities may be made to comply with the regular procedure in the case of the Chinese Kung Chao who was arrested from the Settlement on the 22nd ultimo.

The Chairman understands that the Consular Body met yesterday to discuss the point and that it is probable that the necessary steps will be taken.

Mr. White concurs in a matter for which the Consul's name was not addressed in the first instance in this matter and points out that applications of this nature to an individual Consul are calculated to give offence to the other members of the Consular Body. It is explained that so soon as the Committee was assured of the facts of the case the usual official letter was despatched and that the preliminary note to Mr. Bremer was sent, as on former occasions, so that time need not be lost in letting the Chinese Authorities know that a serious irregularity had been committed and would be formally challenged.

The Senior Consul's assistance should always be asked in future in similar cases and

Mr. White has the suggestion of the Council in view that where circumstances may necessitate addressing any individual member of the Consular Body a letter should be sent simultaneously giving the other Consul the same information.

Estimates for 1901 — These under the headings Expol and Voluntaries have now been redrafted and approved, the respective totals amounting to \$12,500 and to \$4,000.

Long Service Medal — On the Chairman's suggestion

it is agreed that such members of the S.M.S. as are possessors of the Jubilee Medal, shall be permitted to wear it, and further that a silver medal shall be issued to such of the Sikh members of the Police force as were awarded at the time this medal was struck.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee are read, and with reference thereto:-

✓ Road in front of Union Church. - In the absence of any information as to the relative cost of upkeep for macadamised roadway, and holding it as probable that compliance with this proposal will produce similar applications on behalf of other buildings, the Council rejects the proposition in the form now put forward.

✓ Causton Road Drain. - The Hon. Chairman states that the Race Club's action in this matter sprung upon a letter from the Engineer. The Committee will therefore reconsider the question at its next meeting.

✓ Dodderney Church. - The Secretary is directed to see Mr. Trevor and ascertain the Priest's views as to the continuance of the use of this ground for burials.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee are read and confirmed. The Council, after considerable discussion of the question of:-

✓ Hallways, is agreed that the Committee's proposal on the subject is that best qualified to ensure a minimum number of establishments and that these shall be conducted in the most satisfactory manner.

Lease of Sierra Station. - The Council is informed that this lease was inadvertently allowed to lapse in August last. It is hoped that through the instrumentality of Mr. G. J. Morrison a renewal may be effected.

Volunteers. - In a letter from the Major Commanding notifying the permanent establishment of the Japanese Company is embodied a recommendation that Lieutenant Hingrove of the Reserve Company be granted a Commission as Captain for instructional duties with the Japanese. Approved.

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✓ The thanks of the Council for his services will be conveyed to Captain Close whose attachment to the Staff now terminates.

1 The Land Commissioners' Award in the Kingsville case
 73 is submitted and a copy ordered to be furnished to Mr Kingsville. Under its provisions the Council requires the whole of R.S. Ch. 828, with the amendments standing therein for Ch. 325C. The Commissioners' fee is assessed at \$50.

1 Use of Town Hall — Letter from the Secretary of the St. John's Audubon Association is read expressing the hope that a restriction in the charge for the use of the Room may be made in view of the use thereof by the Association on more than 20 occasions.
 14 The members adhere to the previous decision in this matter viz, that no exceptions can be made in the fixed sum charged to the Public.

1 Boxing Exhibitions — A claim is submitted for a refund of expenses incurred by Mr Morris in arranging a boxing contest on the 10th ultimo which was subsequently suppressed by the Police. The Council is unable to recognize that any liability was incurred inasmuch as the conditions given in the applications for a permit were not adhered to. Mr Morris' letter is ordered for circulation to the Works Committee.

1 Telephones — The supersession of the Council's agreement with the Mutual Telephone Company is referred to the Works Committee.

1 Mayor Bros. Simons — Letter from the Health Officer is read drawing attention to the erection of a chimney nearly in the centre of the Municipal Compound, and stating that it is likely to prove a nuisance to residents in the neighbourhood.
 14 The Mayor will see Mr Arbuthnot and endeavor to arrange the matter.

The Mayor's then adjourns.

Morrison

Acting Secretary

Edwards

Chairman

Proving Cemetery

The Secretary has seen two of the trustees of the St. Demetrius Church and ascertained that it is his opinion that the scheme for selling the fore shore in front of the church ground will be carried out. The Council records its opinion that this land should be maintained as a portion of the cemetery unless it can be shown that the original donors' wishes are best being fulfilled by the proposed sale. In the meanwhile, and pending examination of the trust deed instructions are given that should occasion arise burials are to be made on the land in question.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee are read, and with reference thereto:

Bootham Road Extension

19 Report by the Engineer is submitted dealing with the question of the extension of this road to the Settlement boundary from a general as well as from a financial point of view. Mr. Grubbe considers that the construction of roads at some distance from waterways so as to obtain taxation from buildings on either side, is preferable to the plan hitherto adopted of placing them alongside the banks.

The members however reaffirm their resolve to acquire as occasions present themselves trunk roads on both banks of the waterway of the Settlement.

As far as Mr. Algar's case is concerned it is decided to purchase from the owner of the land to the east of the Upper Park House a strip sufficient to form part of the connecting road between the Markham Road and the Green and to endeavour to arrange that no buildings be erected within 100 feet of the boundary line.

The Council is unable to undertake at present the bunding of this isolated section of the road.

Ice Company's Case

11 The judgment of the Court of Appeals in this case is read and instructions given that the permit to build be issued in accordance therewith, accompanied subject to the

The Royal advisors approve by an intimation that a strip of the lot sufficient to form a road will shortly be scheduled for acquisition, under the provisions of Article VII of the Land Regulations.

¹⁴⁴ To Councillors - The Council is notified that Lieutenant

62 W. H. Bee has qualified at the Nelson School of Instruction for the grant of 12/6 a day in reimbursement of his monthly expenses thereat.

Assessment - Proposed rates to a further instalment of protests at values in the Western District receive the sanction of the Finance Committee.

¹⁴⁵ Licensed Taverns - The Secretary is directed to issue the notification calling upon the holders of these licenses, as also persons desirous to become licensees, to fill up applications forms to be submitted to a Committee of revision in March next.

¹⁴ The Licensing Act 1836 - The Licensing Act 1836.

James A. ...
Chairman

W. Wilson
Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 25 Adelaide Road, Cambridge, on Thursday the 14th January, 1901, at 4.30 P.M.

Present.

- E. A. Newell. Chairman.
- C. M. Ede.
- S. W. Harrison.
- D. Hamilton.
- W. W. Hood.
- J. J. Moulton.
- G. J. MacKintosh.
- W. J. Fisher.
- E. D. Kottow. and Co.
- Acting Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and charges for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Witnesses apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week, are submitted.

Lotteries — Mr. Harrison states that the Frush's Council, having found difficulty in altogether suppressing the sale of Lottery tickets within Frush Settlement limits has under discussion a proposal by which a joint license shall be arranged and the fees received divided proportionately.

It is pointed out that this license fee is not imposed for the sake of revenue but in order to check as far as possible the spread of Lotteries and to ensure their proper working. To which end the Council holds it is for the Frush Authorities to take such independent steps as are in their power.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Watch Committee are read and confirmed. In regard to the Case of:-

Sergeant Chambers, both the Chairman and Mr. Kottow put their views before the members and a

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Full discussion as to the punishment which should be administered. The Hon. Chairman considers that some less severe than dismissal should be decided - even though it be followed by re-employment, in another branch of the Municipal Service. Finally, ultimate proposals are set out in writing and that of Mr. S. J. Daniels, reads - "that he shall be retained in the Council's service but transferred to another department." It is stipulated, on Mr. Robert's initiative, that under no circumstances will the man benefit pecuniarily by the change and the Chairman adds that he must be prepared to accept a lower salary than that now enjoyed. The Secretary will submit arrangements in this matter for the Council's approval.

30 June 1901 - The Members are informed that a sum of £50,000 has been received to bear interest at 6% and be subsequently invested at four per cent. Council of 1901 will authorize.

✓ In this connection a letter from the Hongkong Bank is read, stating that the rate of interest on the Council's overdraft will be reduced to 6% as from the 1st instant. Land Commissioner - Mr. D. H. Pratt's acceptance of the post of Council's nominee on the Land Commission of 1901 is read and recorded.

33 Dec. Cuthbert's Case - Letter from Messrs. Stoddart & Platt to read commencing on behalf of the Company a permit free from any accompanying notice as to the Council's intentions in regard to the construction of the road way. It is decided to adopt the course recommended by the legal adviser, in a note submitted, which involves the issue of such permit.

24 Steam Disinfecter - The Truck Council notifies its acquiescence in the proposed change in the arrangements for working this apparatus.

34 Gas Company's Agreement - Letter from the Company for read in which they state their inability to waive the condition, that 24 hours notice is in all cases due before a fine is imposed. It is decided to point out in reply the resultant possibilities which such an arrangement -

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arrangement with invoice, and to adhere to the modification of clause y which has already been agreed.

1. Customs Road Winding — With Mr Keston's refusal to view the method of valuation of the strip required by the Act of 1880 from a reasonable stand point the matter is referred for submission to the Land Commissioners. The Council sanctions a request being made to Mr G. J. Morrison, to give expert evidence in the case.
The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]
Chairman.

[Signature]
Acting Secretary.

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At a Special Meeting of the Council on Saturday the 14th January 1901, at which were present all the members except Mr Prentice, it is decided to offer a sum of from 1,000 to 1,500 tacks as compensation to the German soldiers wounded in the Wickhampton Shooting affray.
On the unanimous suggestion this offer will be made through private agents to whom is forthwith drafted a letter in this sense.
The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]
Chairman.

[Signature]
Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room No. 23, Kings Road, St. James's Park, London,
on the 14th January, 1901 at 12.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

E. A. Hewitt (Chairman)
C. McEde
D. W. Howard
A. L. Hunt
A. M. Keele
J. Prentice
C. G. Henderson
W. R. R. R. R.
E. B. Skelton and the
Meeting Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed and signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques
for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of prisoners apprehended and police daily reports
for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following for December
are submitted:

Summary of Licences for
Electrical Superintendents.

✓ This meeting is opened by an allusion from
the Chair to the profound sorrow with which the Com-
munity, alike with the whole civilized world, receives
the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen.
A resolution in this sense is recorded and it is pro-
posed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman,
that a letter be addressed to the Consul General for
Great Britain, informing him thereof, and expressing
the most sincere and respectful sympathy with the
bereaved

Deceased Royal Family.

146. Hong Kong Shooting Affair — The Chairman states that by a formal interchange of letters with the Commanding Officer of the German troops this incident has now been concluded, and that the amount of compensation paid to the wounded man, was finally fixed at £1250. He reads a draft minute for publication, in which are set forth the arrangements which have been made in the matter.

143. Volunteers - Rank of Commanding Officer — The Council is duly notified of a resolution which has been passed at a meeting of officers suggesting that the rank of the Commandant be increased to Lieutenant Colonel. Before acceding to the proposal, the Chairman will see General Croagh in the matter, and a letter will be addressed to H.E. the General Officer Commanding in Hong Kong, with a view to ascertaining how such a step will affect the question of the Inspector's office.

140. Sergeant Instructors — The proposal to requisition for three instructors from Hong Kong instead of two as heretofore is sanctioned.

Appointment of Scrutinisers — It is decided to request Messrs J. H. M. Michael, and F. Anderson, to act as Scrutinisers in the forthcoming election of Councillors.

39. Extension of Municipal Property — Letter from Messrs Cusker & Smith is read, in which the Council is informed that Cadastre Lot 171 has been withdrawn from the market.

35. Thomas Haubury School — Letter from the President on the subject of the Constitution of the School Committee is read, and it is decided that the Council's nominees for the year shall be the Rev. and Mr. Hooper, Messrs F. A. Bourne and W. H. Poole.

44. Chinese Public Roads and Paths — Letter from H. M. Consul is read, in which is stated that the Taikoo

has given instructions to his name to be complied with the Surveyor in relation to these revenues.

Deacons' Report - The Chairman has learnt that all three of the Trustees of this corporation have proposed to sell the foreman thereof, and to receive an opinion by the Legal adviser to the effect that they have power so to do. He states that he has ^{been} informed of the ~~State~~ ^{views of the Trustees} of the Council's decision to continue for the present the intention of drawing salaries pending a settlement of the question.

Accountant's Office - Clerk - The members are informed that the Accountant, Sub-accountant, and three assistants are at present absent from duty owing to ill-health and that the inconvenience arising from the condition of affairs at the close of the year is considerable. The engagement of an additional assistant at a salary of £200 per month is sanctioned to be obtained ^{where} by advertisement if possible, or otherwise the matter will be submitted to the Board.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Chairman

W. J. Wilson

Acting Secretary

77th Annual Meeting of the Board held in the Board Room, No. 23 House Road, Philadelphia, on Monday, the 11th June, 1901 at 11.30 p.m.

Present

- W. J. Brown, Chairman
- C. M. ...
- R. W. ...
- D. ...
- J. M. ...
- J. ...
- E. ...
- W. ...
- E. D. ...
- Meeting Secretary

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.
 Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
 Cash statement for the past week is submitted and then
 for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of President at Philadelphia and Police Station reports for the past week are submitted.

General Remarks for H. M. The ... The invitation has been received from the Consul General, and the Council ought to the funeral service to be held in the Cathedral on Saturday the 17th June.

Minutes of the ... and ... meetings ...
 Minutes are read, and the recommendations therein contained are approved.

Road Extensions for Light. The finished plan of the Western District is submitted and signed by the Chairman. Special attention is drawn to the points raised under the heading Chang Street and the Council is unanimous in the opinion that the ... of the ... should ...
 no circumstances be directed.

Road Extension ... It is decided to convey to the ... the Council's ...

of the terms of the ... relating to the ...
Gas Company's Agreement — Report by the ...
 read, urging the Council to ... the ...
 taken up in the matter of the "fees" clause of the
 agreement about to be renewed. It is decided ...
 to the Company ... of a ... already ...
 which gives the ... of the Council's ...

Anna for a ... — Report by the ...
 this ... is read, and the ... of the ...
 recommended to ... authorized.

Volunteers - Rank of ... — The ...
 ... in this matter and ... that ...
 prepared, if the question is ... referred to them,
 to make a plain statement in reply which will ...
 the necessary information, in ... to the ...
 to the members of the ...

Canal Road ... — Reply is read from the ...
 ... to the ... for a lease of this ...
 705 is stated that the Stewards are ... to ...
 rental purposes. The Members are informed that the
 Engineer is prepared to vacate the premises at ...
 date.

M.H. Court Bail Case — Reply from the ...
 51 Minister has been circulated, attributing ...
 the ... which ... in this matter to the ...
 demand for an advance deposit of bail made by ...
 ... and further stating that in his ... days
 opinion the ... Court Magistrate should ...
 a ruling on this point for his own Court, which should
 be satisfactory to all parties concerned. It is ...
 to ... thanking the Minister for his intervention, ...
 putting the Council's ... of the charge ...
 ... in unmistakable language.

Court of Councils — Letter from the ...
 the effect that there will be no change in the ...
 61 of this Court for the year 1876.

Engineer's ... — The Mayor ... the Council ...
 in terms of the permission already ...
 63 will leave for ... on the 3rd March.

At the Range Board - In answer to a query of presence, wishes it is desired that this thoroughfare shall be the route to known as "Range Road".
The Meeting then adjourns

James Wilson
Chairman

Wilson
Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Range Road, Mangawhai, on Thursday, the 7th February, 1901, at 8.30 P.M.

Present -

- E. A. Hewitt. (Chairman)
- C. M. ...
- S. W. Harcourt.
- D. ...
- A. M. ...
- J. ...
- W. ...
- M. ...
- E. B. ... and the
- Acting Secretary.

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Last Statement for the past week is submitted and cheque for salary accounts are signed.
Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Returns - The following are submitted:
Request for...
Summary of...
Vehicle Inspector

The Report of the Meeting of the Finance Committee - The committee have to require that the question of the amount of the...
Thamesmead Committee Officers is reconsidered.

The member view with...
between the work performed by the various members of the Committee and on the proposal of the Chairman is unanimously decided to offer a fee of £200 to each of the members...

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Water Committee - The minutes and the recommendations therein duly confirmed.

Volunteers - German Contingent - The Council is satisfied of the resolutions under Rule XIV of the...
60 and a sub-committee for this purpose is required by the Chairman.

Rank of Communicants - A copy of the...

69 Gray is read to the Council...
in which he expresses the...
rank which is only...
have no relative value...
of the...
to inspect the...
that this communication...
in the view of the...
Secretary or Director...
for their...
in the Council's...
in the Communicant's...

Electrical Department Accounts for the year are submitted and referred to the Works Committee.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers - The date for the annual meeting is fixed for Thursday the 15th March.

Brother - The Chairman states that his notice...
called both by letters in the papers and personally by Bishop Mann to the...
Road and to the desirability of applying the...
by...

by-law to the brothels therein, with suitable con-
 ditions as to their closing hours etc. The matter
 is referred for carrying to the Water Committee,
 who will in recession, the whole question of
 the registration of prostitutes as a special undertaking.

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 Letter. — Some discussion takes place as to the
 possibility of limiting the number of shops selling
 lottery tickets or of restricting the districts where
 these shops lie. A measure to this end will involve
 re-drawing the conditions under which lotteries
 are now licensed and the subject will be for
 the consideration of the Finance Committee when the
 result of the experimental system and fees recom-
 mended for next year is ascertained.

The Meeting then adjourns.

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Chairman

Chairman

Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board
 Room No 25, Mungui Road, Shanghai, on Thursday
 the 14th February 1901 at 12.30 P.M.

Present

- E. A. Hewitt, Chairman.
- C. M. E.
- D. Kamata.
- A. McKee.
- J. Prentice.
- C. J. von Kumbow.
- W. R.
- E. B.
- Acting Secretary
- S. C. Harcourt.

Present

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and the quarterly accounts are signed.

Return of Diseases apprehended and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

Sanitary General Municipal Rate, Dorridge, December 31st 1914
Engineering January

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers — On view of the lateness of this New Year, which affects to some extent the printing of the Annual Report and to afford the public the longest possible time between the issue of the year's accounts and their confirmation, it is decided to postpone the meeting to the 21st proximo.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Water Committee are read and the recommendations therein approved.

Gas Company Agreement — Letter from the Company is read concerning the point as to the "Time" clause which the Council has maintained, and asking that a new contract be drawn up for signature at an early date.

Costs in the Mc Murray Appeal Case — A letter to Mr. Mc Murray from his local solicitors is submitted with his request, made verbally to the Secretary, that a sum of £ 31. 13/4. for certain costs, over and above taxed costs be defrayed by the Council. The members are of opinion that no payment can be made beyond that called for in the Resolutions passed by the Ratepayers in March last.

