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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 4, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale (Chairman)
	H.J. Craig
	H. De Gray
	H. Figge
	H.A.J. Maoray
	C. Selby Moore
	W.A.C. Platt
	T.E. Trueman
	The Secretary and
	Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Mr Hutchison. Considerable discussion ensues as to how best the public announcement of this member's resignation should be made. The difficulty arises from the fact that his original memorandum was marked "Confidential", while the minute to which he has taken exception refers very plainly to the charges which have been made against Captain Barrett. Mr De Gray is of opinion that the minute should be included in the Municipal Gazette so that the public may judge whether or no it amounts to censure on Mr Hutchison. With this view, however, the Council does not concur, Mr Platt stating that in his opinion such a course would be unfair to the employe concerned. It is eventually decided to publish Mr Hutchison's letter of resignation, and the Council's reply, with a foot-note to the effect that the minute to which he refers is of a highly confidential character.

The minutes of the Special Meetings of the Watch Committee of December 30 and January 3 are read and confirmed, and among the points discussed as a result are the following:-

Defacement of Certificates. Mr Trueman is not wholly satisfied with Major Davidson's pronouncement on this matter, and he still regards the action which was taken as incorrect. The Chairman points out that the Consulate would scarcely have counter-marked the certificates had the defacement been made with the authority of the Council, and it is directed for the future that no certificate be so treated except after submission of the case for the Council's decision.

Captain Barrett. It is clear to the Council that either by reason of his insufficient knowledge of the language, or because he does not take sufficient interest in his work, Captain Barrett has up to the present failed in the task for the performance of which he was engaged. While, therefore, the Watch Committee's treatment of him will have the nature of a reprimand, it is decided that, after the next meeting of the Committee has been held, an official letter will be addressed to Captain Barrett communicating the members' views.

Mr Creasy. The Council considers that Mr Creasy should also see Major Davidson's Report, and that he should be informed that, although not specifically to blame, he should take Major Davidson's advice and recommendations into his very serious consideration; this also to be confirmed by letter.

Watchmen. While it appears to the Council that the existing Police supervision over watchmen is far from satisfactory, the question of abandoning the system entirely is one for further consideration.

Officers on Duty. Mr Macray refers to the practice formerly obtaining by which one of the four senior Officers is always on duty in the Central Station, and he expresses the opinion that this practice should be resumed.

Major Davidson. At the conclusion of the discussion the Council decides to address an official letter to the Consul General, for transmission to the Commander-in-chief in India, expressing the Council's appreciation and thanks for the services which Major Davidson has rendered.

Chinese Building Rules. Proposals by the Health Officer are submitted for amending Rules VIII and XVIII with the object of securing rat-proof houses for the purpose of preventing plague. These proposals are based on the recommendations of the Special Committee appointed last year, and on the Hongkong Public Health and Buildings Ordinance. It is decided in the first place to transmit copies of the document to the gentlemen of whom the Special Committee consisted, desiring an expression of their opinion thereon.

Recreation Ground for Chinese. With regard to the Ground established under the auspices of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association near the Rifle Range, a letter from that Body is read, desiring that the Council will make provision for a further grant of \$7000 in the forthcoming Budget. This sum is required for laying out the existing Ground, and for the purchase of an additional area of 5 Mow. Mr Macray

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and other members are in sympathy with the movement for providing *public* facilities for athletics as well as education for Chinese. On the other hand it does not appear to the Council that the Association has been as active as the occasion warranted in collecting private subscriptions for their purposes. It is therefore decided that if Mr Taylor and his colleagues succeed in collecting the sum of £3500, being one half of that required, the Council will recommend payment of the remainder by a grant from the Public Funds.

Loan of 1911. With regard to an enquiry by Mr Wheeley as to the re-investment of sums repaid under the Council's Loan Redemption arrangements, it is decided to accept money for the Loan of 1911 upon provisional scrip at the rate of £106. No public announcement will be made on the subject.

Chinese Education. A letter from the United Association of Chinese Schools is submitted on the subject of the scope of the enquiry of the General Educational Committee, and a reply as suggested by Dr Hawks Pott is authorised.

Ratepayers Meetings, Proxy Voting. The Council is informed that a very small number of proxies have been registered in accordance with Resolution IV passed at the last Annual Meeting, and it is decided to issue a Municipal Notification drawing public attention to the matter.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

David Landale

Chairman.

W. M. S. O. W.

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 11, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- H. Figge
- H.A.J. Macray
- C. Selby Moore
- W.A.C. Platt
- T.E. Trueman
- The Secretary and
- Assistant Secretary
- Absent: H.J. Craig

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Police Officers on Duty. With regard to the minute of the last meeting
on this subject, it is the general opinion of the Council that no
hardship would be constituted by the arrangement under which an
Officer would be always on duty in the Central Station. It is decided
in the first place to address an enquiry to the Captain Superintendent
as to his views on the matter, and as to his reasons for discontinuing
the practice.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of January 5,
are read and confirmed.

The Sikh Branch. Letters to Captain Barrett and to Mr Creasy are
read and approved for despatch.

Case of Sergeant Forde. Before this minute is finally confirmed
it is decided to ascertain from the Municipal Surgeons whether they
would be prepared upon application to certify that Sergeant Forde is
medically unfit for re-engagement.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of January 6, are read
and confirmed. In the matter of

Uniform, the Council approves the issue of S.V.C. overcoats for the
Band, for use when Volunteer uniform is ordered.

Vacancy in Committee. Mr Figge assents to serve as a member of the
Band Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 9, are read
and confirmed.

Native Rents. The action of the Watch Committee in issuing a proclamation
on January 7, in terms calculated to restore confidence among native

shopkeepers, and urging the resumption of business, is confirmed.

A Report by the Captain Superintendent of Police containing a summary of the events of the last few days in connexion with the native rent reduction agitation, is submitted and ordered for transmission for the information of the Consular Body.

Infectious Disease. A Report by the Health Officer is submitted, containing proposals for co-operation with the management of the new Chinese Public Hospital, and recommending the issue of a Notification on the subject. The Watch Committee endorses these proposals generally, except that which provides for the use of the Tientsin Road Hospital for the segregation of plague patients. Mr De Gray points out that at the recent meeting between the Special Committee of the Council and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, it was emphatically stipulated that the new Chinese hospital should be beyond Settlement limits, and he would regard any change on this point as undesirable. The matter is deferred for discussion at the next regular meeting of the Watch Committee.