Chang-Pang Estate — Letters from Mr. White Cooper and Messrs Davis and Thomas, for owners interested are read protesting at the proposed road extensions in the neighbourhood of this estate. It is arranged that the Works Committee shall hear these protests at a meeting to be held on Friday the 27th inst.

Beccowis Road — Letters from Messrs J. C. Ferguson and W. C. Cope are read, requesting that a strip of this road may be metalled. The Council is in favour of the undertaking.

undertaking the improvement at all events as far as the Clatto Bridge and the matter is referred to the Works Committee.

Volunteer - A. Lambour - The application of A. Lambour to revoke his commission during twelve months leave of absence is granted.

Road to the Mills - Report by the Engineer on this subject is read together with a letter from Mr. Consul General. From these it appears that an opportunity presents itself for the acquisition of the necessary land for this road up to the boundary of the Sherrifland. This at a rate per acre well within the proportionate sum voted by the Ratepayers. Further written copies of these documents will be forwarded to members and action in the matter is deferred till after next meeting.

Road Extensions for 1901 - The plans of the Northern, Eastern and Tubem districts are submitted in final form and signed by the Chairman, whereon are shown the extensions and widening decided upon for the year. Accompanying these is a schedule of the alterations of existing extensions and of proposed new roads which is ordered to be filed for record.

The Meeting then adjourns

[Signature]
Chairman

[Signature]
Seking Secretary

Meeting of the Council held at the ...
the 19th December, 1901 at 11.30 a.m.

Present

W. W. ... Chairman

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Excused

D. ...

J. ...

...

The Chairman called the Meeting is taken as usual ...
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, approved & signed ...
The Chairman and ... for publications.

Cash ... for the ... is submitted, and ...
... accounts are ...

Return of ... are submitted.

Administrative ... the following is submitted.

The Minutes of the Special ... Meeting of the ...
Committee are read, and in reference ...

Administrative ... It is ...
that Mr. ... be permitted to ...
from the date of his departure until the ...
termination of his agreement.

Stamp Duty ... The ... gives an account
of the ... with the ...
states; he states that a ...
proposed, and that Mr. ... will at an early
date submit a plan showing its ... and ...
making proposals to the ... as to the acquisition.

Lead to the ... Second report by the
... in which he alludes to the danger of ...

doing of the same, or contemplating acquiring the free sections of this road. After some discussion, and the unanimous vote of the members present, the Engineer's recommendation on this subject is adopted.

The Engineer is expressed that if it be possible the whole scheme of road works from Deesavie to Jaspur should be made independent in its two parts, and the negotiations with the Nivose Committee will be conducted with this end in view.

Public

Band — The members are informed that the agreement with the Musicians expires on the 6th of March, and that dissatisfaction exists among their number at the present scale of pay. It appears that the musicians engaged last year are in receipt of salaries exceeding those of certain members of the Band of 8 and 10 years service. The Secretary is directed to arrange a new agreement with some of the musicians as are prepared to remain at salaries to be fixed in connection of this arrangement.

Volunteers

Reserve Company — Commissions as Second Lieutenants are signed for Messrs Shiraz Chiba, and Satshee Barakwore in place of the two Subaltern officers appointed in the summer who have left the Staff.

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Staff

The application of Sergeant Major Dourie to be permitted to resign on account of his wife's state of health is granted. He will draw his portable, uniform pay etc, as if his existing agreement were completed.

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General

Hospital — The Secretary of the Hospital notifies that Messrs A. McKee, J. L. Scott and A. Douglas and St Paulus have consented to act as Governors for the current year.

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Financial

Statement — On the Chairman's suggestion the following notes in regard to the Annual accounts are recorded:—

1. The General Balance will be shown reduced by the deficit to be carried forward, in accordance with the Chairman's reply to Mr G. J. Morrison at the last annual meeting.

H. G. L.

Retirement.

2. The Police Deposit, representing a portion of the Election Printing Fund will not be renewed at, and shall be restored, only owing to compliance, the accounts.
3. The Police Defence Fund will on 31st December next be made the exact equivalent of the amount due to the Government in respect of the Budget appropriation.

Stair

The Chairman alludes to the growing need for further augmentation in the Municipal Staff in more particular reference to the pressure of work in the Engineer's and Health Department. It is agreed that at an early date steps will have to be taken for the appointment of two Assistant Health Officers and a Second Assistant Engineer.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Chairman

W. H. H. H.

Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 28, Lower Road, Rangoon, on Thursday the 1st March 1901, at 11.30 P.M. —

Present.

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- C. A. Hewitt, Chairman
- C. Hooper
- J. A. Hardoon
- H. Kanda
- A. H. Lee
- J. Prudhoe
- C. Guanchebush
- H. Roberts
- C. B. Holloway and the Acting Secretary

The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for summary accounts are signed.

Return of Processions apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

- Engineer for February
- Vehicle Submitter for February
- Electrical Superintendent for January
- Summary of Licence fees for February

Stamans Church - Hoeking — Letter from the Chairman of the

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n. B. to sell

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Trustees is read in which he informs the Council of a decision which has been formed to sell the riverside section of the property not occupied by graves, and offering this piece of land as an extension of the Burial Ground. With this letter is submitted a memorandum setting forth an argument tending to show that in so doing the trustees are acting in contravention to the intentions of the original donors, so far as these may be ascertained by reference to the history of the question. To this decision to embody this view in a reply to her Honor the members are.

are unanimously of opinion, that the sale should be resisted by every available means, and that the Council should, if necessary, proceed to apply for an injunction against the trustees. The Secretary is directed to consult the legal adviser in the matter, at an early date.

Hauking Road Widening — Letter from the Hon. Ward Proctor is read, in reply to the Council's application for a writ of mandamus. It is required for this purpose, in which it is stated that the leases of the property, with certain fallows and that the present time is therefore not an opportunity for negotiating in this matter. In a further note from Mr. Proctor the Council is informed that some work will be done he will bring the matter to the owners' attention before the renewal of the leases is arranged. With this assurance it is decided to allow the matter to stand over for the present.

Volunteers - Rank of Commandant — Further letter from the officers of the Corps on this subject is read, in which, after certain preliminary observations on the status of the Corps, a proposition is put forward that a joint commission of the Council and the Volunteer Officers should revise the code of regulations under which the Corps now works.

The Secretary is directed to reply that the Volunteer Committee of the Head Council will be prepared to listen to any proposed modifications of the code which may be considered desirable, and the necessary changes therein will follow in due course.

Municipal Staff — The members are informed of the arrival of Captain Robinson and Mr. Dalton, and in this connection the Chairman alludes to the great debt of gratitude the Council owes to Mr. Burdett for the untiring manner in which during the past two years he has prosecuted vigorously the engagement of Municipal employees of all grades. He proposes that a sincere vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Burdett for his great assistance in these matters and that a letter be dispatched, assuring him of the Council's appreciation of his services and recognition of the value which his experience and

judgment

Judgment are to the committee at large.

This resolution is seconded by the Vice Chairman and carried unanimously.

Prostitutes Registration Fees — The Chairman desires an expression of the Council's views on the abolition of these fees for use if the point be raised at the next payers meeting. A report in re by the Health Officer is read generally summing up in favour of their retention and the members concur in the opinion that no step should be taken, which might be calculated to impair the control now exercised by the Health Department over the brothels concerned.

Legal Advisor — Allusion is made to the sudden and lamented death of Mr Charles Dowdall, who for upwards of 10 years has held this post. The Secretary is directed to communicate to Messrs Dowdall, Hanson & Co. Hairs an expression of the members sincere regret at the receipt of the news and to request that the firm will continue to act for the Council in this capacity.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Robert A. [unclear]

Chairman.

M. W. [unclear]

Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No. 23 North Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 14th March 1901, at 11.30 a.m.

Present.

E. A. Hewitt, Chairman.

C. M. Lee.

D. Landale.

A. McKee.

C. Jankoubush.

Mr. Rolde.

E. A. Mottow.

Acting Secretary, also by invitation.

The Mr. W. J. Burge, and H. R. Kinnear the two present
clerk of the Council for 1901.

Absent. M. P. Willardson.

J. P. Parker.

The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheque for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Bookkeeping Committee - The Secretary states that in reply to the Council's letter to the Inspector on the subject of the work of a portion of this site. Messrs J. B. Jones and J. L. Scott have called at the office and made examination of the official minutes recorded at the time of their attendance. The Inspector will at an early date provide copies of the Municipal archives as bear upon the original book-keeping which their assurance has been received that no further steps will be taken in regard to the proposed sale.

The Minutes of the Works Committee are read, and in reference to the Council's letter a discussion takes place in the Council's attention in the matter. Mr. Rolde, in the absence of the Chairman of Committee, states the case for

and against taking full advantage of the terms which is admitted to be a one sided arrangement. What is laid upon the facts that it was by agreement to the clause whereby a maximum limit should be put upon the quantity to be supplied that the Council secured the contract, and it is deemed unanimously to call for the full quantity required for municipal work viz 14000 cubic feet equal monthly deliveries up to the 31st June.

Lotteries

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Dispatch from the Senior Council has been circulated in which after expressing the opinion that steps should be taken for the suppression of ~~the~~ Lotteries he gives in favour of the full support of the Council. Some to any extent which the Council may take to this end. The Chairman reads a draft reply setting forth at some length the attitude of successive Councils towards the question and showing that the present activity of this form of gambling can be directly traced to the expressed inability of the Councils representation of certain countries to prevent their nationals from trafficking in certain lottery tickets.

The vote is unanimous and the correspondence ordered for immediate publication.

Proposal re Chinese Books and Pictures

16th

A letter from Mr. Ede in which proposals are made for giving to the public a collection of old and valuable books upon certain conditions. At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to consult the Rev. Mr. Richard as to the genuineness and value of this offer and as to its possible acceptance in conjunction with that for the establishment of a Chinese Library.

Land Commission

16th

Minutes of the Commission in the case against Mr. Kester is submitted and ordered to be published. It is noted that a fee of £500 may be paid to Mr. G. J. Morrison for his services as expert witness in this case.

Volunteers - Annual Inspection

15th

Letter from the General Commanding in Hong Kong is received expressing

his regret at being unable to himself hold the Annual Inspection of the Corps this year, but stating that he has determined for this winter, Colonel the O'Farrell, who conducted the inspection in 1900 and who will therefore be in a position to note any changes and improvements which have taken place in the interim.

Public Health Buildings — Letter from the Health Officer is read alluding to the growing need for additional buildings for the purposes of a Foreign Isolation Hospital, a Harbour and an Asylum. While not entirely endorsing the views expressed in this regard the members are of opinion that its recommendations should have the attention of the incoming Council.

Prostitution — Letter from Messrs D. Poston and C. J. ... read alluding to the Council's treatment of this question, in special reference to an alleged increase in the practice of soliciting and to the application of Bye-Law 311 to Chinese prostitutes. The matter will receive the attention of the Local Committee of the incoming Council.

Victoria Nursing Home — The Chairman states that in conversation with Mr Drummond he has arranged that the formal handing over of this institution to the Council take place probably on Friday in next week.

Budget for 1901 — The Chairman reads the remarks which he will introduce the Budget, at the forthcoming Ratepayers meeting, thus offering the new members of Council an opportunity for the discussion of its provisions. The statement is approved. Meeting then adjourns.

Albert ...
Chairman

W. Wilson
Acting Secretary

At a Special Meeting of the Council Held in the Board Room, No. 23, Range Road, Stoughton, on Wednesday the 2nd March 1901, at 4.30 P.M.

Present.

M.M.

- E. A. Hewitt. Chairman
- W. B. ...
- D. W. Harbison
- A. K. ...
- W. M. ...
- J. ...
- C. G. ...
- M. R. ...
- E. B. ...
- W. G. ...
- M. R. ... and the
- Acting Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

Ratepayers Resolution No. 17 — The minutes of the special meeting of the Works Committee are read and, in connection therewith, the Chairman alludes to the wrong impression, as to its unanimity which Mr. Harbison has allowed to be conveyed in failing to record his objections to the case of Timor Building Rules.

Mr. Rhode explains that the Committee's objections to the resolution are more directed against the manner in which criticism of the case is proposed than to any proposition to modify the rules, some of which may possibly require further amendment. After considerable discussion the Chairman suggests that he be authorised to include in his speech on the year's work a paragraph to the effect that the Council will be glad to receive and consider suggestions from landowners on the subject and if necessary arrange a meeting at which they may be freely discussed, though without giving any guarantee.

to adopt any particular modification. Mr. Humeau has been empowered by the Governor and Secretary to state that if this be done the resolution will be withdrawn. The suggestion is finally agreed to and the exact wording of the clause approved.

Ratepayers Resolution, No. 2. — The Council's reply to the clauses of this resolution are agreed upon to consist of a series of resolutions to the effect that the clauses as separate resolutions outline for use should occasion demand, and it is further

1877 Colleges — Reply from the Government is given to the Council's letter on this subject and the draft of a further letter approved, pointing out that the number of purely Chinese colleges has been increased by the Consular Body.

The members concur in the opinion that the time is now ripe for undertaking the suppression of all colleges, feeling that in the treatment of those under Chinese official protection the continued support of Consular Assistants at the Mixed Court will be absolutely necessary.

It is therefore decided to put the matter before the Ratepayers in such a manner as to enable the Council to be increased by so much as shall compensate for the loss of revenue from this source while retaining the power to impose the license should it be found necessary. In the meanwhile the existing licenses will not be renewed at the end of the month, to this last decision Mr. G. records his objection being of opinion that more notice to the proprietors of colleges should be given.

The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]

Chairman.

[Signature]

Acting Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Council held in the
Board Room to the House of Representatives, Washington,
on Thursday the 28th March 1884 at 11 o'clock

Present

- W. H. Hewitt Chairman.
- C. H. Eide
- B. W. Harison
- A. H. Hunt
- W. M. Keck
- J. Spruill
- E. Guisebush
- W. B. ...
- E. B. Kellow
- W. J. Bayne
- A. R. Kinnear and the
- acting Secretary

The Chairman called the Minutes to be read in read.
The Minutes of last meeting, and of the Special meeting were
read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman, who
in vacating the Chair, thanked the Vice Chairman, and
members for their support during the Municipal
year now concluded, and conveyed to Messrs Keck,
and B. Kellow, an expression of regret at their
retirement.

After suitably acknowledging Mr Hewitt's remarks
 these members withdrew.

Election of Office Bearers — It is proposed by Mr Spruill,
 and seconded by Mr Kellow that Mr Hewitt be
 elected Chairman for the ensuing year; it is proposed
 by Mr Hewitt and seconded by Mr Kinnear that Mr
 Spruill be elected Vice Chairman, both of
 proposals being carried unanimously.

On a motion from the Chair it is decided, that
 the constitution of Standing Committees shall be as
 follows:

- Works Committee. Mr. Spruill, Kellow and Kinnear
- Finance — — — — Guisebush, Harison and Kinnear
- Watch — — — — Hewitt, Eide and Bayne

As this arrangement being agreed to the Chairman communicates certain subjects which have arisen for the consideration of the Committee during the ensuing year for the Works Committee:-

- I The lighting of the Rubbling (coll. Road) in reference to Mr. Wardlaw's remarks at the Anteburial Meeting.
- II The widening of the new road to the Russian, its continuation by a loop to Jessfield, and the acquisition of broad cross roads in the track of about 30 enclosed.
- III The satisfactory amendment of the Chinese Building Rules and the subsequent compilation of the code for Seriqu Buildings.

For the Police Committee:-

- I The registration of Chinese Booties.
- II The settlement of conditions upon which the Long Service Medal will be obtained in the Police and Volunteer Forces.
- III The further development of the system of Chinese tuition in the Police Force.
- IV The constitution of the Police Force in reference to the proportion of Sikhs to Chinese.

For the Finance Committee:-

- I The steps advisable for increasing the Municipal Revenue, in view of the necessity for an enlarged staff, for the development of the extended settlement and for further important public works.
- II The advisability of increasing the amount annually set aside for the repayment of Loans.

Departmental Reports. — The following are submitted:

Cash Statement for the past fortnight.
 Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police Daily Reports for the past fortnight.
 Health Officer's Report for February.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Works Committee

and from which it is learnt that no protests have been received against the issue of the Livery Licenses enumerated in Notification No. 11450.

- Application by Mr. Pattison for the refund of the cost of the carriage of his personal effects to Ireland is submitted. The members are unanimously of opinion that there are no grounds for acceding to this request, which is therefore ordered to be refused.
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- Volunteers - Customs Company - Commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Sergeant W. G. Kay.
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- Staff - Major Holliday's application for twelve months leave from the 1st proximo is granted.
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- Reserve Company - The resignation of Lieutenant Hoel is received, and accorded.
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- Captain Winthrop's application to retain his commission during nine months leave of absence is granted. It is decided to convey to this officer an expression of the Council's appreciation of the excellent work which he has done while attached to the Japanese Company, as Instructor, and
- Reserve Garden - The Council is informed that the plea produced, by Mr. Drummond at the Kato paper's meeting had been sent to him without authority, by Mr. Arthur, the District Agent of Parks and Open Spaces. This action is regarded as contrary to the standing instructions to Municipal employees and the question of reprimanding or otherwise dealing with Mr. Arthur is referred to the Works Committee.
- Cement Contract - In regard to the dispute which has arisen with the Green Island Cement Company as to the deliveries under their contract, the Secretary states that the Company wishes to await the arbitration clause of the agreement and it is decided to request Mr. C. J. Duane to act as the Council's representative in the matter.
- Forged Land Tax Receipts - Memorandum by the Engineer is submitted setting forth the circumstances which have led to the discovery that certain Chinese land tax receipts for the New Right Range which were obtained in 1894 through Mr. A. Dallas, then the Assistant Municipal Engineer, are

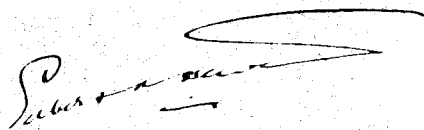
are not genuine. A preliminary sipping will be held at the Mises Court in the matter when Mr. Godfrey will represent the Council acting with the approval of the Legal Adviser.

168 Letters — Letter from the Senior Consul is read enclosing a copy of his letter to the Sackai regarding the suppression of Chinese Cottages within the Settlement.

179 Removal of Lower Boat House — Letter from the Secretary of the Rowing Club is read asking permission to utilise the foreshore adjoining the Reserve Garden in lieu of the present site. The Chairman alludes to the effect likely to be produced by this change on the mouth of the Boochow Creek and points out that a removal permit will be necessary from the Harbour Master. If this is obtained and no objection raised by the adjoining riparian owners the Council's permission will be granted.

167 Use of Town Hall — Application by the Secretary of a Committee for a proposed Loan Exhibition in aid of two local charities is submitted, desiring the use of the Town Hall free of rental charge for one week from the 15th April. It is decided to follow the procedure adopted in the case of the Bazaar in aid of the Nursing Home, viz to charge only the cost of heating and lighting.

The Meeting then adjourns.



Chairman

W. Lawson

Acting Secretary

At the 79th Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
79, 23, Canton Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the
11th April, 1921, at 11.30 p.m.

Present:

- E. A. Hewitt, Chairman
- W. G. Bayne
- C. M. Cole
- P. H. Hurstoun
- H. R. Kinnear
- J. Prud'homme
- H. R. Lewis and the
Voting Secretary

Absent:

- D. L. Hamant
- C. Guackebush

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

Cash statements for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended and police duty reports for past week.

Summary of License fees for March.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee are read, and in reference thereto:

✓ Yales Road Extension — It is decided to reply to the Trust Council, that their proposals for a bridge at the termination of this extension, will receive consideration, so soon as the land for the road has been acquired.

✓ Soochow Road Extension — In the course of a discussion which arises in regard to Mr. Aubrose's application to build an additional lot 5 by the Council reaffirms its intention to proceed with this extension, and in regard to the section between the Shihoh and Chikiang Roads directions are given that applications be forthwith made to the riparian owners concerned. In Mr. Aubrose's case it is decided

decided before going before the Commission to ascertain whether the owner will be prepared to accept payment for a living back strip at the price mentioned in the previous correspondence in the matter viz. to 6000. per acre.

Aug. 2nd and Kibicea Route - In connection with the negotiations now proceeding for the purchase of this route Mr. Kibicea alludes to the desirability of purchasing pieces of extra land in suitable positions along their line for ultimate use as depots, stations etc. This proposal has the unanimous approval of the members and the Engineer will be directed to take steps to carry it into effect.

176 Cement Embankment - Letter from Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co. is read stating that they have appointed Mr. E. Nelson to act for them in the arbitration decided upon as to deliveries. The Council views the nomination of a lawyer for this work as foreign to the spirit of the clause in the Agreement and the Secretary is directed to point out that the arbitration is regarded as a business matter and that therefore the selection of representatives should be confined to business men. If the firm insists upon this appointment the Council will instruct its legal adviser to meet Mr. Nelson and to insist upon its full legal rights. If need arise for an umpire Mr. McNeill will call for the nomination of H. H. Cassinbank judge.

Lottery Licenses - In view of the development of this question it is decided to discontinue the levy of a license fee upon the promoters of race lotteries.

178 Electrical Department - Staff - Letter from the Superintendent is read stating that the agreement of Mr. Rouch, the Cassinbank Superintendent will expire on the 1st instants. Upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, the offer of a renewal will be made at a salary of £250. per annum to include also the duties of Boiler Inspector - and with the same allowances as heretofore.

The Meeting then adjourns.

M. W. W.
Acting Secretary.

Robert ...
Chairman.

At the annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 25 George Road Singapore on Thursday the 11th April, 1901 at 11.30 P.M.

Present

- E. W. Stewart, Chairman.
- H. J. Rogers.
- C. M. ...
- D. W. ...
- R. R. ...
- J. ...
- E. ...
- M. ... and the
- Uking, ...
- J. ...

Read

- The Minutes of the previous meeting is taken as read.
- The Minutes of Cash Meeting are read, confirmed signed by Chairman and passed for publication.
- Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.
- Reports of Officers appointed and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.
- Departmental Reports — The following is submitted:—
Vehicle Inspected for March.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee are read, and in reference thereto:—

Victoria Nursing Home — Mr. Stewart raises the question as to whether the fees for first class patients should not be further increased say to 10/6 per day. He points out that the intention of the founders of the Home was not to provide nursing for the worse to do classes at a cost to the public funds. Some discussion ensues during which it is pointed out that if the fees are appreciably higher than those at the general Hospital the success of the new establishment will be imperilled. It is finally decided to circulate the new rules to the members deferring final decision until next meeting.

Council

17th

- ✓ Cement Contract — The Council is informed that in reference to representations Messrs Shawan Jones & Co have nominated Mr W. C. Fisher to represent their Company in the arbitration now pending as to deliveries of cement under the Council's contract.
- 182 ✓ Road Extension Protests - Western District — Letters from Messrs W. H. Hay and W. C. Hauber are read conveying their protests at certain proposed extensions. In accordance with the established procedure they will be invited to be present at the next meeting of the Works Committee to substantiate these protests in person.
- 189 ✓ Land Commission — It is noted that Mr Scott will be absent from Shanghai until the 1st proximo, and it is proposed to refer the case against Messrs Deane & Co. regarding the Yuhang Road Extension to the remaining two Commissioners close next week with the Council's approval.
- 178 ✓ Foreign Liquor Licenses — Report by Mr. Crosser of Taxes is read stating that five of the London Sellers of Liquor have refused to pay the license fee basing their objections on the fact that it is not payable by firms in the settlement who hold wine licenses. It is pointed out that the license is collected from retail dealers only, i.e. Sellers of less than a case of one dozen bottles, and decided to address Messrs C. A. Mackay & Co in the matter, using this firm as a representative test case should legal proceedings ultimately become necessary.
- 176 ✓ Garbage Watchmen — The Engineer reports the death of the watchman Mitchell from pneumonia, which was precipitated by his reticence to provide himself with sufficient fuel. A small supply of coal will be provided at the two depots next winter. The Master then adjourns.

Mason
Acting Secretary.

John Pearson
Vice Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board,
Room, No 23, Queen's Road, Shanghai, on
Thursday the 18th April, 1901, at 11.30 P.M.

Present

- W. P. ...
- E. M. ...
- M. ...
- A. R. ...
- D. ...
- J. ...
- E. ...
- H. ... and the
- U. ...
- E. ...

Absent

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.

On the absence of the Chairman, Mr. ... takes the Chair and Mr. ... is elected to act as Vice Chairman.

The Minutes of Cash Accounts are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended, and police wing reports for the past week.
- Engineers for the week.

Nursing Home Rules — Report to the Health Officer has been circulated regarding the proposed scale of fees for nursing, as a result of which it is decided to leave the fees as they stand, to be subject to revision hereafter when the financial working of the Home shall have been fully tested.

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Upon the proposal of the Chairman, it is further decided to refer the whole code of rules, except those so far as they relate to interest management, for the opinion of the local medical practitioners, upon whose cooperation the ultimate success of the establishment must depend. Copies of the rules will therefore be transmitted through

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Public Leasing Houses — Mr Guackebush alludes to a case of a shipping hong for which the proprietor which objects to the classification of his establishment as such which ordinary public notice issues.

The Council is informed that for several similar applicants the two clauses on their license cards relative to Police inspection, and to the hours of closing, which were included in error, have been deleted. With this arrangement it is hoped that the various proprietors of such hongs will be satisfied. The Meeting then adjourns.

John Forester
Vice Chairman.

W. Benson
Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
40-23 Mungie Road, Shanghai on Thursday, the
15th April 1901 at 11.30 p.m. —

Present —
M. M. J. Forester, Chairman
W. G. Bayne
C. M. G. C.
D. W. Harcourt
A. R. Kinross
A. L. L. L.
A. L. L. L. and the
Acting Secretary

Absent —
W. L. L. L.
E. Guackebush

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read. The

The Minutes of last Meeting are read & confirmed signed by the Vice Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted: —
Cash Statements for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended. Police Reports and Health Officers for March.

Electrical Experiments for March.

Letters — Mr Newman alludes to the advisability of suppressing, if possible, the advertisements of small trade letters, which may be regarded by a section of the public as themselves calling for suppression. The Council is averse to taking any official notice of these announcements but Mr Landale undertakes to have them stopped through the medium of the Journals of the Race Club.

The Minutes of the Minutes of the Works Committee are read and in reserve until —

✓ St. Paul Extension — Memorandum is submitted from which it appears that the entire cost of making up and draining this extension, as far as the King Hill Lane, together with extension No 33 from this point along the property of the King Hoag School is estimated at \$11,000, to which must be added \$2000 for the cost of a bridge over the creek.

The offers therefore of Messrs Dorrell, Stauson and McNeill, and of Mr W. S. Jackson regarding these extensions, are authorized to be accepted.

✓ Old Lock Hospital — With a view to fixing of the reserve price for the sale of this property it is decided to request Mr Cooper to endeavor to get private offers therefor, between this and the date to be arranged for the auction.

Nursing Home Rules — Report by the Health Officer giving cover to his circular letter to the local doctors on this subject, is submitted, and referred to the Health Committee. The Chairman is of opinion that an exhaustive examination should be made of the entire code by the Committee, with especial reference to the questions of (i) the admittance of visitors (ii) the employment of the Chinese staff and (iii) the scale of fees.

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Wishing that the matter may properly await the
Arrived Soldiers in the Settlement — This subject is
reopened in view of the receipt of a further letter

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from the Senior Consul, wherein he states that his
present system of permits was the result of a
verbal understanding between himself and the
Sakri, in 1879, and they are only intended for
emergency use when time does not allow of the due
notification of the Police. The members are
unanimously of opinion that this view is an
erroneous one, that the arrangement now that passes
be supplied to all bodies of armed men who obtain
permission to pass through the Settlement, and that
the need for insistence upon such passes is if any
thing greater now than it has been heretofore.

In this sense a reply will be drafted for the
Council's approval.

The Meeting then adjourns.

John Forester

W. W. Mason

Chairman

(Acting Secretary)

The Case by the Captain Superintendent is submitted and the entire correspondence ordered for circulation to members.

Valuations — The Districting officer's report is laid on the table and ordered for transmission to the Mayor's Committee and subsequent publication.

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40 An expression of opinion is taken as to whether the recommendation to create the Commission a Lieutenant Colonel, shall be adopted, with the result that the proposal is rejected on a show of hands.

The resignation of Lieutenant Bell, A Company, is received and recorded.

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Woolshed Road Extension — Letters from Mr. Cantwell and the P.E. Company relative to the surrender of strips from Calcutta Lots 5 by and 501 for this purpose, are submitted and referred to the Works Committee.

The Council is informed that, after consultation with A. Mc. Clung Surveyor of Works, it appears that there will be little difficulty in carrying this extension past the Council's gate. In regard to Lot 578 it is noted that at present the exact boundary is under discussion with the Harbour Authorities.

Loan of 1901. — Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it is decided to issue a loan for £2 lakhs, applications to close on the 30th June next.

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235 The Hong Kong Government notifies the extension of the prohibition against supplying arms from Shanghai until the 1st December.

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Soldiers Quarters — Reply is sent from H. Mc. Donnell General to the Council's application on this subject from which it is learnt that the Indian has taken the necessary steps for the protection of the Quarters Wall and site.

The Meeting then adjourns.

John Forrester

Chairman.

W. Wilson

Acting Secretary.

Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room, 1025 Newcomb Road, Stoughton, Friday, May
16th May, 1901, at 11.0 o'clock, P.M.

Present:

Mr. J. Prudence, Chairman
 W. G. Bunker
 E. M. Ed. .
 St. A. K. Adams
 A. R. Adams
 L. K. Adams
 Mr. R. Adams and the
 Acting Secretary
 E. W. Hewitt
 E. J. Quackenbush

Absent:

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Chairman states that the Meeting has been called for the consideration of the Council's action in regard to the death of a French Soldier on the 17th ultimo.

251 We receive of a despatch from the French Consul General and after perusal of the police report of the case he called on Mr. Roland and found him willing to accept the findings of the Court of Consuls if an enquiry were held by them and the evidence collected both by the Police and the French Military authorities, duly heard. After some discussion draft replies to the above despatches and to that of General Trench on the same subject are approved, in which a suggestion in this sense is made. Mr. Ed. records his dissent from the proposed course being of opinion that an enquiry held by a Committee of the Council would satisfy the complaining parties in the matter.

Mr. Roland reads, in translation, a statement of a German officer by name Von Tellenborn, who was an eye-witness of the disturbance which culminated in the soldier's death. This statement goes far to show that the Police acted with considerable forbearance in this matter and will be of value as evidence if properly attested.

The Meeting then adjourns.

John Prentice
Chairman.

W. Marsden.
Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room, No. 23, Kingsway Road, Birmingham on Thursday
the 16th May 1901, at 7.30 P.M.

Present.

M. M.

J. Spradice (Chairman)
W. G. Bann
W. G. H.
D. W. Harwood
H. R. Kincaid
R. Landale
H. R. Lee and the
Acting Secretary

Absent.

E. A. Hewitt
E. Guackinowski

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

- Summary of General Municipal Rate, Value, March quarter.
- Health Officer for April.
- Vehicle Inspector.
- Statement of Expenditure to 30 April.
- Cash statement for the past week.

Names of prisoners apprehended. Police daily reports re
Minutes of last Meeting, and of Special Meeting are read,
confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

recommend to H. M. Government, that permission be granted, to construct this roadway along the fuel pipeline, with no claims for compensation beyond the erection of a boundary wall at Municipal charge.

This proposal meets with with the Council's entire approval.

Road Extension Protest - In reply to the protest of the Gas Company at the scheduled line of extension through their premises it is decided to reply that their protest is filed for record, and for the information of any succeeding Council who may contemplate the construction of this section of the road.

Foreign Liquor Licenses - Reply from Messrs. Catalano Macgregor & Co. is read to the Council's application for payment of this license, in which they point out the injustice to their firm involved by the non-payment of the tax by Agent firms who sell liquors in retail quantities to themselves. On the assurance of the truth of this statement it is decided to claim on the Agents required to pay the usual fee.

Road Extensions in the Western District - The Chinese Consul forwards the Tathai's reply to the proposal to fix a standard price for the acquisition of these roads from Chinese owners. Since this despatch is in the nature of a refusal it is decided that the Chairman see H. M. Consul General in the matter, and ascertain whether he can extract exact from the Chinese authorities identical facilities for road making to those enjoyed by the French Municipal Council.

Volunteers - From letters from the Major Commanding the Council learns of the following movements in the Corps, and accords the necessary confirmations when required:-

- ✓ 253 I. The resignation of Lieutenant Porter, Reserve Company, is noted to take effect on from the 1st ultimo.
- ✓ 254 II. Major Wheeler, Medical Staff, resigns under Regulations XXXVII and is permitted to retain his rank as an officer on the Retired list.
- ✓ 255 III. The resignation of Lieutenant Bell, "A" Company,

is withdrawn and his commission returned herewith.
He will be attached for instructional duty with the
Japanese Company.

✓ 1917 IV Captain Kettle, "D" Company, resigns under Regula-
tion XXXVIII and is reappointed.

✓ 1918 V Major Kettle, Medical Staff, is granted one year's
leave from the 1st. instant with permission to retain
his commission.

✓ 1919 VI The resignation of Lieutenant Phillips, "A" Com-
pany is received and recorded.

✓ New Bandstand. — At the request of Mr. Rolan the Engineer
has prepared an estimate and drawing for a new
stand to be erected on the Public Recreation Ground.
The cost will be under £500, and it is decided to
proceed with the work forthwith.

✓ Fire Brigade. — The resignation of Mr H. E. Algas, Foreman
of No. 4 Company, is received and the election in his
stead of Mr W. Campbell duly confirmed.

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It is noted that during the absence on leave of Mr
V. Duval, Foreman of No. 6 Company, Mr A. Berthel
will act as foreman.

✓ Council Contack Arbitration. — The members are informed
that the arbitrators in this matter were unable to come
to a decision, and that at their request Mr W. D.
Kettle acted as final referee. His decision has now
been given in which the Council is awarded its full
claim of 1000 casks per month during the continuance
of the experiment.

✓ Land Commissioners Award in the Gylhang Road Extension
Case is received and ordered for publication.

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✓ Resignation of Councillor. — Letter from Mr Landale is read
in which he states that owing to his approaching de-
parture from Shanghai he is compelled to resign his
seat on the Council. A vote of thanks is unanimously
accorded to this member for his services during the past
year.

The Meeting thus adjourns.

W. Watson
Acting Secretary.

J. J. A. A. A.
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Room
at Room No 23 Mause Road, Shanghai, on Thursday
the 22nd May, 1901, at 4.30 P.M.

Present

- E. W. Howard
- W. P. Meyer
- W. H. ...
- S. C. ...
- H. R. ...
- J. ...
- H. ...
- W. ...
- E. ...

Agenda

All Resolutions calling the Working is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed
by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:
Cash Statement for the past week.
Return of Prisons apprehended, Police unity reports
Engineer for April

✓ Armed Chinese in the Settlement — Upon reconsideration it
is decided to omit the correspondence under this head
from the published minutes, taking it for inclusion in
the Annual Municipal Report.

✓ Imperial Edicts — The Governor General forwards two copies
of a recent edict enjoining the respectful treatment
284 foreigners, to be posted in conspicuous parts of the
Settlement.

✓ Volunteers — Customs Contraband — The resignation of
Lieutenant Tyle, is received. Through the Major
274 Commandant. Before accepting this retirement directors
are given to ascertain whether it may not be possible
to obtain the valuable services of this officer for the
Corps, possibly by giving him an honorary or staff
appointment.

✓ — Do — A Company — The issue of a new Commission
for Lieutenant Bell is decided upon, under which

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his connection with this Company ceases and he becomes an officer on the Staff attached for instructional duty to the Japanese Company.

147/ 274 Volunteers — Long Service Medal — The collected specimens of the officers of the Force are submitted, upon the subject of the time qualification for the proposed medal and the matter is again referred to the Watch Committee.

99/ 275 Land Commission — The resignation of Mr W. S. Jackson — if his seat on the Commission is received and it is decided, in view of the fact that there are cases of land surrenders now pending, to issue a notification calling for nominations for his successor, without delay.

1 Ministerial Advertisements — Upon a proposal from the Chairman it is unanimously decided that, since the Government continues to pursue the policy of utilizing the members of the Council, both individually and collectively for the future ministerial advertisements will not be sent for insertion in that paper.

1 Soochow Road Extension — A protest against this extension is received from Messrs Alfred Dent & Co., the agents for the owners of Industrial Lot 573. After some consideration it is considered probable that if the circumstances of the case are made plain to the Council, viz that the Council has resolved to make up and hand this section of the road during the ensuing year, that the power to enforce the necessary surrender is complete, that the public improvement thus effected will be apparent and finally that negotiations with all the owners involved are in active process, the protest will be withdrawn.

1 Case of Mr Forties — Counterclaim by this owner for the ship of his lot in the Suiza Road is submitted, and since the wide divergence of it from the Council's offer precludes all hope of compromise, it is decided to refer the matter to the Land Commission.