Sinza Stone Bridge. A letter from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips is read, announcing the intention of the Chapei Administration to erect a temporary bridge over the Sooshow Creek at the termination of the Chengtu Road. To this the Council has no objection provided as usual the plans and work in progress are supervised by the Public Works Department. An enquiry is therefore directed as to whether or no the Pao An Dong now withdraws its offer to erect a temporary bridge on this side of the Stone Bridge.

Negotiations on this subject are already in progress, through the medium of the Senior Consul, and, in acknowledging the letter of Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips, it is decided to say that the Council can only receive communications from the Chinese Authorities through the proper channel.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The petition of Wong Zung Tai, drawn by Messrs Ellis, Hays & Godfrey, is submitted, in which he claims to be the owner of the strip of unregistered land included in Wayside Park under Award No. LXIX of the Land Commission. It is uncertain whether this claim is based on the fact that Wong Zung Tai had insufficient notice of the sitting of the Commission and was not adequately represented thereat, or whether the Council's right to take the case before the Land Commission is disputed. In the former event it is decided to make an offer, subject to legal advice and without prejudice, that the case be re-heard by the present Commission.

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Coal Supply. In response to Notification No. 2057, three tenders only have been received, and that of Messrs Hopkins Dunn & Co.Ld. for house coal at 78, and Anthracite at £14.25 per ton, is authorised for acceptance.

Mr Hutchison's Resignation. With regard to the letter from this member in the North China Daily News of January 6, and to the steps which have been taken with the Council's permission for its withdrawal, the Chairman states that it is a matter for the Council's consideration as to whether the final step of instituting legal proceedings should be permitted, having regard to the fact that the paper has done what is proper by way of reparation. He suggests a letter from himself setting out the facts and repudiating Mr Hutchison's insinuations. It appears to the members that to stop at the present point in the proceedings would be liable to misconception on the part of the public, and it is unanimously decided to allow the matter to proceed to a legal conclusion.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

David Goodall

Chairman.

M. Aynon

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 18, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H. De Gray	
	H. Figge	
	H. A. J. Maoray	
	C. Selby Moore	
	W. A. C. Platt	
	T. E. Trueman	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	
<u>Absent:</u>	H. J. Craig	

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of January 12, are read and confirmed. With respect to the amount to be fixed representing

Locomotion Allowance, a more direct reply from the Horse Bazaar is required, stating definitely for what sum per mensem they would be prepared to supply a suitable vehicle and pony to Municipal employees.

Tax Office Staff. The name of Collector Konsberg is incorrectly included in this minute, inasmuch as ^{he} with other Collectors who have not attained the maximum rate of pay, will be granted an additional £15 per mensem fixed for three years.

The minutes of the meetings of the Watch Committee of January 16 and 17, are read and confirmed. In respect to the case of

Insubordination in the Foreign Branch of the Police Force, the copy of the petition is read, also Mr Kirk's opinion in the case of P. C. Emmett. The Chairman has learnt from the Captain Superintendent that evidence will probably be forthcoming to the effect that all of the men who attended the meeting of the Committee, with the exception of P. C. Bamber, did as a fact sign the petition, including the threatening clause. The Detective who originally reported the matter will also, if necessary, give evidence should the case come to Court. It is therefore decided to await a further Report from the Captain Superintendent during the next few days, and, in the meanwhile Mr Kirk will be asked whether his opinion holds good in spite of the fact that the petition was not actually forwarded.

Firewood. An enquiry is directed as to whether convict labour could not be used for chopping firewood in lieu of its purchase from native suppliers.

Convict Labour, Hours of Work. A second enquiry is directed as to how many additional Warders would be required to increase the hours of work from 7 to 10 per diem.

Health Department, Woosung Road Quarters. The Watch Committee, having inspected these houses, has formed the opinion that they are quite suitable for the purpose for which they are used, and the Committee's minute is therefore confirmed, except in regard to the native houses to the south of the building, for the destruction of which there is in the members' opinion no reason.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of January 17, are read and confirmed.

Rail-Grinding Machines. Before taking any step in this matter the Council requires a Report from the Municipal Engineer on the subject.

Pump House over Hongkew Creek. Considerable discussion ensues on this subject, during which it is suggested that Mr J. Grant Mackenzie be asked for an opinion as to whether the erection of the pump within the Electricity Works is feasible or the reverse. Mr De Gray, however considers that the Council should decide as a matter of principle whether the pump house should be erected (either in the line of the Fearon Road or over the Hongkew Creek) or not, and, upon his proposal, a negative decision is recorded. It is therefore decided to ascertain from the Electrical Engineer what his alternative scheme for placing the pump within the Works will involve.

Meter Rent. The attention of the Committee is directed to the necessity for provision against the unnecessary use by consumers of more than one meter.

Debit Notes. During the discussion of this minute, Mr Trueman points out that debit notes are at present presented two months late or even more, and it is decided to draw the attention of the Committee to this matter also.

Transformer House, Cathedral Compound. The reason assigned for moving the Transformer House from the Municipal Compound to that of the Cathedral is, in the Chairman's opinion, inadequate, inasmuch as other transformer houses in the Central District closely adjoin large foreign buildings. On the other hand the Council is not averse to addressing a request to the Cathedral Trustees as suggested.

Volunteers.

Staff. The commission of Lieutenant G.G. Carlsen (Instructor in Signalling) is authorised for renewal with effect from date of expiry, January 22.

"A" Company, Mounted Rifles. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the Strength of this Company now amounting to 32 of all ranks, a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr S.B. Neill.

German Company. The resignation of Lieutenant L.Wiegand is accepted with effect from December 31, 1910, on which date this officer left Shanghai.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a Commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr H.A.F. Henniger.

Portuguese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to D.M.de G. Gutterres, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieutenant B.M. Carion.

Chinese Company. The Commission of Captain L.J. Cubitt having expired, the Council is informed that he does not desire that it be renewed. Captain Cubitt has served as an officer of the Corps since March 1899, when he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in "A" Company; he was promoted to be Lieutenant in the Reserve Company in January 1903, and Captain in the Customs Company in April 1905; and re-appointed Captain in the Chinese Company in January 1908. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant it is decided to permit him to retain his rank on the Retired List, and the Council directs that a letter be addressed to Captain Cubitt expressing appreciation of his work in connexion with the Corps.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr A.M. Lester.

Case of Inspector Matheson. ^{Referring to the minutes of December 7} Inspector Matheson has again expressed to the Chairman of the Watch Committee his desire that the Council will afford him some further recognition of his 26 years' service in the Police Force, as a result of which his case is the subject of further discussion. It is decided to increase the sum payable under the Rules of the Superannuation Fund from £3,500 to £10,000.