1 Use of the Torow Hall — The free use of the Hall for the Flower Show now current is granted upon the understanding that the entire amount received in entrance fees will be distributed in prizes.

W. A.

Old Lock Hospital — The reserve price for this site now about to be put up to auction, is fixed at £18,000.

New Recreation Ground — Letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read stating that they are in treaty for a tract of ground in the neighbourhood of the Rifle Range for the purpose of acquiring a new site to be devoted to public recreation, and inviting the Council's financial co-operation in the matter.

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The Chairman and Mr. Hinson have already had an interview with the Chairman and Secretary of the Fund and are of opinion that the most satisfactory procedure will be for the Council to become the purchaser of ground up to say 150 words, accepting a loan from the Trustees of £5,000 at 4%.

Before any final decision is arrived at the Works Committee will seek Mr. Crawford Kerr and arrange for a rough survey plan of the locality to be made and otherwise discuss the scheme in detail.

Resignation of Councillor — Mr. Rohde states that, owing to his approaching departure for Europe he is obliged to resign his position on the Council.

The Chairman, in reply, expresses the regret which the members feel at the loss of this member's services. He states that the work done by Mr. Rohde during the past four years has been of the greatest value to the Community and proposes a most sincere vote of thanks to him on retirement. The Vice-Chairman seconds the proposal which is carried unanimously. Mr. Rohde then withdraws.

Vacancies in Council — A discussion ensues on the filling of the two vacancies now existing in the membership, and, after some discussion, it is decided to invite Messrs R. Douglas and C. Mearns to accept the seats.

The Meeting then adjourns.

W. Hinson

(Acting Secretary)

Edmund Hinson

(Chairman)

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, 10, 23, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the 30th May, 1901, at 11.30. p.m. —

Present —

M. M.

W. H. Hewitt. (Chairman)
 G. G. Bayne
 C. W. Edie
 J. W. Hardson
 R. Inglis
 H. R. Keimig
 G. M. Mousen
 J. Sprackie and the
 Acting Secretary
 E. J. Quokubush.

Absent —

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read —

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted: —

Cash Statement for the past week.

Return of specimens apprehended.

Police Daily Reports.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Watch Committee are read and in reference thereto: —

✓ Victoria Nursing Home — It is decided that the fee for the exclusive services of a nurse in confinement cases shall be fixed in accordance with Mr Bayne's memorandum at £5 per diem in addition to any booking fee; noting always that all fees are subject to reduction in special cases and with the Watch Committee's sanction.

✓ The Chairman alludes to the desirability of obtaining only European probationers at the Home so far as may be possible.

✓ Scott Road Site — The enlargement of this property upon the lines sketched by the Health Officer is noted for use when next year's budget is under consideration as also is the question of the establishment of accommodation

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Kind Trustees and Mr. Frutkin, it is agreed that if possible, it will be best to acquire land for this purpose on the west side of the bridge so that the 140 acres of land now belonging to the Municipality may be incorporated in the site. Photographs and report by the Engineer confirm the members in this opinion.

Resignation of Councilor - Mr. Cole presents his resignation of his seat on the Council and receives the thanks of the members for his services.

Constitution of Committee - Upon the Chairman's proposal it is arranged that Mr. Taylor shall join the Water Committee and Mr. Meuser fill one of the vacancies in the Committee of Public Works.

The Meeting then adjourns.

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Chairman

Acting Secretary

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No. 13 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 6th June, 1901, at 11.30 p.m. -

Present - M.M.

- E. C. Hewitt - Chairman
- W. G. Bayne
- B. C. Harcourt
- R. D. Miles
- H. R. Kinnear
- C. Meuser - and the
- Acting Secretary

Absent

- J. Frutkin
- C. Guackubush

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of Cash Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

Cash Statement for the past week.
 Returns of prisoners apprehended.
 Police Daily Reports.
 Summary of license fees for May.
 Health Officers for May.

Old Lock Hospital Site — The difference between the consultant and the cadastral areas of this property is accounted for by the fact that the two deeds purporting to represent it cover in addition sections of the Carbon Road and of the alleyway Bing-Song Ave.

Natural Cotton — The Chairman has seen H. M. Consul

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general in regard to the paragraphs in the Taohai's proclamation on this subject to which exception was taken at the last meeting. Mr. Breuan writes that he considers the clause perfectly harmless and upon a show of hands it is decided to pass the proclamation in its present form.

Volunteers - Long Service Medal — Draft letter to the officers of the Corps stating the Council's reasons for abandoning the scheme for a medal is read, and is approved.

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Leave — Upon the application of the Commandant twelve months leave is granted to Lieutenant Whiffled with permission to retain his commission, also three months leave to Lieutenant Buchanan, to date from the 1st and 8th instant respectively.

Admiral Seymour — The Chairman has compiled a letter addressed to this office in which is set forth an expression of appreciation of his great services during his tenure of the command of H. M. Naval Force in China. Upon the draft being read a section of the members consider that such a letter should contain references to those only of Admiral Seymour's actions which have had local influence, i.e. that the passages dealing with his Peking Relief Column should be omitted. After some discussion it is decided

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by means of the Chairman's casting vote, that the despatch shall be perused without alterations.

✓ Curasian Churchery — The members are informed that the subscription list for the purpose of forming a burial ground for Curasians has been further circulated by the Tam Wa and with good results.

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Upon the subject of municipal support to the scheme it is decided that while it is inadvisable to establish a precedent by making a money grant to the fund, assistance will be rendered in the form of raising, draining and laying out the site when acquired, upon condition that a foreign title and therefore be taken out and deposited with the Council as evidence of the bona fides of the undertaking.

The outlay involved will not exceed £500.

✓ Electrical Installations — The recommendation of the Works Committee is confirmed under which the fee for inspecting outside installations will for the future be waived. The work will be performed by the Superintendent who hopes that the remission of the charge will have a satisfactory result in increasing the general use of the light.

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✓ Death of French Soldier — The Chairman has been informed that the Courts of Consuls are agreeable to hold the Enquiry into the death of Bugler Dulle, as requested, and he is now of opinion that it would be desirable for the prevention of any further discussion that, should the verdict be against the Police, the amount of the indemnity due be fixed by the Court. It is decided to make a further application in the above sense, noting that the first formal decision will contain no allusion to an indemnity but that the Judge's assessment thereof will be available if required.

Vacancy in Council — Upon the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Dyer, it is decided to invite Mr. P. F. Lavers to fill the vacancy in the membership caused by the resignation of Mr. Ede.

The Meeting then adjourns.

W. Benson
Acting Secretary.

J. J. Lavers
Chairman.

Of the general Meeting of the Council held in the Rooms
 No. 23, Abchurch Lane, London, on
 Thursday, the 15th June 1851 at 11.30 A.M.

Present.

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- E. A. Hewell, Chairman.
- S. A. Harcourt.
- A. Smith.
- A. R. Kinnear.
- F. J. Lavers.
- C. Meuser.
- J. Spratton.
- E. Spaokenbush and the
 Acting Secretary

Absent.

W. J. Bayne

The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read.
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed
 by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Special Reports — The following are submitted:
 Cash Statement for the past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police and other Reports
 Vehicle Suspectors for hire.

New Member — The Chairman on behalf of the Council
 expresses the pleasure with which the members bear
 of the acceptance of a seat by Mr Lavers.
 Mr Lavers is appointed to serve on the Works
 Committee.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee are read
 and in reference thereto:—

Speeches Road Extension — A discussion ensues
 as to the attitude to be adopted towards the proposed
 South side proposals regarding this property on
 this extension and the North Road. Mr Spratton
 reminds the members that he has consistently held
 the view that the prosecution of the Council's theory
 that a road should be made along the entire South
 bank.

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bank of the Jochow-Creek, was not warranted, by the public use, and that the more especially so when the cost of the land and the necessary bunding was considered. The Chairman is reluctant to take any step without a definite recommendation from the Works Committee, and it is therefore decided that the matter be again referred to that Committee, for when additional statistical information in re will be obtained from the Engineer.

Foreign

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Foreign License — Letter from Messrs. Catebrook Macgregor & Co is read maintaining their contention that the Council's restriction of this license to retail dealers is foreign to the intention of the resolution passed by the Ratepayers. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee it is decided to reply that the subject may properly be reopened at the next Annual Meeting and offering to publish the recent correspondence with the firm that the public may have an opportunity of discussing the point at issue.

Case of

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Case of H. K. Rose — Letter from Mr. Rose is read in which while imputing to the Council motives of hostility towards himself in the past he appeals for assistance both for his family and that of the late Tax Collector Murphy. The Chairman considers that such a letter should not be replied to except under legal advice though he would be willing to sanction a grant towards the education and care of the small children who are almost entirely without means. The members learn that steps are being taken to remove the children from Mr. Rose's custody under an order from H. H. Consular Court, and the Secretary is directed to report upon the arrangements made in the matter.

Road

Excursions in Western District — As the result of an interview with H. H. Consul General the Chairman understands that, in cooperation with Mr. Goddard, he anticipates little difficulty in obtaining from the Sultan the facilities for acquiring the Chinese owned land.

land for roads in this district upon the terms proposed by the Council.

- ✓ Admiral Seymour - Reply from this office is read, thanking the Council for the expression of appreciation and goodwill recently conveyed to him.
- ✓ 330 Voluntaries - Customs Company - Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the election of 2nd Lieutenant Wade to be Lieutenant is confirmed and a new commission ordered for issue.
- ✓ 331 The Meeting then adjourns.

John Spratton

Chairman

Mason

Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, 23, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 27th June, 1901, at 4.30 p.m.

Present M. M.

- J. Spratton (Chairman)
- W. J. Bayne
- S. W. Hardoon
- R. Inglis
- H. R. Kinnear
- P. J. Lavers
- C. Mason
- C. Quackenbush and the
- Acting Secretary
- E. A. Hewitt

Absent

The Commons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed - signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

Financial Statement to 13th inst.

Two Returns of Prisoners apprehended.

Police Daily Reports, & Cash Statement for past week.

General Municipal Rate, Foreign, March Quarter.

Engineer's Report for May.

Electrical Superintendent's Report for May.

Case of H. P. C. Rose. — Note from the Legal Advisor is

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read, expressing the opinion that Mr Rose's letter does not call for serious attention, and the members are informed that under the Chairman's instructions arrangements have been made for the payment of Mr Rose's passage and that if his wife and eldest sister-in-law go to India and for the placing of the two youngest children of the late Tax Collector Murphy in the St. Xavier's School and the French Orphanage.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee of the 18th inst.

and of the adjourned meeting of the M. C. C., are read, and in reference thereto:—

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House Building Rules. — The Committee's recommendations on this subject are adopted, now con. and it is decided to invite three representatives of the landowners to attend, a further meeting for the discussion and final settlement of the remaining points of divergence.

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Speeches Read Widening. — Letter from the Hon. Mr. Meriden, Gutter & Sons, in behalf of the Hon. Messrs. Gutter & Sons is read, containing the suggested modifications of their proposals under this heading, and the acceptance thereof by the Council is now decided upon.

Medical Examination of Ships from Port Arthur. —

The Chairman states that he has received a call from the Russian Consul, Mr. Klimentov, who states that he is in a position to officially assert that Port Arthur is quite free from plague and that he is desirous of annulling the Harbour-sanitation in so recently issued at the suggestion of the Council.

A discussion ensues regarding the measure of utility served by examining ships from this port, while those from Chifu pass Woosung freely, and more explicit evidence

evidence, is called for as to the truth of the statement that the case of plague notified by the Health Officer on the 19th instant actually came from Port Colton.

337 / Land Commission — The award in Mr. Probyn's case is received and ordered for publication. It is suggested that the Commission be asked to give their methods of assessment of compensation in this case as has been done in the awards hitherto received, since the value of the decision as precedent under present circumstances is lost. The members consider that such a step would appear to question the amount of the award, and it is decided to make no official enquiry in the matter.

418 / Outside Roads — Acting on the suggestion contained in a report by the Director of Taxes, the Council sanctions the issue of an application to residents on outside roads for subscriptions in return for Police protection and other Municipal advantages enjoyed, on the lines of the payments made by residents on the Bubbly Water Road before its inclusion within Settlement limits.

347 / Volunteers - Artillery — The resignation of Captain Ruff is received and recorded.

338 / Another Skin and Wool Factories in the Central District

334 / Two letters of complaint are read which bear amongst others the signatures of the Commissioners of Customs, the Manager of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank and Messrs Holliday & Co, and in which redress is sought against the nuisance caused by the dust emanating from the factories of Messrs Lidgate Brothers and Messrs Mackenzie & Co.

As a preliminary step to this end a full and official report by the Health Officer is called for defining the public nuisance alluded to, if such there be, and stating what remedial measures he would suggest in the matter.

334 / Quia Ferrisore — Referring to the recommendation of the Health Committee made in June of last year it is

was decided to entirely exclude Chinese from the use of the grass plots and seats in the Terrace between the Custom House and the Public Garden. Instructions will be conveyed to the Police accordingly without delay.

✓ Public Band — From a letter from the Band Secretary, the Council learns that Mr. Tapia's visit to Maguire has resulted in the engagement of seven new musicians. The reengagement of Bandman Harting who was dismissed for insubordination last year is sanctioned. The question of purchasing new instruments is referred to the Watch Committee.

186/ 361. The Meeting then adjourns.

John Spruitie
Chairman.

W. Erson
Acting Secretary.

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Bealong Road, Shanghai on Thursday, the 4th July 1901. at 4.30. p.m. —

Present. M. M.

J. Spruitie. Chairman
W. J. Bayne
S. C. Harrison
R. Dwyer.
H. R. Kumar.
P. F. Kewers.
W. Meuser
E. Quackebush. and the
Acting Secretary.
E. U. Hewitt.

Absent
The unanimous calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Parliamentary Reports - The following are submitted:-

- Summary of Licence Fees for June
- Health Officers
- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended
- Police Officer Reports.

Bound Foreshore - Mr Guackebush states that the decision under this heading in last week's minutes has not been confined to the limits agreed upon, and that the Licence are being extended from the streets beyond the Embury House. He considers that notice should be sent up informing the Council of the arrangement made, but upon a show of hands it is decided that this step is unnecessary.

Loan of 1901 - The Council learns that applications for the loan were received aggregating £655,000, and that except the four allotment arranged with the Lyngtz Insurance Company in February last, no tenders have been accepted below 102.50. The total premium received is £3887.

Feather, Skin and Wool Factories in the Central District.

Report by the Health Officer is read on the two complaints received against these factories in which he states that in his opinion the alleged nuisance is a public one, calling for either the removal of the establishments to outlying districts, or for partial removal by the erection of wire gauze windows therein. Reference is made to complaints which were received against the same factories in 1894 for causing a nuisance by reason of their machinery, the vibration due to which was felt in neighbouring houses. Council's opinion then obtained was to the effect that the intervention of the Council was not called for. It is now decided to submit the question raised for the opinion of the Legal Advisor.

U.S. Lot 828. - Reply from the United States Consul General is read to the Council's application in regard to

to this book, in which he asks for a statement of the alleged irregularities in the title, to be forwarded to the registered owner; after which he will be willing to hold the enquiry sought. This statement will be arranged under legal advice.

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Adulteration of Cotton — Letter from Mr. C. J. Dudgeon is read in which on behalf of our Association of Cotton dealers and house he wishes that the police, may make summary arrests of persons bringing cotton adulterated with waste into the Settlement. Mr. Dudgeon considers that some steps are needed to stop this growing practice, but by a majority it is agreed that if prompt action is taken by the police in applying for warrants, the result looked for may be obtained without recourse to exceptional measures. Directions are given for reply in this sense.

Departure of General Craigh — It is understood that General Craigh is about to vacate the command of the British troops in Shanghai, and resolved to forward a letter thanking him for the courtesy and attention which he has shown in all matters connected with the maintenance of order in the Settlement during his stay of nearly twelve months.

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Volunteers - Right Honor — Letter from the Major commanding is read, informing the Council of the resignation of Captain Wickham, in accepting which, the thanks of the Council will be conveyed to this officer ^{for his services} during his connection with the corps.

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Outside Roads — Despatch from H. M. Consul General is read, in which he thanks the Council for the compliment paid to him by the naming of the "Breuan" Road and further states that the plans of the entire loop of roads from Siccawei to Jessfield via the Rubicon Creek have now been forwarded for record in the Chinese Land Office.

Veterinary Surgeons — The Council's agreement with Messrs Keylock & Pratt expired on the 30th ultimo, and, in regard to its renewal, it is pointed out that the duties required of the firm are now considerably less.

less than when the agreement was made.

The Secretary is directed to ascertain upon what terms a renewal may be arranged on the basis of the work at present performed.

The Meeting then adjourns.

W. Musson Chairman.
Cobling Secretary. J. M. Prentice

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kowloon Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 11th July, 1901, at 11.30. P.M.

Present - M. M.

J. Prentice. (Chairman)
 W. Bayne.
 S. C. Harrison.
 R. Inglis.
 H. R. Skinner.
 P. J. Davis.
 W. Musson.
 E. Quockebush. and the
 Cobling Secretary

Absent -

W. A. Hewitt.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted:-

Engineer's Report for June.
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 Vehicle Inspector's for - do-

- Cash Statement for the month ...
 Return of Prisoners apprehended ...
 Police Daily Reports.
1. Structure of General Council — Reply from General
 381. Council is read, to the Council's letter on the subject,
 of his departure from Shanghai and the consequent
 case is ordered for publication.
1. Volumbers - Urtilloza — The resignation of Second
 389 Lieutenant Praguell is received and recorded.
1. Victoria - Russian Home — Report from the Health
 398 Officer is submitted, containing a list of the applica-
 tions for probationerships at the Home. Upon his
 recommendation, which has the support of the
 200. Dutch Committee, it is decided to appoint three
 L. E. Shaw and Miss G. Bishop, the latter to
 join after six months, i.e. at the expiry of
 her present agreement with Messrs. Macfarlane & Co.
1. Mr F. B. Pattison — Renewed application from this
 396 officer is submitted, in which he asks that the
 Council will reconsider its decision on the subject
 of the payment of his baggage transport to Ireland
 amounting to £ 25. After full consideration of the
 179. terms granted to Mr Pattison at the time of his
 vacating the command of the Police Force it is
 decided to briefly reply that the Council is unable
 to accede to his request.
1. Wharfage dues — Letter from the Banguated Puto-Chin
 397 is read, claiming exemption from wharfage dues on
 shipment of opium from Pootungfoo, being a transfer
 from the British Army in the North to third-battalion
 in Shanghai. Directions are given for reply to
 the effect that this use of the money does not constitute
 a valid reason for the non-payment of the usual
 3 guineas per 1000 cubs called for in the law passed
 at the last meeting of Rate payers.
1. New Recreation Ground — Letter from the Secretary of
 388 the Recreation Fund Trustees is read in which he
 states how far the negotiations have proceeded in
 regard to the purchase of land for this purpose in
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the West side of the Rifle Range. It appears that the funds at the disposal of the Trustees have been exhausted in the acquisition of nearly 100 more acres that they are desirous of purchasing 100 more more to make, with the available land at present owned by the Council, an entire area of 200 acres. The members are in favour of financing this scheme to the extent required, viz. £25,000, in the assurance that the Ratepayers will confirm their action when the matter is brought to their notice in March next.