General Hospital and Victoria Nursing Home. A letter from Dr R.J. Marshall is submitted, containing a copy of 6 Resolutions with respect to the public hospital accommodation in Shanghai, passed at a recent meeting of medical practitioners convened by the Governors of the General Hospital. The Chairman states that the Governors are about to address the Council on the subject of the immediate need for completing the new hospital building, and desiring an undertaking from the Council and the French Council to accept responsibility for the interest on the Loan necessary for this purpose in the proportion of 2 to 1. A discussion ensues as to the measure of direct or indirect


control which should be exercised by the Council over the Hospital in the event of this proposal being adopted, but it is decided to take no step in the matter pending receipt of the Governors' letter.

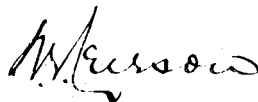
Chinese Building Rules. The reply of the Special Committee of 1909 to the Health Officer's re-draft of Rules VIII and XVIII is submitted, and will have consideration at the hands of the Watch Committee when the Health Officer's comment thereon is received.

Stone Bridge Approach. A report by the Engineer is read to the effect that he can secure the demolition of the houses within the line of the West Soochow Road Extension, which at present block the approach to this bridge, upon payment of the sum of £1200. The Council authorises this payment, upon the condition that the houses in question are removed before China New Year, and, with regard to title to the land upon which they stand, which is stated to be Chinese Government property, it is decided to take no step in the matter of its acquisition for the present.

Municipal Notifications. The request of the proprietor of "Capital and Commerce" that Municipal Notifications be published in this weekly paper is submitted, and approved so far as Notifications calling for tenders, building contracts, etc are concerned; it is understood that the paper will make the usual reduction of 20 per cent on the tariff prices.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.


Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 25, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs W.A.C. Platt (Vice-Chairman)
H. De Gray
H. Figge
H.A.J. Maoray
C. Selby Moore.
T.E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.J. Craig
D. Landale

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Case of Inspector Matheson. The Chairman states that in the opinion of
the Captain Superintendent the Council's treatment of this case is
too generous, having in view the possibility of similar instances
arising within the next few years, for which this may constitute a
precedent. Mr De Gray alludes in the strongest terms to the
desirability of treating employes who have borne so good a character
and served so long as Inspector Matheson with liberality, and after
discussion, the Council concurring in the views expressed, the
former recorded decision is confirmed.

Consular Body. A letter from Mr E.D.H. Fraser, C.M.G., H.M. Consul
General officiating, informs the Council that he has taken over
charge of the Consulate General from Sir Pelham L. Warren, K.C.M.G.,
with effect from January 20.

A further letter from Sir Pelham Warren states that pending the
return to Shanghai of Mr D. Siffert, Consul General for Belgium,
Mr T. Hansen, Consul General for Norway, will be Senior Consul.

Police Force.

Case of Insubordination. Referring to the minute of January 18, a
Report by the Captain Superintendent sets out the whole of the facts
in this case for the Council's information, and adds a recommendation
that Constables Emmett and Prior be dismissed for misconduct.
Messrs De Gray and Trueman are in some doubt as to whether this
punishment is justified, having in view the fact that the offending
petition was not actually forwarded. A note by the Legal Adviser
sets this point at rest, and the recommendation of the Captain
Superintendent is adopted.

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Case of Sergeant Goddard. This Sergeant having ^{made} personal representations as to his destitute condition to the members of the Watch Committee, it is decided as an act of grace to issue to him \$100 from the Superannuation Fund, and his passage to Singapore, where it is understood he has hope of employment.

Case of Constable Aiers. The Chairman reads a letter from Mr J.C.E. Douglas, written in this Constable's interests, and asking (i) that his leave may have effect from March 12; (ii) that his agreement may terminate in London on December 12, and (iii) that he be given Superannuation under Rule 10. Such is in fact the treatment which would have been accorded to Constable Aiers had his original application been properly presented; the Council therefore readily complies with Mr Douglas' request.

Municipal Surgeons. Figures submitted show that the Municipal Foreign Staff has increased between December 31, 1907, and the same date 1910, from 350 to 448, and the proposal of the Finance Committee to make a new agreement with the Municipal Surgeons for a further period of 3 years at a fee, increased proportionately from £6000 to (say) £8000, is adopted.

Paulun Hospital. A letter from the Committee of this Hospital is read, containing a Report on the year's work and a Statement of Accounts for 1910. Compliance with the Committee's request for a renewal of the Grant of £1000 for 1911 is authorised.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Rejoinder to the Petition of Wong Zung Tai, drawn by the Legal Adviser, is submitted for consideration. In the discussion which ensues it appears that the actual issue at stake is not apparent in the pleadings, and Mr Platt undertakes if possible to ascertain from Mr Ellis what his client actually desires. If he is unsuccessful, it is directed that the Rejoinder be so modified as to illustrate the fact that the Council has done what is possible to obviate a law-suit.

Traffic Islands. Mr Trueman draws attention to the fact that two accidents have taken place at the corner of the Nanking and Kiangse Roads, due to the fact that the electric light at this point failed and that the island thus became highly dangerous to traffic. This particular island is regarded by the Council generally as an undesirable obstruction rather than as a help to traffic, and its removal will therefore have the attention of the Watch Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

David ...

Chairman.

W. Mason
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 8, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H. De Gray	
	H. Figge	
	H. A. J. Macray	
	C. Selby Moore	
	W. A. C. Piatt	
	T. E. Trueman	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	
<u>Absent:</u>	H. J. Craig	

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Council is informed that all efforts to ascertain the nature of the point to be taken by Mr Ellis in the suit of Wong Zung Tai have failed: that in consequence the Council's Rejoinder has been filed: and that Mr Ellis is about to file a further reply.

Traffic Islands. A Police Report on the subject of the island at the corner of the Nanking and Kiangse Roads is read, and, after some discussion, the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent is adopted that no further action be taken in this matter until the widening consequent upon the re-building of the shop at the corner of Lot 84 is completed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of January 26, are read and confirmed. With regard to the Ellis Kadoorie School Building, the Council is unanimously of opinion that ¥85,000 is too large a sum to expend on this building, particularly in the light of Mr Figge's statement that the German School in the Weihaiwei Road cost no more than ¥30000. The Engineer will therefore be directed to re-model his proposals, and to design a school which shall cost not more than ¥50000, and which shall be capable of being built in instalments and thus added to from time to time.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 2, are read and confirmed.