The details are left for arrangement between the Kerr and the Works Committee.

Kinkiang Road Widening - Letter from Messrs Morrison, Galtton & Co. to read, offering on behalf of Messrs Reiss & Co. a further strip of their property, "Cumbrae lot 87", for the widening of the Kinkiang Road to be surrendered on payment of the sum of £1000. The road is not scheduled for improvement in this section, but acceptance of the offer is deemed advisable and authorized accordingly. The area of the strip is about 1/2 acre and the transfer will not be effected until the rebuilding of the property has been completed.

The Meeting then adjourns.

John Forrester
Chairman

W. Wilson
Clerical Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Room
Room No 25, Kailash Road, Bhaubad, on Thursday
the 18th July 1901, at 11.30. P.M.

Present.

- J. Freubier. (Chairman)
- W. G. Bayne
- F. A. Hardoon.
- R. Daulton.
- A. R. Kinnear.
- P. F. Lucas.
- C. Meuser.
- C. Quackebush. and the
- Acting Secretary.
- C. W. Hewitt.

Absent.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted: —

- Cash Statement for past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police Daily Reports.
- Financial Statement to 16th inst.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee are read,
and the recommendations therein contained are agreed to.

New Recreation Ground — Letter from the Secretary of the

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Recreation Fund Trustees is read, in which he announces
that by the purchase of about 100 more of land on
the west side of the Rifle Range the funds at the dis-
posal of the Trustees have been exhausted. For the
completion of his present proposal that the new
ground shall have an area of 200 acres he will
require about Rs 25,000 more and instructions are
given that this sum be held at his disposal.
Rough plan of the land already acquired is submitted,
to be followed at an early date, by an accurate survey.

Volunteers — Artillery — The election of Lieutenant G. V. S.
Marshall to be Captain is confirmed, and a new

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Commission

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road, Brighton on Thursday, the 25th July, 1901 at 11.30 p.m.

Present

Mr. H.

E. A. Hewett. Chairman.
 W. G. Bayne.
 P. W. Hancock.
 R. Douglas.
 H. R. Kemmer.
 P. F. Lucas.
 G. Prentice.
 E. Guasbertus. and the
 Acting Secretary.

Absent

W. Meuser.

The business relating to the Meeting is taken in order.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted: —
 Cash Statement for past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police Daily Reports.

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their purchases of land on the east side of the Rifle Range an additional sum of £14,000. will be required beyond the £25,000. specified in their letter of the 10th instant. Hoping that this money will be refunded so soon as a resale is effected, the issue of a cheque is sanctioned.

Foreign Liquor License — The Council is informed that there yet remains outstanding one unpaid license, viz that of Messrs Dunning & Co.

This firm have not given any valid reason for non-payment and it is therefore decided to invoke the assistance of the U.S. Consulate, in enforcing the fee.

Fire Brigade — The Secretary of the Fire Commission, certifies the resignation of Mr E. W. Charles, Foreman of the "Mik-ho-foong" company and the election of Mr N. King to replace him. On confirming these movements it is decided to communicate to Mr Charles an expression of the Council's appreciation of his nine years zealous and good work in the Brigade.

Beaching Houseboats on the Tsochow Creek Foreshore. —

The point has been raised, as to whether, now that the creek is properly and efficiently controlled, by the Harbour masters office, it is desirable, to continue the issue of permits for beaching houseboats. The members regard the matter as one of little moment so long as no boats are located inside the bridge pier and the issuance will accordingly be discontinued.

Electrical Department — The following further discounts to consumers of large quantities of electric current are sanctioned on the recommendation of the Superintendent:-

14,000	units and over	12½%
6,000	— do —	15%
8,000	— do —	17½%

Chinese Building Rules — Mr Luvers states that Messrs Spruiell and Morrison were unavoidably prevented from attending the visit of inspection, which was arranged

arranged with a view to a settlement of the rules still in dispute, viz those relating to labours and ventilation. He considers it probable that Dr Stanley will concede the former point but hold to the latter, and that a report from this office may be looked for on the subject.

The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]

Chairman.

[Signature]

Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, 40 St. George's Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the 1st August, 1901. at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. H.

E. Hewitt (Chairman)

W. J. Bayne

S. L. Hardoon

R. Baylis

H. R. Kinross

J. F. Lavers

A. Meuser

J. Prebble

E. Quackebush and the

Acting Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

Cash Statement for past week.

Rebureaux of prisoners apprehended.

Police Daily Reports.

Electrical Superintendants for June.

Complaint by General Richardson — In reply to the Council's letter regarding the watchman at the Electric Works the general writes that for the sake of discipline he considers that the man should be punished.

It is decided to reply that the man is in private employ and that the evidence as to his insobriety is conflicting. The letter will be circulated to members for approval before despatch.

Foreign Voluntary Hospital — Letter from the Shanghai

General Hospital is read drawing attention to the need for the establishment of a hospital for infectious diseases and of a lunatic asylum.

The Chairman points out that such an institution is among the public works projected in the near future; that the General Hospital has hitherto accommodated these cases and that the responsibility for their care is unaltered by the receipt of this letter.

Shause Road Widening — From a report by the Engineer

it is learned that 3 blocks on this road are about to be rebuilt and instructions are required as to whether negotiations are to be entered upon for the acquisition of strips from the lots for the widening of the road. The owners are Mr E. Hoag, lots 249 and 305, and Mr H. Lester, lot 306.

In the absence of any specific recommendations of the Works Committee, it is decided to carry these warnings through, the Chairman pointing out that it is only by the acquisition of small sections of property at the time they are undergoing rebuilding that the narrow Chinese streets of the Settlement can be increased to the official width of 30 feet at anything below a prohibitive cost.

Electrical Department Coal Supply — Upon the recommendation of the Superintendant it is decided to accept the tender of the firm Hopkins & Co. for the supply of coal as per samples submitted.

submitted to the end of the year, at the expense of
 delivered at the Works.

New Recreation Ground — Reply to the Council's letter on
 this subject from the Recreation Fund Trustees and a
 388. report on the subject, by the Engineer regarding the
 extent of the new ground, are read, and referred to
 the Works Committee, for whose information a survey
 of the land already acquired is under preparation.

Nursing Home — As a result of an anonymous letter in
 the Tringham Mercury inquiries have been set on foot
 478. into the matters adopted in regard to three cases
 or proposed cases, at the Home. It is alleged in
 this letter that the rules of the Home have been en-
 forced without regard to the comfort or convenience
 of patients, and that reasonable complaints have not
 received the attention which was their due.

The members are informed that the letter was the
 production of the Acting Editor of the paper, who was
 also responsible for the editorial note in re, further,
 that he has stated that in no case had he personal
 knowledge of the incidents of which he wrote.

Report by the Health Officer is read, enclosing a
 full and comprehensive account by the Master of
 each of the cases cited, from which it is found that
 whereas many of the charges against the institution
 are quite without foundation, the complaints are
 mainly the result of refusals (I) to admit private
 Chinese servants into the Home, (II) to admit visitors
 in defiance of the doctors instructions, or of the express
 wish of the patient.

The members are entirely satisfied with the explanations
 given.

The Meeting then adjourns.

W. Mason

Acting Secretary.

Robert A. Mason

Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Wangsoo Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 8th
August, 1901, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M.M

E. A. Hewitt, (Chairman),
W. S. Bayler,
S. A. Hardloom,
H. Inglis,
H. N. Kinnear,
P. F. Lawton,
O. Messer,
J. Pruticci,
E. Quackbrush and the
Acting Secretary

The Secretary's calling the meeting is taken as read
The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman
and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports. The following are submitted:—

Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police Daily Reports,
Health Officer's Report for July,
Vehicle Inspector's Report for July,
Summary of disease fees for July.

Meteorological Instruments. Letter from Mr J. L. Scott is read

containing a suggestion that a meteorological
station be erected on the Recreation Ground, to contain
instruments for obtaining daily readings of the
temperature, rainfall, etc., which he considers would
be of general public utility. The proposal at first
sight commends itself to the members, but, in the
light of a report on the subject by the Health Officer,
it is decided to take no step in the matter at present.

Dr. Stanley points out that the good and accurate
daily report issued from the Siccawei Observatory
leaves little to be desired in this connection, and states
that he hopes to be shortly in a position to supply such

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supplementary information as may be called for, whether of a scientific or merely popular character.

Yates and Mohawk Road Extensions. From a report by the Engineer the Council learns that free surrenders of land for the former of these extensions have been offered by Mr H. Morris and a Chinese, aggregating $5\frac{1}{2}$ mow, conditionally upon a slight westward deviation of the scheduled line. Acceptance of these offers is authorized on the understanding that no adjoining property is prejudicially affected thereby.

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In regard to the latter intrusion it is stated that Mr Morris is in process of negotiation for the sale of the necessary land therefor in the interests of property owners in the French Settlement. Mr Prutic undertakes to ascertain the truth of this rumour and, in the meanwhile, steps will be taken to learn at what cost the land can be acquired.

Searan's Church, Pooling. Letter from the trustees is read proposing, as a settlement of the vexed question of the former's ground adjoining the Pooling Burial Ground, that the Council should make a grant of \$6,000 to the fund for the erection of a church in Broadway, in return for the undisputed right to continue making interments. Mr Prutic expresses himself as strongly opposed to such an arrangement, on the grounds that the annual outlay of Municipal funds on the upkeep of the site in the past forms a cogent plea on which to base the continuance of the utilisation of the land in dispute for this public purpose. It is also contended that the sectarian character of the proposed new church renders a Municipal donation to its cost inadvisable. It is therefore decided to refuse the request for these reasons.

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Special Meeting of Rate payers. A preliminary discussion of Mr H. Ziegler's tramway proposals takes place, ~~from~~ ^{during which an opinion is expressed, against} ~~which it is found that the members are unanimously~~ opposed to granting this gentleman any privileges, ~~superintendental or otherwise,~~ in the belief that his motive is merely the acquisition of salable rights of

of tramway construction in Shanghai. Copies of Mr
Lizgler's circulars will be distributed to members
during the ensuing week.

A petition is submitted, signed by Mr L Soyka and
others, asking that the question of the establishment
of a public swimming bath may be introduced for
discussion at the forthcoming special meeting, and
instructions are given for the publication of the
necessary notification in r.

The meeting then adjourns

S. J. ...
Chairman.

W. J. ...
Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
no. 23 Kiangse Road Shanghai on Thursday the 15th
August 1901 at 4.30 P.m.

Present

Mr. M.

E. A. Hewell, (Chairman)

W. G. Bayne,

S. A. Haroon,

R. Inglis,

H. R. Kinncat,

P. F. Lavers,

O. Meuser,

J. Prentice,

E. Quackenbush

and the

Acting Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted:-

Cash Statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police Daily Reports,
Engineer's Report for July.

The Minutes of the Watch Committee Meeting are read and confirmed.

✓ Senior Consulship. - Letter from the Consul-General for Portugal is read informing the Council that he has handed over charge of the duties of Senior Consul to his colleague of the United States, the announcement being confirmed in a further letter from the latter official.

✓ Hawkers in the Fokien Road. - Letter from the Senior Consul is read conveying a request by the Mixed Court Magistrate that the Police order issued on the 1st ultimo on this subject be rescinded. The order, which was made at the request of the Fokien Road shopkeeper prohibits the erection of stalls in the thoroughfare and cancels the permission granted by the Council in 1886. Noting that this step should properly have had the formal sanction of the Watch Committee, it is decided to reply that the regulation of traffic has necessitated the change and that no return of the hawkers can be countenanced.

✓ On this subject Mr. Inglis draws attention to the increasing number of pedlars who frequent the fore-shops adjoining the Customs Shed at midday, and expresses the opinion that they should all be prohibited. After some discussion the Secretary is directed to ascertain the views of the Commissioner of Customs, and whether he considers the barrows etc a nuisance.

✓ Chinese Pawnshops. - A third letter from the Senior Consul is submitted enclosing a petition from the small pawnshop proprietors who desire to form a guild for their mutual protection. Reply is deferred pending an enquiry into the matter by the Watch Committee.

Special Meeting of Ratepayers. - The Chairman reads the draft of some remarks he proposes to make on the Tramway resolution which have the members' approval. He will explain that the Council as a body is bound to no course.

course of action but that the members will vote each as he wishes. He will further point out that the Community will soon in allowing Mr. Ziegler to indirectly acquire concession rights in the Settlement.

On the subject of a public Swimming Bath the Council is of opinion that the matter is one for private enterprise and not calling for Municipal assistance. Both the resolutions on this subject will therefore be opposed.

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✓ Chinese Public School. — Letter from the Rev^d J. Richard and Mr. J. G. Ferguson is read announcing that the sum of \$30,000, promised for the erection of this building, has now been collected and lodged with the Imperial Bank of China. It is agreed that the money should be transferred to the Council's name and placed as a Trust Fund Deposit with the Municipal Bankers. The question of selecting a site for the building will have the attention of the Works Committee at its next meeting.

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✓ Road Extensions in the Western District. — Letter from the Engineer is read containing the result of his negotiations with the Special Chinese Land Deputy appointed to settle this question. It is understood therefrom that the forthcoming proclamation of the Taokai will be on the lines suggested by the Council, but will not contain the clause fixing the rate of compensation for land surrendered which will be left for settlement by the Deputy and the Municipal Engineer. To test the efficacy of this arrangement it is decided to proceed with a specimen scheduled road extension to be selected by the Works Committee.

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✓ New Recreation Ground. — Survey plan is submitted of the land acquired for this purpose, now amounting to 115 Mow, and upon the Engineer's recommendation further lots aggregating 32 Mow are authorized to be purchased.

✓ Road to Flour Mill. — Letter from the Agents of this mill, Messrs. Walter Schaerff & Co., is read in which they ask for a remission of taxes on the ground that there is no road access to their premises. Before reply it is decided to ascertain the Legal Adviser's views on the point raised, the Council being of opinion that the firm's

by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Departmental Reports.—The following are submitted:—

Cash Statement for the past week,
 Return of Prisoners apprehended,
 Police Daily Reports,
 Financial Statements to 16th inst.

Use of Rifle Range by German Troops.—The Secretary reports having seen the officer commanding the German Garrison, who expressed his regret at the alleged conduct of his men and stated that he would issue instructions precluding the possibility of any repetition of their offence.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee are read and confirmed. On the subject of the

Lighting of the Mail Jetty, the Chairman states that it is the approach to the jetty more than the pontoon which needs illuminating and it is decided to attach reflected incandescent lights to the flagstaff for this purpose.

Defence Creek.—The Council is informed that a permit has been issued to Messrs. Davies & Thomas for bunding the section of this creek, at high water mark, immediately South of the Banking Road; the work however has been delayed pending an examination into the ownership of the creek land. Reference is made to the minute of the meeting of Council of the 8th March 1898, where it is recorded that Mr. G. J. Morrison had satisfied the then Chairman that the Council's rights over the creek were undoubted. It is decided to take legal advice as to the proper course to pursue in this matter.

Close Season for Game.—Upon the request of Mr. W. D. Little, acting for the Society for the protection of wild birds, the issue of a notification is authorized calling public attention to the date fixed for the sale of game to commence, viz the 30th proximo.

Special Meeting of Ratepayers.—The Chairman has been approached by a representative of the "North China Daily News" who desires to publish the details of the two polls taken at the recent Ratepayers' Meeting. After some discussion and since it is not apparent that any good result will accrue from such publication, it is decided to refuse the

the application.

Obstruction at Fines. — The week's Police reports contain received complaints on the subject of obstruction by foreigners at fines. The Council orders the re issue of the notification on this subject, to be followed, if not effective, by the prosecution of offenders.


Custom House Foreshore. — The members are informed that the Commissioner has fenced in the plot of fore shore to the north of the Customs Examination shed to put an end to its occupation by hawkers, also in order that the land may be used by the examiners, pending the rebuilding of the shed, ^{so as} to keep the Bund pathway clear of packages. It is decided to write confirming this arrangement, but pointing out that Municipal permits are necessary before such work is undertaken.

Departure of the Chairman. — Mr. Hewett states that he has received an appointment in Hongkong and will be leaving Shanghai towards the end of October. The wish is unanimously expressed that he will continue to occupy the chair up to the date of his departure.

The Meeting then adjourns.



Chairman.


Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangs Road, Shanghai on Thursday, the 29th August 1901 at 4.30 pm

Present:-

M. M.

E. A. Howell, Chairman,
S. A. Har doon,
H. K. Kinnear,
W. G. Bayne,
O. Meuser,
J. Prentice,
E. Luackenbush, and the
Acting Secretary.

Absent:-

K. Inglis, and
P. F. Lavers.

The Summons, calling the meeting is taken as read.

Departmental Reports:- The following are submitted.-

Cash Statement for the past week,
Return of Prisoners apprehended,
Police Daily Reports,
Summary of General Municipal Rate, June Quarter,
Native and Foreign.

The Minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Defence Creek.—The legal adviser's opinion is read on the subject of restraining Messrs. Davies and Thomas from proceeding with the work of bunding a section of this creek. Mr Prentice points out that the bund line agreed to by the Engineer is not as was thought high water mark but several feet below, he passes the severest strictures upon the officials responsible for the issue of the permit for this work and declares himself in favour of repudiating its terms. Mr. Kinnear is of opinion, that by placing the Loong-fee Bridge abutments in their present position the Council indicated to adjoining owners an official line for bunding, and that the permit issued must be adhered to. After a full discussion it is decided to call for a detailed report from the

	<p>the Engineer on the issuance of the permit and to take legal advice as to the building limit, in the light of the additional information now received.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting of the <u>Watch Committee</u> are read and confirmed; in regard to the question of <u>Bore Bore</u>. Upon the Chairman's suggestion it is decided, when forwarding the plans of the gaol to Singapore, to enquire the result of the experiments in regard to combating this disease, mentioned in the Annual Report on the Straits Prisons for 1900, and to ask for any further information available on the subject.</p>
✓	<p><u>Boochow Road Extension</u>. — Letter from H. M. Office of Works is read conveying the Commissioner's formal assent to the terms, proposed in May last, upon which this extension will be carried past the British Gaol property.</p>
287	<p><u>Scott Road Site</u>. — Note from Messrs. Morrison, Gratton and Scott is read offering, on behalf of the Chinese owner, three cadastral lots 1140/2 at £1,400 per mow, (cadastral measurement.) Since the assessed value of the three lots averages £1,660 per mow the price quoted is regarded as excessive and it is decided to make a counter offer without prejudice of £1,300, noting the fact that the scheduling of this property for acquisition under Article VII^A of the Land Regulations forms part of the scheme for a Foreign Isolation Hospital to be taken up next year.</p>
463.	<p><u>Revolvers at Garbage Stations</u>. — A memorandum has been circulated to members on the subject of the authority to issue these weapons, as a result of which Mr. Prentice proposes that two revolvers with 200 rounds of ammunition be issued forthwith for the use of the watchmen at the stations. The proposal is carried.</p>
Veterinary	<p><u>Surgeons</u>. Reply from Messrs. Keylock and Pratt is read offering to perform the revised duties of this office at a salary of £175 per mensem. with the Finance Committee's approval this offer is authorized for acceptance.</p>
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The Meeting then adjourns.	
	<p><u>M. Morrison</u> Acting Secretary.</p> <p><u>Robert A. Pratt</u> Chairman.</p>

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the
Board Room No 25 Simons Road, Singapore
on Thursday the 5th September 1901 at
4.30 p.m.

Presenting
M.M.

E. L. Hewell. Chairman
S. W. Hardoon.
H. R. Kimmins.
C. Messer.
J. Sprinkler.
E. Quacquarelli and the
Acting Secretary.

Absent

W. G. Bayne.
R. W. Duplis.
P. J. Lavers

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed
by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:
Cash Statement for past week.

Return of Prisoners apprehended

Police Duty Reports.

Health Officer's Report for August.

Electrical Superintendent's Report for July.

Summary of License fees for August

Defence Creek — A second expression of opinion on this
subject by the Legal Adviser is read to the effect
that the aspect of the case remains unaltered by the
fact that the time of building specified in the permits
issued to Messrs Davies and Thomas is below high &
water mark. From a report by the Engineer the
members learn that the firms are prepared to set the
time back 8 to 9 feet upon the condition that the
expenses of so doing be borne by the Council; this
proposal is regarded as affording the best terms of
compromise available and directions are given for
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its acceptance, wishing that it is desirable to keep the line back as far as possible. Mr. Proctor records his dissent from this proceeding maintaining the opinion that a surrender of public land has been made as a result of a mistake and that on that ground a claim should be entered for its recovery.

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 1463 Scott Road Sits — Messrs. Morrison, Corbett and Scott, whereby the refusal of the beneficiary since of a certain lot is made for to accept the Council's offer of 250 per more therefor. It is decided in regard to increase the offer to \$500. and to add that in the event of a refusal the land will be scheduled for acquisition as an extension of the existing isolation hospital property.

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 1474 Berry Road — Report from Mr. Glise is read intimating his readiness to devote a sum of \$350. for the land required in his name on the line of this road, and compliance on these terms is authorized.

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Herring Home Sits — Report by the Health Officer is submitted recommending Miss J. Stuedey as a probationary nurse at the Home. Upon the assurance that her medical attendant now considers her fit for the work the appointment is sanctioned.

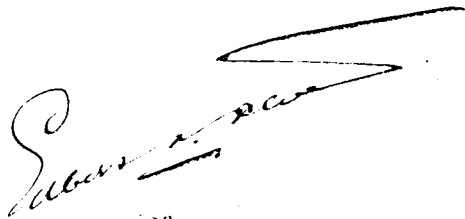
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 1466 Case of the Loony Loony — Report by the Royal Advisor is read upon the evidence collected as the outcome of the allegations of this Chinese against Debeckie, King Lee, in which he is accused of extortion and keeping blackbirds. Mr. McNeil finds that the Loony Loony story is twice told with varying details and that there is corroborated evidence to show that the Debeckie can prove an alibi. Under these circumstances it is decided not to prosecute the Debeckie, leaving the question of his punishment for settlement by the Watch Committee, after report by the Captain Superintendent.

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 1471 New Colonization Ground — Letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read recapitulating the purchases of land to date, with the sums paid thereon, and urging that the formation of a satisfactory ground area

calls for the acquisition of 200 more over and above the Council's present holding of 53 more. The Chairman points out that rates if ultimately found necessary cannot fail to be unprofitable. Rates and it is decided to authorize the purchase of the area recommended. The cost will thus amount to £50,000, of which £40,000 has been met by a loan from the Fund.

Departure of Mixed Court Assessor — On the occasion of Mr Mayor's transfer to Feking after three years service as Assessor at the Mixed Court the Chairman proposes that a letter be addressed to him expressing appreciation of his efforts towards reform in the Court's procedure and of his ready co-operation with the Council in all matters making for its efficiency. The precedent created by the despatch of such a letter is considered undesirable and though Mr Mayor's public services are admitted, upon a strict of hands the proposal is negatived. In this connection the Chairman states that the members of the Provost Guard at Simsbu have received certificates of service from the Municipality, the issue of which has been much appreciated. He desires an expression of the Council's opinions as to whether the practice shall be followed in Shanghai. The members generally are averse to the proposal.

The Meeting then adjourns.



Chairman



Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Gresham Street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 12th September, 1901 at 11.30 p.m. —

Present —

M.M.

E. W. Hewitt, Chairman,
 S. W. Anderson,
 A. R. Kincaid,
 C. Meeson,
 J. Fruehling,
 E. Guachembourk, and the
 Acting Secretary.

Absent —

J. G. Bayne,
 R. Quaid,
 D. S. Harrow.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed
 by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:
 Cash Statement for past week.
 Reports of Prisoners apprehended.
 Police Duty Reports.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee are
 read and confirmed.

Road Repairs — Mr Kincaid states that the working
 of the steam roller at night in the Kings Road
 has been productive of at least one complaint
 from a foreign resident, and it is generally agreed
 that the selection of this road for the night work
 of pavement is as ^{inconvenient to foreign visitors, through persons} ~~injudicious~~ such work will in future

Council Labour on Public Works — The Council's
 suggestion to employ convicts on a breadmill concrete
 mixer is adopted and directions are given for
 its establishment as soon as possible. For the
 further employment of these men it is decided to
 revive the chain gang and to take precautions for
 obtaining more satisfactory results therefrom than
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Native Pawnshops — were formerly the case. The Senior Consul's letter on this subject has had the attention of the Watch Committee and it is decided to reply that, while the formation of the proposed guild for smaller pawnshops is a matter which it is beyond the power of the Council to prevent, it should be clearly laid down that holders of Municipal pawnshop licenses cannot be made subject to any regulations beyond those under which their licenses are held. The Council, seeing in the guise of the apparently innocuous application forwarded through the Shikhai, another attempt at Chinese special interference with this industry and it is agreed that every possible effort should be made to defeat it. The draft reply will be circulated for members' approval.

Chinese Public School — After a discussion on the subject of the site and accommodation required for this institution, it is considered advisable for these questions to be dealt with by a Committee to be formed on the lines of clause 6 of the letter dated the 27th December 1897 from the three original promoters of the scheme. The names of the two members of that informal committee, now resident in Shanghai, are mentioned as suitable persons to nominate for this purpose together with Mr. Goodenough, who expresses his willingness to serve. The Secretary is accordingly directed to approach Messrs. Richard and Pott in the matter and to address the subscribers to the Building Fund with a view to the suggestion of two Chinese representatives. It is however noted that no steps will be taken until the Council's stipulation on the subject of the above Fund is complied with.

Chinese Building Rules — Reply of the Council to the Council's last receipt of the rules in dispute is read and referred to the Works Committee.

The Meeting their adjourns.

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Acting Secretary.

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kings Road, W. 1, on Thursday, the 19th September 1901 at 11.30 p.m.

Present M. M.

- E. A. Hewell. Chairman
- R. A. Hancock
- ~~W. F. ...~~ R. Inglis
- C. M. ...
- J. Prentice
- E. Quarkendush. and ...
- Acting Secretary

Absent

- W. G. Bayne
- ~~W. ...~~ H. J. Harris
- H. R. ...

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted:
Cash Statement for past week.
Report of Prisoners apprehended.
Police Daily Reports.

Resignation of President M. Kinley - On the proposal of

of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman, a resolution is passed expressive of sympathy with the Chinese people at large, and with the Chinese residents in the Settlements, at the great loss which they have sustained by the assassination of the President of the Republic.

It is decided to communicate this resolution to the United States Consul General and, while expressing the Council's horror at the dastardly crime which has been committed, at the same time, to convey the deepest and most respectful sympathy with the bereaved wife and her sorrowing fellow countrymen and women at the overwhelming loss which has fallen upon them.

Chinese Building Rules — Letter signed by four members of the Sub-committee, of Canton, is read, containing their acquiescence in all the redrafts of rules as forwarded to them, except that of Rule 18, as to ventilation. To their own version of this rule they are agreeable to the addition of the words "so that each house may have adequate ventilation" at the end of the first paragraph, and, since the Health Officer certifies that by this change Public Health requirements are fulfilled, it is decided to urge the Cantoners on this concluding point. A reprint of the code as finally awarded will be undertaken without delay.

Special Meeting of Ratepayers — Notice is submitted of a meeting to be held on the 8th proximo for the discussion of a resolution as to tramways, and is ordered for publication. On this occasion the Chairman observes that in his opinion, the Council should not accept any authorisation to call for tenders, in view of the rejection of the tender scheme in 1899, in which opinion the members unanimously concur.

Land Commission — The Commissioner's award in the recent case against Mr F. A. Morgan and the Shanghai Ice, Cold Storage and Refrigeration Company

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Company relative to cadastre. Lk 571 is read, and ordered for transmission to the parties interested, and subsequent publication.

Public Bank — The Council is informed that a proposal by the Water House Co. L^d. to contract for the Buoy for three nights a week during the ensuing eight months, has been rejected under instructions from the Works Committee.

Coal Plans — Letter from the Colonial Secretary, Singapore is read informing the Council that H. M. Government has consented to report on the plans of the proposed road coal, which will be forwarded for this purpose without delay.

Nursing Home — Letter from Nurse Davies is read in allusion to the Council's recent decision to invalidate her from the Service, and pointing out that she is so far recovered as to be able to fulfil the ordinary duties of a Municipal Nurse. The Secretary is directed to see Dr Macleod in this case and to ascertain whether he is prepared to utter his opinion acting under which the Council took the above step.

The Meeting then adjourns.

John A. [unclear]

Chairman.

W. [unclear]
 Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23, Argyll Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 26th September 1901, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. H.

E. A. Hewitt, Chairman
 S. W. Harrison
 R. Duffin
 H. R. Minnie
 E. Quackebush, and the
 Acting Secretary.

Absent.

W. G. Payne
 P. J. Lewis
 C. Meuser
 J. Preuker

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of Cash Meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

Cash Statements for past week.

Report of prisoners apprehended.

Police Duty Reports.

Engineers

for August.

Electrical Superintendent —

Financial Statements to date.

Foreign Ministers Proclamation — Note from the Interpreter of the German Consulate, is submitted containing a copy of the recent proclamation by the Foreign Ministers in Peking with reference to the late political troubles in North China. The Secretary is directed, while thanking Mr. Torke for courteously forwarding this document to point out to him that strictly speaking it should have been received through the official channel, i.e. through the office of the Senior Consul.

On this connection it is decided to request the Senior Consul to furnish the Council with copies of the Imperial Proclamations issued under the terms of

- the Peace Protocol, so soon as received from the
 French.
1. Hankow
 454. By Zeehan Road Widening — Letter from the firm
 Hans Probst & Co is read, desiring that the price be
 now fixed, at which the widening of this road corner
 will be effected, for the convenience of the owners.
 In the opinion of the Works Committee an offer of £25000
 per acre for the land on the former road, and £20000
 on the latter should be made, but the members present
 regard the valuations put upon the strip by the owners,
 viz £2400, as not unreasonable, and the matter is
 referred for re-consideration by the Committee.
- Extension of Scott Road Site — The offer is submitted by
 the Engineer of about 3 more of ground situated between
 511 the present municipal boundary and the land recently
 under negotiation with the firm Morrison, Gallen & Co.
 The price asked is £2000 per acre and upon the
 recommendation of the Works Committee, acceptance of
 the offer is authorized.
- Electrical Street Wiring — Application from Messrs. Kruloh &
 513. Karberg & Co is read, for permission to carry their electric
 light wires across the Hankow Road. The members
 regard this request as one compliance with which would
 be calculated to impair the development of the Municipal
 Electrical Service and it is therefore decided to reply in
 the negative.
- Volunteers - Artillery — Letter from the Major Commanding is
 521. read, recommending that the offer of a commission be made
 to Mr Springer late of the Queen's Own Rajput Light
 Infantry. The Council welcomes the opportunity of obtain-
 ing the services of this officer but defers final determi-
 nation of the proposal until it is more definitely ascertained
 that Mr Springer's stay in Shanghai will be permanent.
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 522. Uniforms — The Major Commanding wishes the
 wish of the Light Horse, Artillery, A Coy B Companies
 to be clothed in Khaki Serge instead of in red and
 blue as heretofore. Upon the understanding that the
 change will apply to all uniforms properly supplied
 by or charged to the Council, the change is approved.

Volunteers - Rifle Range — The proposal of the S.V.C. Shooting Committee, to reserve the Range during the month of October for the exclusive use of the Corps is discussed, and it is unanimously considered an injudicious and unnecessary step to take, since, clearly, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. few if any of the members of the Corps are in a position to avail themselves of the facility. The Secretary is directed in co-operation with Major MacKenzie to arrange a monthly shooting programme to admit of S.V.C. experiments without excluding the Military and Naval forces from the Range, the whole for the approval of the Works Committee.

Street Fire Alarms — Letter from the Fire Commission is read, accompanied by plans showing proposed sites for 30 fire alarm stations in this and the French Settlement. The positions selected are approved and it is noted that further extension of the system is desirable so soon as possible. With this in view the price chargeable by the Telephone Company under their contract with the Council, is considered excessive, and the arrangement will need modification before an increase in the number of Stations is decided upon.

New Recreation Ground — Letter from the Secretary of the Recreation Fund Trustees is read, announcing a final purchase of 20 acres of foreign registered land adjoining the new site, for the sum of £15,000. The Council confirms this purchase, and refers to the Works Committee, the questions of resale of adjoining lots which may now prove to be most required for the New Ground.

Public Band — A renewed request has been received from the Manager of the Astor House for special terms for the services of the Band, but the members unanimously express a disinclination to make any contract with the local hotel advertiser.

The Meeting then adjourns.

M. J. Mearns
Works Secretary

J. J. Mearns
Chairman

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23. Kingsway Road - Stamford, on Thursday, the 3rd October 1901, at 11.30 p.m.

Present -
M. M.

- E. C. Hewitt. Chairman
- W. G. Baynes
- W. L. Harcourt
- R. Inglis
- H. R. Kincaid
- C. Meuser
- J. Spruntice
- E. Guockenbush and the
- Acting Secretary

Absent

D. J. Lavers

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted -

- Cash Statement for past week.
- Return of Prisoners apprehended.
- Police Daily Reports.
- Summary of House Fees for September.
- Health Officer's Report - do -

Volunteers - Uniforms - The members are informed that under the contract concluded by the S.V.C. Clothing Committee last year with Messrs James Crawford & Co., which has yet two years to run, the Corps is pledged to coloured uniforms, and further that the firm has a considerable quantity of specially imported Serge, which is useless except for military purposes. The Chairman is of opinion that even allowing for a claim on their score the change to Khaki is undesirable on general and financial grounds, and the Secretary is therefore directed to ascertain the terms upon which the contract may be cancelled, making the best arrangement possible under the circumstances.

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The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee were read and in reference thereto:—

47/ ✓ Banking, Beach, Road Widening — The view is expressed that the first Board's proposal & proposals offer in this case, though a full one, is not excessive, and that it is improbable that the legal Commissioners would reduce the compensation claimed if the case were submitted to them. After some discussion it is decided on a show of hands to pay the claim as it stands, viz, £ 2,500 plus the cost of reinstatement.

50/ ✓ Transfer of Lower Beach House — The boundary extension alluded to under this head is favourably considered, but the rights of the Club to erect premises on the land so reclaimed are regarded as open to question. It is suggested that the course proposed by the legal adviser in 1898, relative to a similar application for a swimming bath, be adopted; viz that an agreement by the Council and the riparian owner be made under which the Club may utilize the land for a term of years. This step, if practicable, it is decided to take, the casting vote of the Chairman being exercised in the decision, and Mr Pringle recording his dissent on the grounds previously stated.

✓ Withdrawal of Summonses against Ferrigero —

Mr Pringle alludes to two recent cases where persons summoned by the Police for breach of municipal regulations have been permitted to apologise and so escape prosecution. The Chairman recounts the circumstances of each case and states that though withdrawal was, by a misunderstanding agreed to without the Works Committee's knowledge, the apology of the Council, before whom the men would appear, rendered the course necessary.

A proposal to make a rule that when once a summons is issued it shall be proceeded with, removing the discretionary authority from the Committee's hands, is negatived.

✓ Death of President Mr Kinkay — The reply of the United

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United States Consul General is read to the Council, & the
of condolence on this event, and the correspondence is
entered for publication.

Volunteers - Germania Company - The resignation of Clinton
523. and L. Phillips is received and recorded.

Special Meeting of Rate Payers - The text of Mr Schaff's
resolution as to bonifays, which will be secured by
Mr Dunning, is submitted, and will be published in
discourse. The Chairman states that Mr Harrison
will probably propose an amendment leaving the
acceptance of a scheme in the Council's hands with-
out further reference to the Rate payers. The members
are unanimously in opposition to this modification of
the resolution.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Wm. Dunning

Chairman.

W. W. Mason

As Secretary.

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room, No 13 Haughey Road, Shanghai, on Thursday
the 10th October, 1901, at 4 30 p.m.

Present

W. W.

W. A. Newell.

Chairman.

W. J. Bayne.

W. A. Hardean.

A. Staples.

S. R. Kincaid.

S. J. Lavers.

C. Mason.

J. Proctor.

E. J. Mackintosh.

Secretary.

the
and the

Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

Cash Statement for past week.

Kohurangi Prisoners apprehended.

Police Daily Reports.

Vehicle Inspectors Report for September.