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Plague. In accordance with the Council's wishes the Chairman attended the Plague Preventinn Conference held at the German Consulate General on February 6, accompanied by the Health Officer. He recounts the proceedings at that meeting, and states that a summary of the preventive measures in force in the Settlement will be compiled by the Health Officer and forwarded to the Chairman of the Conference, for transmission, through the Consular Body, to the Tactai, with a view to similar precautionary efforts in the Native City and elsewhere beyond the Settlement Boundary.

With regard to co-operation between the Municipal and River Police in the supervision of the arrangements for ships at the wharftide, Mr Landale informed the Conference that the Police could do no more than report breaches of the ^{Regulations when} ~~orders to be~~ observed.

Shanghai General Hospital. Mr Selby Moore is in doubt whether the Council should properly expend so large an annual sum as is proposed in a Grant to the General Hospital in preference to the independent development of the Victoria Nursing Home. The Chairman points out in reply that the General Hospital is in practice as much a public institution as the Home, though possibly the measure of Municipal control is as a fact less. He adds the opinion that there should not be competition between the two institutions, both of which he regards as entitled to support from ^{the} Public Funds. It is understood and recorded that so soon as the General Hospital has been placed upon a satisfactory working basis ~~the~~ development of the Nursing Home will ensue.

With regard to the Committee's proposals (c) and (d) the Chairman anticipates some difficulty in carrying them into effect without friction. As an alternative it is suggested that the Health Officer be proposed as one of the Ratepayers' nominees for the Board of Governors, and an enquiry as to the possibility of this arrangement is directed, having in view the terms of the General Hospital Trust Deed. Final decision in the matter is deferred for the present.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 6, are read and confirmed with some amendment in respect to that under the heading Ruinous Buildings. With regard to the case of Davies, Custodian of the Town Hall, the file relative to his resignation is ordered for circulation to the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Special Committee of the Council (Municipal Buildings) of February 7, are read and confirmed.

Visit of the German Crown Prince. From a letter from the Consul General for Germany the Council learns with sincere regret that the tour of H.I. and R.H. to China and Japan has been abandoned.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A communication from the Consular Body informs the Council of the election of the representatives of Norway, Germany and Italy, to constitute the Court for 1911, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Land Regulations. The Chairman points out that for the first time since the Court was established the representative of Great Britain has not been included as one of the Judges, a state of affairs which he regards as regrettable, not only because ~~two-thirds~~ ^{three-fifths} of the Foreign population of the Settlement are British subjects and because the proceedings of the Court are necessarily conducted in the English language, but also because it is desirable that the Court's authority should have the support of the British Government in the possible event of a conflict of opinion between the Court and a Ratepayers Meeting. A draft reply to the Consular Body setting out the first two of these objections is read and approved, but, before its despatch, Mr Figge will ascertain the view which the German Consul General holds of the matter.

Volunteers Annual Training and Inspection. The Commandant notifies the ~~Council~~ ^{Council} ~~Committee~~ of the dates fixed for the Annual Training of the Corps, viz. from March 6 for Mounted and March 18 for Dismounted Units to Saturday, April 22. It is decided to request the General Officer Commanding H.M. Forces in South China to hold the usual Inspection on the last named date.

Police. Supervision of Sikh Watchmen. A Report by the Captain Superintendent, in accordance with the Watch Committee's instructions, is submitted, setting out his reasons for proposing discontinuance of this duty. Messrs Figge and Trueman are both of opinion that such a step would be retrograde, and that the behaviour of Sikh watchmen in the Settlement without such supervision would be worse than it was originally. In the discussion which ensues the difficulty appears to be the lack of sufficient officers for this work, and it is decided to enquire from the Captain Superintendent whether it cannot continue without encroaching upon the time of the Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Sikh Branch.

Native Press. With regard to the proposal of the Watch Committee to prosecute the editor of the "National Herald" for his anti-foreign article of January 26, and to the opinion of the Police Legal Adviser that, though the article is overdrawn and exaggerated, the editor appears to be quite within his rights, the Council, upon consideration,

decides to proceed with the prosecution. The opinion is recorded that, even if the Police fail to obtain a conviction, the effect upon this and other native editors would be satisfactory.

Case of Attempted Arrest. A letter from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips is read with regard to the alleged improper action of P.C. Emmett while executing a warrant for the arrest of one Li Hou She. From the Police Report on the case it appears to the members that Emmett's action was unquestionably wrong, and it is decided, in expressing the Council's regret for the occurrence, to inform Messrs Drummond that the constable concerned has, since the incident, been dismissed from the Force for misconduct.

Native Funeral. A verbal request, forwarded through Mr De Gray, that the funeral of the late dealer Ta Foong be accompanied in procession through the Settlement by 40 of the Chapel Constabulary with rifles, is considered; the Council is however opposed to this display of Paoshan Police within the Settlement, and permission will accordingly be refused. On the other hand the applicant will be informed that as many mounted Sikhs as possible may accompany the procession on payment at the usual tariff rates.

Gambling in Native Clubs. A Report by the Captain Superintendent draws attention to the dismissal by the Mixed Court Magistrate of a case of gambling in a licensed native club, clearly proved at the Court on January 27. At his suggestion it is decided to draw the pointed attention of the Taotai to this matter, and to make reference to the instructions issued by his predecessor to the Magistrate on the subject of gambling in January of last year.

Licenses for Foreign Clubs. The attention of the Council is drawn to the remarks of the Police Legal Adviser in the Norwegian Court on February 7, wherein Mr Kirk expressed the view that in law clubs in the Settlement of whatever degree should not be permitted to sell liquor without a licence. A Police Report endorses this view and states that prosecutions such as that in this instance would be facilitated were such a course followed. The Council is of opinion that the licensing of clubs under these circumstances appears desirable, and Mr Platt states that the levy would meet with little opposition. The question is therefore referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Water Supply beyond Limits. A letter from the Waterworks Company re-introduces the vexed question of the liability of consumers on native roads to pay taxes in accordance with the standing arrangement

of 1905. Before going further into the matter Mr Platt undertakes to ascertain from the Company its reason for not allowing this matter to remain in abeyance as informally arranged in 1909.

Shanghai Club Portico. Drawings of the proposed porchway to extend over the footpath opposite the Club premises on the Bund are submitted and approved, the easement will therefore be granted for a nominal annual rental of £1, with the usual reservation as to removal.

Peking Road Widening. With regard to a case of unregistered land settled between the Council and the native owner in August last, an application from Mr Fobes is submitted desiring that payment for the land be made forthwith, the title deed having been applied for though not yet issued. After some consideration it is decided to comply with this request.

Municipal Records. The Council sanctions the removal of the old Minute Books to Mr Lanning's residence for purposes of his History, not more than one or two being taken at the same time, and upon the condition that Mr Lanning provides for the custody of the books in a fire-proof safe.