Hooking (Milk Supply) — Report by the Health Officer

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is submitted containing an account of the seizure of a drove of cattle, the property of a licensed dealer and intended for the Whangarei Market, by the Magistrate of Kaohiwi. Upon Dr Stanley's recommendation and since informal protest has proved futile, it is decided to address the Senior Council in the matter, asking that vigorous steps be taken against all Chinese official attempts to prevent the import of hooking cattle.

The Secretary is further directed to see the Taitai in this matter and if possible to thus accelerate the release of the cattle referred to in this case.

Tramways — In reference to the Resolution passed by the Ratepayers on Tuesday last the Chairman reads a

memorandum prepared for publication and containing an expression of the Council's readiness to receive tenders for a system of tramways. A Municipal notification will also be issued to the effect that these should be received not later than the 1st March next to admit of a cursory examination, before the Annual Ratepayers Meeting. It is decided, after some discussion, to sanction the issue, on application, of copies of the Council's pamphlet for the information of tenderers, noting that the conditions are not legally official or binding.

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Report by the Technical Superintendent is read on the capability of the existing power station to supply current sufficient for a system of tramways in addition to all the extension called for by a lighting demand of more than 100,000 lamps.

This Report, showing inter alia that the effect

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of such a combination, would tend to reduce the price of the light, is ordered to be filed for reference when schemes of tramways are under consideration.

Midway of Broadway — Letter from the Land Investment

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Co. is read offering to reduce the surrender price of the strip of cadastral lot 1016 required for this purpose to \$5000 per acre, in consideration of the fact that the foundations of the proposed new buildings on the lot will project under the footway. The Committee is of opinion that this concession is insufficient and is opposed to its acceptance; a majority of the members however, regard the present offer, stated to be about half of the market value of the land, as reasonable and acceptance is authorized.

Colubers & Clothing Contract — Letter from the firm

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claiming \$2000 as compensation for the cancellation of the contract, in addition to the repurchase by the Council of all material specially imported for this purpose. This proposal being regarded as unreasonable, it is decided to ascertain whether an arrangement might not be made whereby the khaki uniforms might be made by the firm from the cloth already purchased.

Electrical Department — Extension of Mains — The

prolongation of the incandescent town lighting mains along the Edward Road is agreed to, upon the Superintendent's guarantee that over 1400 lamps have been applied for. By this means lighting facilities are extended to all residents in the Eastern District between the Hong Kong Creek and the Lee Road.

Chief Inspector Howard — The Captain Superintendent of

Police having reported that there is little probability, in Dr Macleod's opinion, of Mr Howard being fit for duty in the future, the Chairman suggests that it is advisable that this officer be invalided on a pension. After discussion, in which it is agreed that in accordance with precedent any pension recommended must be sanctioned by the Ratepayers, it is decided to grant leave to Mr Howard for the present; in this

meanwhile the Captain Superintendent will refer
on his case with especial reference to his financial
condition.

Secretary — Upon the return to duty of the
Secretary the Chairman expresses his appreciation of
the manner in which Mr. Leeson has performed his
duties during the period in which he has held the
appointment of Acting Secretary. The members
concur in the Chairman's expression of approval.
The Meeting then adjourns.

[Signature]

Chairman

[Signature]
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board
Room, 10, 23, Adelaide Road, Shanghai, on Thursday
the 17th October 1911, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M.M.

- W. H. Hewitt, Chairman
- Mr. Barron
- Mr. Hamilton
- Mr. Taylor
- Mr. R. Hancock
- Mr. F. Lacroix
- Mr. H. H. H. H.
- Mr. G. G. G. G.
- Mr. H. H. H. H. the
and the
- Miss H. H. H. H. Secretary
- Mr. H. H. H. H.

Present

The minutes calling the meeting is taken as read

The Minutes of last Meeting were read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

General Report. — The following are submitted: —

Each statement for bank work.
 Return of Expenditure appropriated.
 Police Daily Reports.
 — Carriage Quota, Quarterly Return —

512. Prohibing Cattle Markets. — The Governor, in reply to a communication on this subject, states that the matter will receive the attention of the Council. The Governor reports having seen the Indian as instructed and that the latter has undertaken to give orders to prevent the export of cattle from Poohung.

513. Chief Inspector Howard. — With regard to Mr Howard's leave it is decided to grant him full pay till further notice, on taking Chief Inspector being appointed to take over his duties. The Captain Superintendent of Police will request him to make a direct statement in regard to his means in order to enable the Council to arrive at a decision in the matter of the pension applied for.

Secretarial Salaries — Accountants Office. —

516. An application by Mr A. E. Jones, Sub-accountant for substantial increase of salary, is submitted and discussed. The Council, while unanimous in considering that the £400. for the Accountants, and £300. for the Sub-accountants, are respectively sufficiently high salaries for their posts, decides that in special recognition of Mr Jones' long service his pay be raised to £375; Mr Paul upon the same grounds to draw £450. as Accountant. It is to be noted that these salaries are inclusive of all payments hitherto made separately on account of the Colonial Department and the Public Fund, and that they represent the final maximum in each case.

517. Post-Office. — The Council declines to authorize the temporary appointment, recommended by the Acting Engineer, of Mr Backe as Postman at a rate of £105. on the occasion of his leaving Mr Olsen's employ. The Secretary is directed to ask Mr Olsen what arrangements he would propose to make.

Siampai Volunteer Corps - Rank of Commandant

538 Letter from Major General Sir H. J. Gascoigne is read, recommending that Mafor Mackenzie be given the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, for reasons given. After considerable discussion, in which stress is laid on the fact that vis-a-vis officers of the regular forces the Commandant of the S.V.C. can make no claim to precedence, it is decided to take no action but to send to General Gascoigne a non-committal reply.

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Do - For - Do - Clothing - Discussing

the proposed cancellation, under especially of the Soco, of the existing contract with Messrs Lane & Co. The opinion is expressed that in view of the existence of that recent agreement the change from Serge to "Khaki" clothing is inadvisable for financial reasons. The Chairman differs from this view and his motion to comply with Mafor Mackenzie's recommendation is carried on a show of hands by one vote.

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The Secretary is therefore directed to make the best terms possible for cancelling the clothing contract.

Minutes of German Church - An official invitation to the

531 Council to be present at the opening proceedings is submitted and voted.

River Conservation - Letter from the Junior Council enclosing

534 the text of the proposal relating to this question is submitted.

Staff - The Secretary is authorized to advertise for

the Meeting then adjourns.

Robert [Signature]

Chairman.

J. Bland
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kingsway Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 11th October 1901, at 10.30 P.M.

Present - M. M.

E. W. Hewitt, Chairman,
 W. G. Hague,
 J. L. Anderson,
 A. D. Inglis,
 J. F. Lucas,
 C. Messer,
 J. Breckin,
 J. G. Macdonald, Secy.
 Secretary and the
 Assistant Secretary

Absent

H. R. Kinnear.

The summons calling for business is taken as read.
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted: -
 Cash Statement for past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended

Police Daily Reports.

Engineer's Report for September.

Chief Inspector Howard - Letter from Mr. Howard on the subject of his finances and proposed pension, is read.

564. The Council, noting that intimation has been conveyed to this Office that he is on full pay leave till further notice and that his duties will devolve upon another Inspector, now refers the question of his retirement and successor to the Watch Committee.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps - Clothing - Mr. M. Lane Sanford's Contrast to the Chairman, dealing with points raised by Mr. Spratice, states that in this matter there has undoubtedly been serious waste of the public funds, due to the unbusinesslike arrangements made by the Clothing Committee of the Volunteers. At the same time he recommends that

that the settlement of the matter, as arranged by the Secretary under the Council's instructions, be confirmed, the Council paying the Debt, and damages, and taking over all the supply of cloth for future use by the Depot. A motion, to this effect, is carried.

Legal Proceedings. — The reference to the recent prosecution of Messrs Manning & Co to recover licenced fees on their retail-selling business, and particularly in view of the published report of the case, the Chairman expresses dissatisfaction at the manner in which, as a general rule the Council's business is conducted by the legal advisers. He also refers to previous cases in which the Council's disapproval had been recorded, and he is of opinion, that in the public interest the Council's business should be entrusted to another firm. The members are not in favour of such a change, and it is eventually resolved that a letter expressing dissatisfaction at the conduct and result of the proceedings, be addressed to Mr McNeill, but as it is thought that this step may lead to his resignation, it is decided in the first place to ascertain unofficially whether Messrs Stokes & Platt would be prepared to take the legal advisership.

Recent Resolutions & Writings. —

Burkitt Road — Upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, it is decided, to agree to a modification of the scheduled road line affecting the property of Messrs Foster & Son, of B.C. 157, reducing the road at this point to 37 feet, spreading the acquisition of 3 feet from the other side.

Keelway Road — Messrs David Gussone & Sons having expressed their inability to accept the Council's terms in the matter of the compulsory surrender of a strip of Cadashol lot 113, it is decided to refer the case to the Local Commissioners.

Road Names — The question of providing names for some 16 new roads is referred to the Works Committee.

Gravel Building Foundations — Mr Quackebush draws attention

attention, to the fact, that the foundations of the new building on the former site of the W.C. & H. Co. office in Fooking Road are apparently encroaching upon the public street and a report by the Engineer on the subject is called for. His practice suggests a plea for an injunction to prevent such encroachment. It is pointed out that, pending legal advice as to the public rights involved, the Engineer has not received any definite instructions on the subject; instructions are therefore given to request Mr. McNeil to give the matter his attention, as soon as possible.

Postwarship — Mr. Olsen having returned to resume the duties of his post, pending the arrival of a permanent successor engaged by him in England, a notification intimation for Buckle's supercession is authorized.

Foreign Troops — As the result of representations made to the Council by the Provost Marshal, it is decided to address a despatch, draft of which is appended, to the Officer Commanding the Japanese force requesting him to give orders, similar to those issued to other troops, that the carrying of side-arms by his soldiers when off duty be prohibited.

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Tramways — Letter from the pro Electric Co. is submitted asking what facilities in the matter of supply of current from the electrical light station, the Council would be prepared to offer to tenants for tramways. Decision to reply that any proposals in this sense, made by the Council will undoubtedly receive the serious attention of the Council, which finally deals with the Tramway question.

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Dispatches Quays — A report by the Engineer on serious thefts and damage committed by the coolies and headmen in charge of the Council's store-carrying gongs boats is submitted and referred to the Works Committee.

Central Hotel — Mr. Guackebush states that the noise and drunkenness at night at the Central Hotel are again becoming a nuisance to residents in the vicinity. Instructions are given that the Police show more energy in the matter while conveying a warning to the Proprietors.

Brother's

Brothers in Howard Road still forming the subject of numerous complaints, the attention of the Captain Superintendent of Police is again to be drawn to the necessity of remedying the nuisance.

Resignation of Chairman — Mr Hewitt states that on account of his early departure from Shanghai he is compelled to resign and while thanking the members for their cooperation he expresses regret at severing his connection with the Council. On a motion proposed by the Vice Chairman and seconded by Mr Douglas, a hearty vote of thanks is accorded to Mr Hewitt for his long and valuable services on the Council and for his public-spirited devotion to the Community's interests.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Douglas
Secretary

J. H. Douglas
Chairman

At the annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Victoria Road, Shanghai on Thursday the 11th of October, 1906, at 8.30 p.m. —
Present —

- J. Spruntier, Chairman
- W. G. Bannan
- W. H. Hartman
- R. W. Mason
- G. F. Powers
- O. Mearns
- E. J. Jacobson
- Members

Absent —

The unanimous calling the meeting is taken as read —

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed, by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

Cash Statement for past week.

Return of Prisoners apprehended.

Police Duty Reports.

Financial Statements.

Special Report: Health Officer on Beri-beri.

General Municipal Rate, Foreign, September Quarter.

Chairman — The Vice Chairman points out that three vacancies in the Council, having been filled during the year of Land Regulation &c. be strictly interpreted an election of the accepted Members seems necessary, even if the vacancy caused by Mr Hewell's resignation is not filled.

The point is referred for the Legal Adviser's opinion.

Upon a motion by Mr Dugley, seconded by Mr Bayne, Mr Proctor is elected Chairman. He consents to serve upon the understanding that he will probably leave for home in January next. The election of Vice Chairman is postponed, in Mr Keenan's absence, until next meeting.

Public Roads — foundations and footings of buildings.

575 The Legal Adviser's opinion on this subject having been circulated to the members, it is recognised that, in the first place, some important alterations are necessary in the forms of free and compulsory surrender deeds. The question is referred to the Works Committee for report.

Kaung Road Widening — Reference to the Land Enclosures in this case is postponed upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, pending reconsideration of the general question of policy and precedent involved. On the immediate negotiations are redressed with the firm of Jansson & Co. by the Engineer with a view to obtaining if possible alternative proposals for the surrender of land required.

Legal Proceedings — Upon reconsideration it is decided that in the present instance it is not advisable to address the Legal Adviser in regard to the Council's dissatisfaction with their conduct of recent cases, but the fact is noted.

noticed that Messrs. ... are prepared to take the ... circumstances hereafter ...

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Stunning Case — The Council is informed that the ...
 Consul General has expressed a wish that the case be
 settled out of court, the judgment which he has
 determined upon, not being calculated to satisfy
 either party in this suit. The Council records its unanimous
 opinion that judgment should be pronounced and that
 the proposed settlement is inadmissible in the public
 interest. The Secretary is authorized to meet the
 defendant as Mr. Goddard suggests, but no compromise
 of the Council's position is to be made.

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Shanghai Volunteer Corps — Japanese Company

577 Captain Yamura having been appointed by his
 government to be attached to the Japanese troops in
 garrison, the promotion of 2nd Lieutenant Chiba to be
 Lieutenant, in command of the Company is confirmed.
 ✓ Water Bottles — Samples and prices of three
 patterns are forwarded by the Major Commanding.
 Matter referred to Water Committee.

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Public Band — As the result of a written application by
 Bandmaster Holman it is decided that he be
 authorized to receive one fourth of the Council's moiety
 of the sums received for private services of the Band.

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Fire Commission — Stud — A supplementary grant is
 authorized for purchase of seven ponies, estimated
 to cost £40. or 80. each.

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Govt. — Warden Mears — As the result of a case referred
 to in a letter written to the Council by this employe,
 and of Major Mackenzie's comments thereon, Mr Mears
 is dismissed. The Council's service for insubordination.

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Public Park — Hong Kow — Plan of the land, in all
 240 acres, is submitted for the Council's inspection, together
 with an explanatory memorandum, for publication with the
 minutes. The latter is ordered to be circulated for
 the Works Committee's information.

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Rowing Club — Lower Boat house — Regarding the
 Club's proposals for making a concrete landing in
 front.

front of the proposed site of new bank house, comprising
 the reserve ground on the Harbour side. The minutes state
 that the Harbour-master requires as a condition for
 approving this site, that the building be completed before
 the opening of the Harbour House. Mr. Dyer however
 thinks it probable that should the Council agree to make
 the building asked for by the Club, estimated to cost £1
 200,000, he might be satisfied. The Works Committee
 records its opinion that the agreement now being drafted
 for signature by the Club, the Harbour Authorities, the
 adjoining land-owners, and the Council, must stipulate
 for the removal of the building, at any time, should the
 Council require it; also that no part of the cost of
 building can be defrayed by the Club. Pending receipt
 of draft agreement, the Engineer is to be directed to see
 Mr. Tyler on the subject of building and to report.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Henry M. Mearns

acting Chairman.

~~Secretary~~
 Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Society held in the Board Room
 No 23, Abchurch Lane, London, on Thursday the
 14th November 1901 at 8.30 P.M.

- Present: Mr. M. G. R. Mearns, Chairman.
 Mr. R. Mearns.
 Mr. H. Mearns.
 Mr. R. Mearns.
 Mr. J. Mearns.
 Mr. G. Mearns.
 Mr. G. Mearns.
 Secretary
 Assistant Secretary
 J. Mearns

The quorum calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read, confirmed and passed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Substantive Report - The following were submitted:-

- Cause Statement for past week.
- Return of Treasurers apprehended
- Police Daily Reports
- Police Inspector's for October
- Health Officer
- Registrar
- Ecclesiastical Superintendents
- Summary of License Fees
- General Municipal Rate, notice, September quarter

Nov - In the absence of Mr. Graham, it is proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hardon and carried that Mr. Keenan take the Chair.

Case of Murder - Keenan - His employer having written for an opportunity to make a statement in his defence, this case is further discussed. A motion by Mr. Quackenbush, supported by Mr. Bayne, that he be given a hearing is lost; it is however, decided that he be permitted to resign, with passage to Hong Kong.

Vice Chairman - Mr. Keenan is elected and consents to serve.

Minutes of Watch Committee read and confirmed. In regard thereto, instructions are given that the Report of Firewatch Service is to be circulated to the Council when received.

Disorderly Conduct of German Soldiers - In view of the serious nature and frequency of assaults etc. committed by German troops in the Settlement the advisability of making representations in the foreign quarters is discussed. The Council is informed that, as the result of the latest case, the Provost Marshall has arranged with the German Commandant that two extra privates from his regiment shall patrol the districts most frequented by his men. As the Provost Marshall considers that this measure should suffice to prevent any further occurrence of the recent nature, the Council decides to take no action in the matter unless hereafter compelled to do so in the public interest.

Reopening Public House — After discussion and upon a show of hands it is decided to authorize the construction of the concrete building from the Public Garden to the ex-Charleston Road bridge, the Member considering that the advantages to the public justify the expenditure on reconstruction of the river frontage. Mr. J. MacKenzie dissents.

Shause Road Widening — Note from Mr. J. J. J. is read offering to the Council the scheduled ships of Canada to lots 447 & 448 about to be rebuilt at the rate of \$2500 per acre. Directions are given for reply, accepting this offer payment being made only for land clear of foundations and foundations.

Right Soil Contract — It is decided to advertise for tenders in the native press, on the 1st proximo, for the new contract the three years term of July proximo expiring on the 31st proximo.

Legal Proceedings: U.S. Consular Court — The Council is informed of the terms of the judgment by the U.S. Consul General in the proceedings instituted against Messrs Dunning & Co, and of the reasons adduced in support thereof. His second dismissal of the case, in the face of the special and complete evidence produced, is unanimously held to vitiate the determination of the Consul General not to support the Municipal Council, so far as his nationals are concerned, in carrying out the instructions of the Ratepayers as to the imposition of license fees and a policy in the matter of the liquor traffic grounded to provide the best interests of the community. It is therefore resolved that, under existing conditions, no good purpose can be served by further litigation against Messrs Dunning & Co especially since the matter can be satisfactorily re-adjusted by the Ratepayers when fixing the schedule of license fees at the Council General Meeting in March next; at the same time, it is decided that, in fairness to the present holders of liquor licenses, the facts of the case shall be placed before H.E. the U.S. Minister in Port of Spain with a request that he will give the matter his serious attention, and ensure the adoption by the U.S. Consular Court of actions calculated

calculated not to impede but to promote local admin-
 istration in matters of such public importance. The Council
 is aware of the many difficulties besetting such admin-
 istration as the result of the defective construction of many
 of the laws & Regulations, but desires to emphasize the need
 for a broad and rational interpretation in all cases &
 wherein the intricacies of national laws might be stretched
 to conflict with the obvious meaning of the local laws
 approved by the Treaty power. The Council therefore places
 on record its dissatisfaction with Mr Goodnow's judgments,
 which, viewed in the light of all the known facts of the
 case, is regarded as ~~unjustifiable~~ ^{creating} a precedent,
 highly detrimental to the interests of the community.