Mr Craig. At the suggestion of Mr Trueman it is decided to obtain this member's formal resignation.

The meeting adjourns at 7 o'clock p.m.

W. J. Wilson
Secretary.

W. A. C. H. H.
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 15, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs W.A.C. Platt (Vice-Chairman)
 H. De Gray
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 T. E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: D. Landale
 H. A. J. Macray

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Native Funeral. In further discussion of the question of Ta Foong's
 funeral, Mr Figge states that the family has failed in its
 application to the Senior Consul that the procession be accompanied
 by Chinese troops. It is, however, directed that 12 Sikh troopers
 take part in the funeral as escort.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of February 9,
 are read and confirmed. In regard to the
Salary of Mr Ross, it appears to the members that the arrangement
 proposed in regard to new Assistant Masters amounts to an increase
 in the School Scale of Salaries, in which Mr Ross is properly
 entitled to participate. In the light of this ruling the matter
 will again have the attention of the School Committee, and the
 necessary provision will be made in the Budget for increase under
 the heading "Pay".

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 9, are
 read and confirmed. With regard to the amount of the
Redemption Appropriation for 1911, the minute goes further than
 was intended, and the matter will have further consideration at
 the Committee's next meeting. Mr Figge states that he is arranging
 to have certain figures worked out for the guidance of members.

Licensing of Foreign Clubs. Mr Platt observes that clubs in
 England which retail liquor are now all licensed, and he is of
 opinion that the time cannot be far distant before similar local
 practice is introduced.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of February 10, are read and confirmed.

Court of Foreign Consuls. Mr Figge states that he learnt from the German Consul General that it is probable that Mr Monaco, Consul General for Italy, will shortly be going home. Mr von Buri is now aware of the view which the Council takes of this matter, and will use his best endeavour to ensure that the vacancy is filled by the appointment of Mr Fraser. Mr Landale's action, in sending only the usual form of acknowledgment of the Consular Body's notification, is therefore endorsed, together with his proposal that, if at the Ratepayers Meeting the necessary change has not then taken place, he shall allude to the matter in his speech in the strongest terms.

Volunteers.

Chinese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a Commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Lieutenant G. Grayrigge.

Artillery. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr F R. Barry.

Police Force Sikh Branch. A petition by two discharged Sergeants and one discharged Constable, forwarded through H.M. Consul General, is submitted. This matter will receive the attention of the Watch Committee upon receipt of a Report thereon by the Captain Superintendent

Opium. A Report by the Overseer of Taxes is read, in regard to the licence fee payable by opium shops, and suggesting that it be raised to a minimum of \$15 and a maximum of \$60 per mensem. After reference to the Council's letter to the Consular Body of November 28, it is decided to draw the Budget in this respect upon the basis of the existing scale, with a footnote reserving to the Council the right in its discretion to raise the fee as suggested. In the meantime Mr Allen points out that, judging from the receipts for the month of January, a total of \$60000 will be collected at the present scale, and after some discussion it is decided to insert this amended figure.

Director of Chinese Study. The Rev. Dr L.H. Davis notifies the Council that he is proceeding on furlough on July 1. So far as the Council is aware Dr Davis' duties are performed in a satisfactory manner; it is therefore decided to request that he will suggest a suitable Chinese scholar who will perform this work in his absence.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

David ...

Chairman.

W. ...

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 22, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
 H. De Gray
 H. Figge
 H. A. J. Macray
 C. Selby Moore
 W. A. C. Platt
 T. E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 20, are
 read and confirmed. In regard to the
Case of the late Custodian of the Town Hall, a letter from H. M.
 Consul General is read, forwarding a petition by Mr Davies in
 respect to the grant of \$4500 recently authorised for issue to him.
 Therefrom it appears that Mr Davies considers that he should
 receive not less than Inspector Matheson, losing sight of the
 difference in status between himself and the employe named. The
 Council enquires what sum would have accrued if the Superannuation
 Fund had been in existence during the term of the employe's service,
 upon receipt of which information the Chairman will inform Mr Fraser
 of the facts. In the meanwhile it is decided to publish a full
 summary of the case in the form of a minute.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for
Chinese of February 21, are read and confirmed.

Volunteers.

Chinese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a
 commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to 2nd Lieutenant
 R. M. Saker, with effect from January 15, the date of expiry of
 his present commission.

Light Horse. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission
 as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to 2nd Lieutenant C. A.
 McLellan, upon promotion.

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Police Force.

Case of P.C. Lattimore. With regard to the proceedings in H.M. Police Court this morning, a Report by the Captain Superintendent forwards this man's record, from which it appears that he is useless as a Police Constable. Upon Colonel Bruce's recommendation, therefore, his dismissal is directed, a steerage passage to England being issued.

Sikh Branch. A Report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted, on the petition of 3 Sikhs forwarded through H.M. Consul General. This Report in the Council's opinion effectively disposes of any complaint as to unfair treatment, and it is decided to furnish a copy of the document for Mr Fraser's information.

Famine Refugees. The Police Report of February 18 referred to a group of about 300 refugees which had settled in the neighbourhood of the Brennan and Rubicon Roads. The Council now learns that these destitutes have removed beyond the Rubicon Creek, and no action in the matter appears therefore to be called for.

Salt Monopoly. From references in recent issues of the Sin Wan Pao it appears that the Native Authorities are again displaying activity in regard to the sale of salt within and beyond the Settlement boundary. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee therefore, it is decided to re-issue Notification No 1957 of March 1909, wherein the Chinese public is informed that the sale of salt in the Settlement is without restraint or restriction.

Motor Horns. A note from the Captain Superintendent alludes to the fact that the amended licence condition with respect to Motor Horns, suggested last year, has not yet been brought into force. After some discussion the Council records the view that this matter may properly await receipt of the London Special Committee's Report on the subject. Condition No 5, attached to existing licences, is considered sufficient to enable the Police to deal with any individual objectionable horn.

Native Press. With regard to the proposed prosecution of the National Herald, the Council is informed that the Editor has expressed regret for the article of which complaint is made, and offered to insert an apology, a draft of which is submitted, and to contribute at the same time \$50 to charity. Acceptance of this proposal is authorised, with a note to the effect that the reference to Hankow in the apology may be omitted.

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Gas Main in the Canton Road. The reply of the Tramway Company is read in which it is sought to make the Company's payment of the sum due to the Gas Company under Mr Bourne's Award conditional upon the approval by the Ratepayers of a reduction of the sums paid for Royalty and Road Maintenance. The Council is unanimously opposed to any re-introduction of this subject at the Ratepayers Meeting, after the marked expression of public disapproval of the suggestion last year. The Chairman undertakes to make this matter clear to the Chairman of the Tramway Company, and to obtain, if possible, his assent to the withdrawal of the letter.

Educational Grants. An application by the Committee of the Baby Home is submitted for an annual grant of £1000, and some discussion ensues. Mr Platt is of opinion that the management of this Institution is uneconomical, and, generally speaking, the members consider that, as in the case of the Ladies Benevolent Society, such a grant could not but form a precedent for public support to other similar charities. Under the circumstances, therefore, the Council is unwilling to comply with this request.

The meeting adjourns at 6 o'clock p.m.

David...

Chairman.

W. Mans...

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 1, 1911, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
H. De Gray
H. Figge
E.A.J. Macray
C. Selby Moore
W.A.C. Platt
The Treasurer
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Police Recruits. With regard to a Return now in course of compilation of the resignations, dismissals, etc. from the Force during the past two years, some discussion arises as to the poor class of recruits now being engaged by Colonel Pollock in England, and Mr Platt points out that this is one of the subjects to which the attention of the Captain Superintendent will be devoted during his forthcoming leave.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of March 1, are read and confirmed. With regard to the question of the Assistant Conductor's agreement, Mr Figge considers that it would be preferable for employes engaged in Europe to sign their agreements before proceeding to the East. The matter will come up for discussion again when the exact terms of Mr Millies' contention are learnt.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 27, are read and confirmed.

Budget 1911. Messrs C.E. Anton, A.W. Burkill, E.E. Clark, E.J. Cornfoot and E.C. Pearce, the new members of the Council for 1911, attend for the discussion of the Council's Budget proposals submitted in proof with Introduction. The Chairman expresses regret that the Budget was not in members' hands at an earlier date, but points out that the new members are in the same position as those of the present Council, except the Finance Committee. It is the Council's intention this year to publish the whole of the Finance section of the Annual Report in advance of the rest of the book, if possible on Monday next. Proofs are in members' hands, and it is decided to hold a further meeting of

Council later in the week if any point arises upon which a member desires information or amendment.

The Introduction to the Budget is then read and discussed in detail.

Fire Brigade. Mr Burkill considers that the strictures upon Fire Brigade expenditure are perhaps unnecessarily harsh, a view which is also voiced by the Treasurer. The Watch Committee, however, is unanimous in the opinion that better financial supervision must be introduced if the Brigade is to continue as at present organised, and, after some discussion, it is decided that the paragraph should stand.

Police Expenditure. The responsibility for the present heavy percentage of Income expended on the Police Force is disclaimed by the Finance Committee, who attribute it to the agitation which arose in 1907, and to the recommendations of the Police Enquiry Committee of that year.

Grant to the General Hospital. The Chairman recounts at some length the informal negotiations which have taken place in respect to the development scheme of the General Hospital. He alludes to the suggestions which have been made (a) for the provision of a Committee of Medical Men to act under the Board of Governors, and (b) for the nomination on the Board of the Chairman of Council, the Chairman of the Watch Committee, and the Health Officer. He states that he has arrived at the conclusion that to request Messrs Hogg and McLeod to retire from the Board of Governors after so many years connexion with this Institution, would be an ungrateful act.

The French Council has expressed willingness to accept one-third of the liability now proposed, and Mr Landale is of opinion that the Council may well act in a like manner with respect to the remaining two-thirds. Mr Burkill refers to the dissatisfaction which was expressed in regard to the management of the Hospital some three years ago, and after further general discussion it is decided to publish the Hospital Trust Deed in the Municipal Gazette, so that the difficulties which beset any scheme of re-construction may be generally known. The matter will be explained in full in a paragraph in the Chairman's speech at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. With this in view it is decided to confine the paragraph on the subject in the Budget to the statement that the increased grant is at present under discussion.

The members of Council for 1911, ^{and the Treasurer} then withdraw.

Annual Inspection.

Volunteers. A despatch from Hongkong informs the Council that General Anderson will be pleased to conduct the Annual Inspection of the Corps on April 22.

Marin Company. An extension of leave for six months is granted to Captain G.E. Stewart from March 6, he being stationed at present in Hongkong.

Engineer Company. Nine months leave of absence is granted to 2nd Lieut. C.D. Pearson from April 6. This officer will undergo a course of instruction at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham.

Medical Staff. Nine months leave of absence is granted to Captain R.J. Marshall from March 14.

Plague Prevention Conference. Letters from the Chairman of the Conference are submitted relating to the declaration of Dalny and Tientsin as infected Ports. A further meeting of the Conference is fixed for Friday, March 3, at which the Chairman and the Health Officer will attend as before. The Council expresses itself as in favour of both of the proposed measures for the present.

With regard to the invitation of the Chinese Government, conveyed through Dr Wulienteh, Harbin, to the Health Officer, that he will attend a Plague Conference at Mukden on April 3, the Council is unanimously of opinion that it is to the public interest that Dr Stanley attend. A telegram in this sense will be dispatched.

Wayside Park. A sketch for the laying out of this new open space, as recommended by the Parks Committee, is submitted and approved, to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Budget.

Proxy Voting. A Report by the Overseer of Taxes is read, summarising the position in which this matter stands, and enumerating the difficulties which have presented themselves. His suggestion that scrutineers be appointed by the Ratepayers meets with the members' approval, but the Chairman states that it is the Council's policy to leave the exclusion from Ratepayers Meetings of persons not provided with written proxies from absentees, to the Meeting itself. It is decided to publish the usual Voting List with asterisks opposite the names of those not so provided.

Various questions relating to irregular proxies will be submitted for decision by a member of the firm of Legal Advisers. In the meanwhile Sir Havilland de Sausmarez desires to be fully apprised of particulars of the matter, for the reason that he may be called upon to make a ruling on the subject. It is therefore decided to furnish him with full information.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

David Macdonald

Chairman.

W. Messon

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 8, 1911, at 4.30 p.m.,
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
 H. De Gray
 H. Figge
 H.A.J. Maoray
 C. Selby Moore
 W.A.C. Platt
 T.E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 28, are read
 and confirmed. In respect to the:-

Fire Brigade, Departmental Engineer, Mr Trueman expresses satisfaction
 at the definite contemplation by the Committee of the transfer of fire
 prevention service to Police control. A discussion ensues as to the
 type of fire expert to be obtained from England which would be best
 suited to the peculiar conditions of service in Shanghai. The Chairman
 points out that Fire Brigade officers in London are as a rule retired
 naval officers or similar persons, and that such a man would be of
 less value to Shanghai than a junior Police officer of say 5 years'
 service in the present Brigade. The Council is unanimous in the view
 that the man to be engaged should be an engineer, with knowledge of
 fire service motor machinery, both mechanical and in active use. A
 memorandum setting out this view will be prepared for the Watch
 Committee's approval, and thereafter for Colonel Bruce's use in
 England.