J.P.

The Meeting then adjourns

John Frederick

Chairman.

J.P.
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Rooms of the
Royal Society, 21, Bedford Square, London, on Thursday
the 27th November 1902, at 8.15 p.m.
Present:

- J. F. [Name] Chairman
- [Name]
- [Name]
- [Name]
- [Name]
- [Name]
- [Name]
- [Name]
- [Name]
- [Name]
- [Name] Secretary
- [Name] Assistant Secretary

The Chairman called the Meeting to order

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, considered, approved by the Chairman and passed for the same.

September 18th 1887 - The following are submitted:

Cash statement for past year.

Return of Resources for past year.

Police Force Report.

Minute - In reference to the Minutes of last Meeting, read on the subject of proceeding with the Hudson Street & Connaught Extension, while approved in the Minutes, as a record of the Municipal Council, the speaker is of opinion that its publication, as a whole, should be deferred, in order to lead to friction with the Government. He criticises the arguments of the Royal Engineer, as having no value, the views expressed as being defensible, and dependent on the action calculated to make the Council's position more defensible. After his motion, it is resolved to withhold from the published Minutes its second paragraph.

The Minutes of the Works Committee are read and approved.

Discussion takes place on the question of the Royal Warrant. No formal resolution is adopted, but as a result of Mr. Munnick's remarks, the sense of the meeting is generally expressed that, while no special attention should be paid to the public is necessary, each specific case shall however be dealt with on its merits.

A report by the Engineer shows that the total cost of scheduled widening in the Central District, at the present values, would be about £540,000, the actual cost probably, according to 1.500 per cent. Taking these facts into consideration, the view is expressed that money should preferably be spent in developing new roads in outlying districts, rather than in widening certain of the narrow lanes which devote to native traffic in the Central District.

Communications and Contracts - Mr. Curran thinks that the action taken in regard to Mr. Hodges's lands on the Shause Road, is not advisable if the matter is to be dealt with as a bestowment, since the price named for the land is one which may be reasonably required as settling the owner to resign the rights of usage in dispute.

Shanklin Road Widening - The Council confirms the Committee's

Committee's recommendations to postpone this improvement for the present.

Shaughnessy Volcanoes - The question, which has arisen in regard to the production of Licentiate Keylock is terminated by a letter addressed to Mr. Craig by the Refubank, in which it is stated that Mr. Keylock will present himself for the necessary examinations.

Rifle Range - The members decide that both the lead and empty cartridges to be collected at the Range must be credited to the Council's account, and cannot be regarded as a perquisite to the Sergeant Major.

Herring's Room - The Council sanctions the use of a room in this building for lectures given by the First Aid Association.

New Gaol - Letter from the Colonial Secretary of Singapore, forwarding plans and suggestions with regard to the proposed building, is submitted, and referred to the Works Committee.

Case of Mr. Meares - Letter from the Rev. Mr. Piles in regard to this employee's case is submitted, the Council considers that no further action can be taken in the matter.

In this connection, the Gaol Superintendent and the Health Officer are to be required to state under what conditions the Japanese doctor was consulted in regard to the cholera in the prisoners' diet.

Bail at Mixed Court - The Secretary states that the Mr. Chang who deposited \$5,000 bail in the He Kin case before this Court in March of last year, has applied for refund of the amount. The Council is of opinion that no such refund can be made until the matter shall have been re-opened and settled by the Court itself, and that steps to this end should be taken by the British States Consulate.

Free Road Widening - The Council decides to accept an offer of surrender of 5.6.4.9. of land of 6 B.C. Lot 1615, such land to be leased to the owner of the lot for the term time at a nominal rental of \$0.50 per annum, until the widening of the adjoining property is undertaken.

The Meeting this afternoon.

John Forester
Chairman

J. Deane
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room
No. 3, Cannon Street, Shanghai, on Thursday, the
18th November 1901 at 10.15 p.m.

Present.

John Forester

- John Forester, Chairman
- Edw. Dwyer
- W. C. Hutchinson
- A. Dwyer
- A. R. Duncan
- J. S. Lewis
- W. H. H. H.

J. Deane

- ~~Secretary~~
- Assistant Secretary
- and the

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:

- Cash Statement for past month.
- Return of Prisoners apprehended.
- Police Duty Reports.

1 United States Consulate - Legal proceedings - Letter from the

U.S. Consul General referring to the Council's recent letter to
614. H.E. Mr. Coar is submitted and discussed. The Members
agree

agree in considering that a reply to this communication is necessary and the Secretary is directed to draft the same for approval.

Chinese Public School - A letter from the School Committee on the subject of the proposed buildings is submitted, and is referred to the Works Committee. The Secretary states that in a recent conversation, the Rev. Mr. Richards and Mr. Leon Gibney inquired whether, in the event of their being able to arrange for a surrender of the entire Council property for the sum of \$42,000 net, the Council would support such an arrangement.

The members concur in regarding these proposals as advantageous, and agree to accept the same, if formally made.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps - A proposal by the Commanding Officer to provide a testimonial for Staff Sergeant Armstrong out of the public funds is regarded as constituting an undesirable precedent; a letter of thanks to this officer for his long and valuable services is ordered to be forwarded.

Light Horse - Commissions are ordered to be issued upon the recommendation of the Major Commandant to Captain Keylock, Lieutenant Dyre, and 2^d Lieutenants Morrison.

Amoy Road Widening - This question, referred by the Works Committee to the Council for final decision, is discussed with the plans submitted. Upon a show of hands, it is decided to abandon the proposed improvement for the present. Outside Roads.

Land for Depôts ~~Western District~~ - The purchase of land as recommended by the Engineer upon the Hong Kong and Rubicon Roads is sanctioned at a total cost of \$11,700. In this connection, Mr. Hünor draws attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the existing bridges on these roads; the Works Committee undertakes to give the matter attention.

Studia Contract - 1902 - Proposals of the Horse Bazaar in this matter are submitted, and pending receipt of a Report by the Overseer of Farms on the price of fodder fed for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

- Shauze Road Widening - Letter from Mr. Hoeg in reply to the Council's proposals in this matter is read; it is decided to refer the case to the Road Commissioners. The Members are of opinion that in the event of the latter expressing themselves as incompetent to decide on the question at issue, the best case might hereafter be decided, should the Council agree, by application for injunction at the Supreme Court.
- Visit of Prince Nam - It is noted that the Prince has forwarded a donation of \$40, for distribution to the ladies who attended His Royal Highness, Prince's dinner on the occasion of his recent visit.
- Newspapers - A verbal application by the owners of the "Shaughnessy Times" for support by the Council, is refused; the Members considering that sufficient expenditure has already been incurred under this heading.
- Police Station - India - It is noted that arrangements have been made with the P. J. Commission for a two years lease under existing conditions of the house occupying that at present occupied by the police in this district.
- Staff Leave - Application by the Assistant Woodman for leave to take effect upon the completion of the annual report is granted - 6 months on full pay.
- Application by the Sub-accountant for one month's leave from beginning of December, is disallowed, on account of the pressure of work at the end of the year in this office.
- Prison Scheme - The Members are informed that Mr. Ede has written suggesting that he be supplied with detailed information as to the Staff etc, with a view to obtaining justice rates from certain life offices, in the matter of a Prison scheme. The Secretary is instructed to reply that the Council, while thanking Mr. Ede, is unwilling that this question should be mooted at present and in the absence of initiative by the public.
- The Meeting then adjourns.

John Forester
Chairman

J. J. Clark
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 25 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Thursday the 5th December 1901, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present

M. M.

J. Prentice, (Chairman)
 W. G. Bayne,
 S. A. Haroon,
 R. Inglis,
 H. R. Kinneat,
 P. F. Lavers,
 G. Meuser,
 E. Quackenbush, the
 Secretary and the
 Assistant Secretary.

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

Cash Statement for past week,
 Return of Prisoners apprehended,
 Police Daily Reports,
 Health Officer's Report, for November,
 Summary of License Fees — " — and
 Vehicle Inspector's Report — " —

The Minutes of the Loans Committee are read and confirmed.

Electrical Department — The Members concur in the views recorded by the Committee; stress being laid on the necessity for improved street lighting. Mr. Quackenbush, referring to the alleged superiority of American Electrical Engineering, suggests that the Consulting Engineer should preferably be sought in America; he also emphasises the advisability of calling for tenders in New York, as well as in London, on the ground that by the adoption of this course the Ratepayers are most likely to get satisfactory results for expenditure. The Members concur in his views, as regards tenders, deciding to instruct Messrs. Pook & Co. to call for them accordingly; but upon a show of hands it is decided that Sir William Preece shall be the Consulting Engineer to be called

called upon to advise. Under these conditions the Superintendent is to be instructed to prepare his plans and specifications for submission at the earliest possible date. It is also decided that the Assistant required for the Electrical Department shall be engaged, if possible, with Sir William Proce's assistance; Mr. Prentice to approve of the candidate before he is definitely engaged by the London Agents.

New Gaol Buildings. — The Committee's proposals are endorsed, but before giving effect thereto the tenders, together with the plans, will be submitted at the forthcoming meeting of the Works Committee; when the suggestions of the Singapore Colonial Engineer will be fully discussed.

Mat-Sheds. — The Chairman expresses the opinion that the erection of these structures, contrary to Land Regulation XXXIII, is inadvisable; and it is decided that the owners thereof shall be requested to remove them forthwith.

Foundations of Buildings. — The legal adviser's latest opinion as to the Council's rights in this matter is read and a discussion thereon ensues. It is decided that the case of the Shause Road widening shall proceed, the Land Commissioners having appointed the 13th instant as the day for hearing. The Members are of opinion that whatever the issue of this case, no great advance will thereby be effected in determining the public and private rights involved.

Public Band. — An application by the Hon. Secretary of the Marine Engineers' Institute for reduction of the tariff rates for private services of the band at the Institute's dances is discussed. It is decided to sanction a reduction ^{to} last year's terms, on the grounds of the frequency of the engagements made by this society.

Recreation Ground Committee. — On the recommendation of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Inglis, Mr. Kinnear is elected to serve on this Committee in the place of Mr. Hewell.

Public School Committee. — Mr. Quackenbush is similarly elected.

lected to represent the Council on the Educational Committee.

Fire Commission — In view of the high rates of insurance required for the steam fire float, the Members decide that such insurance is inadvisable.

Senior Counsel's Correspondence — Letter from the Senior Counsel, enclosing translation of Tantai's letter, is read. The Tantai requests that the Municipal Police be instructed to take measures to suppress the organized depredations committed by thieves on the river and at the wharves. The attention of the Captain Superintendent is to be drawn to this matter and a report called for.

Municipal Gaol — The Council is informed that no suitable applicant for the post recently vacated by Mr. Means, can be obtained from Singapore. The matter is referred to the Watch Committee.

Night Soil Contract — The Secretary states that the tenders received are now in the hands of the Health Officer, the highest bid being \$4,350, as against \$3,400, the amount of the present contract. Upon receipt of the Health Officer's recommendations the Watch Committee will decide as to acceptance of the most suitable tender.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. M. Perrett
Chairman.

J. Blaine
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai on Thursday the 12th December, 1901, at 4.30 pm.

Present:

M. H.

J. Prentice (Chairman)
 W. S. Baime,
 S. A. Harboon,
 R. Inglis,
 H. R. Kinnear,
 P. F. Lavers,
 C. Meuser,
 E. Quackebush, the
 Secretary and the
 Assistant Secretary.

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports. — The following are submitted:—

Cash Statement for past week,
 Return of Prisoners apprehended and
 Police Daily Report.

Public Band. — Referring to the Minute of the last meeting on this subject, the Council's decision is now recorded that a reduction of 25% shall be made in the Tariff Rates for all local applicants arranging for more than six engagements of the Band's services at any one time.

Night Soil Contract. — Upon the recommendation of the Health Officer, approved by the Watch and Finance Committees, it is decided to accept the tender of the present contractor to renew his agreement at the increased figure of \$4,100 per annum.

Shanze Road Widening; Land Commission Case. — Letter from the Chairman of the Land Commissioners is submitted notifying the Council that in compliance with Mr. Hogg's request the date for hearing of this case has now been postponed to the 6th January. Mr. Kinnear expresses the opinion that the Council would be well advised, in view of all the circumstances of the case, to abandon the present proceedings.

proceedings; a view which is not, however, supported by the Council. The Chairman, noting the fact that Mr. Hogg will be represented by his legal adviser, expresses the view that in the present case it is preferable that the Council should direct the Secretary to appear before the Commissioners. Upon this point a discussion ensues; Mr. Inglis eventually proposes, Mr. Kinnear seconding the motion, that the Council's legal adviser shall conduct the case. Mr. Bayne proposes as an amendment, which is seconded by Mr. Quackenbush, that the Secretary act on behalf of the Council. The votes for and against the amendment being equally divided, it is decided by the Chairman's casting vote that the Secretary is to represent the Council. The legal adviser will be informed that this action is taken by the Council in conformity with the views expressed in recent correspondence with the Land Commission.

Proposed
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Rifle Association — letter from Mr. G. V. J. Marshall, notifying the Council of the proposed formation of a local Rifle Association, is submitted. It is therein asked that the Council shall extend support to this organization, to be established with a view to improving the conditions under which local teams compete in interport matches. Decided to reply inquiring definitely what is the nature of the support requested and stating that, in the Council's opinion, such an organization to be useful, should be open to all-comers and not confined to members of the Defence Forces.

Road Extension
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no. 19. — The Secretary submits recent correspondence which has taken place with the Rev Père Robert regarding the conditions under which the latter is required to surrender a portion of B. C. lot 1470, scheduled for the making up of this road. After discussion of the case it is decided that, subject to the legal adviser's opinion, the Council shall offer to pay for such part of the land as is not included in the existing creek and public pathway thereon. Hereafter the road is to be made up, leaving it for the owner to take such subsequent action as he may think fit; to recover further compensation in the Court of Councils.

Stud Contract, 1902 — letter from the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company limited is submitted, stating the Company's terms for renewal of

of the contract under terms lower than those originally asked. The conditions therein named are accepted by the Council.

Range Road widening: — Letter from Messrs. David Jussocin Sons Co. is read insisting upon fulfilment of the condition named by them in the matter of building permit for Cadastre Lot 113. Decided to reply that under no circumstances can the Council sanction the erection of native houses which do not comply with the Building Rules.

Volunteers. — Letter from the Major Commanding is submitted, forwarding draft of proposed Regulations for observance at the Rifle Range. The Council decides to sanction the posting of these Regulations at the Range, after certain necessary alterations in the text shall have been made.

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✓ The Major Commanding notifies the Council of certain arrangements agreed upon between the Artillery and the Naval Companies in the matter of their amalgamation under the former. The Major Commanding's recommendations are approved and it is noted that a Commission will be issued to Lieut. Sprenger as Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-master vice Lieut. Cubitt resigned, so soon as the Naval Company shall cease to exist.

The Meeting then adjourns.

John J. Jussocin
Chairman.

J. J. Jussocin
Secretary.

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 22, Prince's Road, Singapore, on Thursday the 19th December 1911 at 11.30 p.m.

Present.

- J. Deane, (Chairman)
- W. G. Brown
- W. G. Brown
- R. Taylor
- A. R. ...
- J. ...
- W. ...
- W. ...
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Administrative Reports - the following are submitted:

- Cash Statement for previous year
- Return of Prisons and ...
- Police Dept. Reports
- Engineers for ...

The Minutes of the United Committee are read and confirmed.

Police Board - The Council concurs in the recommendations to make a ... change for the use of the ...

General Committee - The recommendations of the ...

The Minutes of the Works Committee are read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee are read. The question of the ... of a new ...

It is ... advised that, while ... of the recommendations of the Committee, the Council concurs ...

in the matter to be taken by next year's ...

U. S. Consular Court - legal proceedings - ...

U. S. Minister at Peking in reply to the Council ...

The 29th November 1900 is submitted and the committee has entered its recommendations.

Notes & Resolutions — After consideration of a further communication on this subject, in which it is stated the members of the staff are to be sent from the end of the year, it is decided to attend to the question of the official recognition of other assistance members on the understanding that there shall be no question of new Secretary, except to act in the absence of the existing one. The question of storage of ammunition is to be the subject of a special report by the Major Commanding S.M.C.

Memorial Voluntary Staff — A further communication from the Major Commanding, in regard to the amalgamation of the Gun Company with the Artillery, is read and the recommendations therein contained are approved. Commissions for Lieutenant Shain and Second Lieutenant Jackson of the Artillery are ordered to be issued.

Fire Instruments — The Council receives a proposal formulated by the People's Committee for the erection of new buildings to provide quarters for firemen at the Sturbridge Square and Victoria Stations, considering that the expenditure involved therein is greater than the circumstances of the case justify at present.

Standing Orders: - Instructions to staff — A review of the instructions applying to the Health Department is sanctioned; the list as submitted by the Health Officer, being approved with one amendment. In connection therewith the Council discusses the internal administration of the Nursing Home, Mr Mackintosh being of the opinion that the present arrangements are not suitable for the work to be done. No formal decision is recorded, but the members consider that more latitude should be given to the matron in the matter of food supplies.

Stanza Road Buildings — Further notes from Messrs Passon & Co. in regard to the re-building of property on Stanza Road, S.M.C., is read. It is noted that the owners are prepared to comply with the Council's conditions on this matter, and that suitable building plans will also be forwarded to the Engineer's Office.

Restaurants - Stanza Road — The Council supports the

action of the Watch Committee in refusing to accede to an application by a German subject for a license to open a restaurant at Chumpeke Dairy, the proposed establishment being objected to by several residents in that locality.

Steps

A case of an unauthorized opening by an Italian subject, in regard to which the Italian Consul is stated by the Captain Superintendent of Police to have refused to issue a summons, is considered by the Council.

Before proceeding in the matter the Secretary is instructed to see the Italian Consul and to report the result of the interview.

The Meeting then adjourns.

John Forester
Chairman

Secretary