Casual Ward. The advanced position in which this question stands
 without official authority is due to somewhat precipitate action on
 the part of the Captain Superintendent of Police and Engineer. At the
 same time the Council now endorses what has been done, and is prepared
 to meet the requisite expense on the scheme for the establishment of a
 Casual Ward for Foreigners without employment, to be hereafter under
 Police control. Some discussion arises as to the class of work which
 inmates of the Ward will be made to perform, and it is recorded that
 these and other arrangements will in the first place be experimental
 in character. The primary aim of the institution is to meet the desire

of local charitable societies for a place where beachcombers and the like may be sent to obtain meals and a few nights' lodging in return for work performed. The matter is now one of construction detail and is therefore referred to the Works Committee.

Supervision of Sikh Watchmen. Mr Platt states that the intention of the Committee was less a definite endorsement of the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent of Police than the submission of the matter for re-discussion by the Council in the light of Colonel Bruce's objections to continuing the work of supervision. The Chairman and Messrs Figge and Trueman are strongly opposed to abandonment of this work, for the reason that Sikh watchmen without supervision will unquestionably become an unsatisfactory and disorderly class, as they were some years ago.

It is suggested that the services of the Commandant of Volunteers might be utilised in the organisation of Watchmen's Registration Office, but this proposal is open to certain objections. The matter is again referred for Police Report, with the Council's direction that some means must be found for continuing Municipal supervision of these men.

Lighting and Police in Nanking Road. The adequacy of the policing of this road at night is gravely doubted, certain members having personal knowledge of the scarcity of Police in its neighbourhood, and of the habit of Chinese Constables to sleep when nominally on duty. The matter is again set down as one calling for improvement in this respect.

Inspector Mackintosh. The Council is informed that the expiry of this Inspector's agreement on March 5 rendered it necessary to carry out the Watch Committee's instructions before final confirmation by the Council. The Committee's recommendation on the subject of Superannuation is now approved, and it is decided to publish a full explanatory minute on the subject.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 2, are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 6, are read and confirmed. In regard to the:-

Pahsienjao Cemetery Extension, the Committee has visited the Siocwei Road Nursery and formed the view that its partial use as a Mohammedan Cemetery is undesirable for reasons stated. The Chairman undertakes to see the French Consul-General on this subject, and make the

request that the French Council will either permit the use of the land for the purpose for which it has been bought, or refund to the Council the whole cost expended. If the latter alternative is acceded to, the Chairman again suggests placing Paoshan Lot 177 at the disposal of the Mohammedan Community.

Timor Road. After careful inspection of the Official Plan of the Western District, the Committee's recommendation on the subject of this new road is confirmed.

Public Lighting, Lighting on Moonlight Nights. This minute gives rise to some discussion in view of that of the Watch Committee foregoing, and, upon the earnest representations of Mr Trueman, it is now confirmed.

Foreign Criminals without Consular Protection. With reference to the cases of (a) two alleged German protégés at present in the Hongkew Station cells, and (b) two alleged Greeks sentenced on March 4 at the Mixed Court to 2 years and 6 months imprisonment respectively, it is pointed out that the number of these persons is increasing, and the Council is therefore under the necessity of directing that a definite number of cells in the Municipal Gaol be set aside for convicts sentenced under Rule 7 of the Mixed Court. It is directed that such criminals be treated in exactly the same manner as ordinary Chinese prisoners, except that (a) they will not be housed in cells together with Chinese, and (b) they will be given Foreign food in exact accordance with that supplied to 3rd Class prisoners in the British Gaol.

Case of Constable Fox. This recruit, who arrived on February 22, is reported by the Captain Superintendent ^{Amely in possession of his full second tier.} to be ~~of unsound mind~~. His recommendation that the man be sent back to England at once is adopted, while it is noted that the written certificate of the Municipal Surgeons is [^]necessary preliminary to this step. The case is one which, in the Council's opinion, reflects most unfavourably on the work of Colonel Pollock and Dr [^]Henderson, [^]Continuation of the services of the former is noted for consideration upon receipt of Colonel Bruce's Report, after his investigation at home into the present method of recruiting. The retention of the services of the latter will similarly require re-consideration at the hands of the Council at a later date. In the meantime the Chairman is of opinion that the intimate knowledge of the Council's requirements which is possessed by Mr Mayne might suitably be employed in this connexion.

Plague Prevention. A letter from the Chairman of the Plague Prevention Conference is read on the subject of quarantine upon ships from Port Arthur, and his suggested reply to the letter of the Consul General for Japan enclosed therein, meets with the Council's acquiescence.

Land Assessment. A letter signed by the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. and numerous other landowners in the Settlement is read, suggesting the re-assessment of the Settlement during the current year, to come into force on January 1, 1912. The Council is unanimously of opinion that while such re-assessment may be justified in the circumstances, it is unfitting that the Council should make an official proposal on the subject until the present assessment which came into force on July 1, 1907, with respect to the Central District, and on January 1, 1908, with respect to the remaining Districts, has stood for 5 years. In reply, therefore, it will be stated that if a Resolution in this sense is introduced at the forthcoming Ratepayers Meeting the Council will not oppose it.

Gas Main in the Canton Road. From letters of the Tramway Company of February 20 and 28, and from a note from the Chairman of the Company of March 3, the Council learns that, in spite of former definite agreements, the Company does not consider itself liable for payment of the Gas Company's expenses in connexion with the new main in the Canton Road. The Chairman has seen Mr Wheelley in this matter, and he has undertaken to re-consider the Company's position. It is further decided to afford Messrs Cubitt and Wheelock an opportunity of perusing the file on the subject. Should the Company persist in their present attitude it appears that it will be necessary to place the matter in the hands of the Legal Advisers, with a view to enforcement of the Council's claim. In the meanwhile the Council regards the proposal to remove the track from the Canton Road as abandoned, and this decision will be communicated to the Gas Company forthwith.

Application of Mr E.G. Wilson. Mr Wilson applies for monetary compensation in respect to his failure in business, which he attributes to the fact that the tramway in the Nanking Road has destroyed what was formerly a paying business. The Council recalls a similar application on the part of Mr W.T. Evans, which was finally the subject of a Resolution at the Ratepayers' Meeting in March 1908. In the present instance the Council is unable to do more than inform the applicant that, while sympathising with his difficulties, the members are unable to comply with his request except under the direction of the Ratepayers.

Ratepayers' Meeting. Official Resolutions. These are submitted in draft and approved. The only matter therein calling for discussion being the period of the three proposed Loans. A note from the Treasurer urges the general adoption of a period of 40 years for Municipal Loans, but, after consideration, the recommendation of the Finance Committee as formerly recorded is adopted, viz. that the Loans for General Purposes and Electric Extension shall be for a period of 30 years, while the Special Loan for the purchase of Cadastral Lot 171, Central District, shall be for 50 years.

Aviation. A letter from Mr R. Peters is read, desiring a donation from the Council towards the prize for a flight over the Settlement. This proposal is regarded as one to which the Council's support cannot be extended.

The meeting adjourns at 7 o'clock p.m.

David ...

Chairman.

W. ...
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 15, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
 H.De Gray
 H.Figge
 H.A.J.Macray
 C.Selby Moore
 W.A.C.Platt
 T.E.Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Gas Main in the Canton Road. A letter from the Tramway Company is read to the effect that the Local Board was under a misapprehension in this matter, and enclosing cheques for £606:6:6 and \$770. This conclusion of the incident is regarded by the Council as satisfactory.

Police, Foreign Branch. With reference to the practice of recent years to publish in the Municipal Gazette the substance of Board Orders relating to appointments, dismissals, etc., from the Police Force, attention is drawn to a paragraph in "The Union" on the subject, in which it is pointed out that the re-production of extracts of this character may render newspapers liable to prosecution. In the discussion which ensues, without expressing any opinion on the point, the Council records the view that no good purpose is served by alluding to the reason for dismissals from the Municipal Service, and it is directed that the practice be discontinued.

Tavern Licences. 18 applications for new Tavern Licences are submitted, a list of which will be published as usual, so that protests against their issue, or against the renewal of existing licences, may if desired be forwarded for consideration by the Watch Committee on March 30.

Road Extensions and Widenings. The Official Plans, containing the approved alterations and additions, are signed by the Chairman, and directions are given for the issue of the usual Notification on the subject.



Electricity Department. A Report by the Electrical Engineer on his work in England in connexion with the development scheme for the Riverside Power Station is submitted and copies distributed to members. This Report will have the consideration of the Electricity Committee at an early date.

Plague Byelaws. Letters from the Senior Consul and from the Chairman of the recent Special Meeting of Ratepayers are submitted, informing the Council of the approval by the Diplomatic Body of these Byelaws, with two small amendments. These letters are ordered for publication, and the Byelaws in their final form are ordered to be printed and added to the existing Code attached to the Land Regulations.

Plague Prevention Conference. A letter from the Secretary of the Conference encloses copies of telegrams from H.M. Consuls at Chefoo and Newchwang for the Council's information.

Case of P.C. Fox. Letters from Drs Macleod and Billinghurst are read on the subject of this man's condition, from which it appears unquestionably desirable that he return to England as soon as possible; directions are given in this sense.

Case of ex-P.C. Emmett. A letter from Emmett is submitted, claiming on the Council for the balance of pay which would have been due to him under his agreement, with superannuation and passage, under threat of a suit in the Court of Consuls. A Police Report on the case is read, enclosing signed statements on the part of Sergeant Simpson and Constable Champney to the effect that they saw the petition, containing the paragraph threatening to cease work, with Emmett's signature thereon. Under these circumstances it is decided to refuse compliance.

Detective Branch. With regard to applications for long leave during the next summer on the part of Chief Detective Inspector Armstrong and Detective Sub-Inspectors Fitzgibbon and Roche, the Council is of opinion that these three senior men should not be away from Shanghai at the same time, and that more particularly so during the absence on leave of the Captain Superintendent. Colonel Bruce's report on the subject states that he is desirous that Armstrong shall be in London at the time when he is making investigations on the subject of detective work. The Chairman points out that the leave of the Chief Detective Inspector under these circumstances should be left for consideration by the in-coming Watch Committee, and for the present therefore his application is postponed.

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Bathehouse for Native Women. With regard to the application of Messrs Denham & Rose for permission to erect a female bath-house in the Fokien Road, a communication from the Tientsin Municipal Council states ~~that~~ the effect of similar institutions in Tientsin City. Mr De Gray has learnt from a number of members of the Piece Goods Guild that such an institution would be regarded unfavourably by better class Chinese residents, and, under the circumstances, the Council is opposed to the application in question.

Public Gambling. A letter from the Senior Consul submits for the Council's information a draft of a new proclamation by the Taotai on the subject of gambling. In reply it is decided to do no more than refer to the Council's former despatch on this subject, in which reference was made to the gambling sheds at present in full operation in Li Hongkew.

Vehicle Licences. Re-consideration of this matter in the light of communications from the French Council and a Report by the Overseer of Taxes leads to a decision to adopt the proposal that Private Vehicle Licences be issued by the Council administering the district in which the domicile of the applicant is situated, upon six months trial.

Ratepayers Meeting. A note from Mr E.S. Little announces his intention to bring forward a motion to admit the Press and Public to Meetings of Council. While unanimously opposed to this proposal as utterly impracticable, it is decided to ascertain the views of the new members of Council for 1911, and, with their permission, state that the Council for 1911, having assented to serve under existing conditions, would be unwilling to enter into office if such a Resolution were passed. In the meanwhile the Chairman will prepare a speech upon the lines suggested when this proposal was last brought forward.

The Council will meet again on Monday at 5 p.m. for the discussion of the Chairman's speeches generally, and such further Resolutions by Ratepayers as may be received.

Electricity Department. A Report by the Treasurer is submitted, advocating the sale of the Department to a private company. The Chairman observes that while this may and probably will eventually become desirable, so far as the Council is at present concerned the matter has been dismissed by the Ratepayers. He is unable to appreciate the propriety of the re-introduction of the subject by the Treasurer, and it is decided therefore to enquire the reason for the present Report.

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Plague Prevention, Chinese Building Rules. The Council is informed that there is every likelihood of the Health Officer arriving at an understanding with Mr Peebles before Monday next, whereupon Dr Stanley will make recommendations to the Council on the subject.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

David L. ...

Chairman.

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Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Monday, March 20, 1911, at 5 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
H. De Gray
H. Figge
H. A. J. Macray
C. Selby Moore
W. A. C. Platt
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 16, are read and confirmed.

Canton Road Widening. It is decided to furnish copies of the minute on this subject to Messrs Dodwell & Co. Ld. and obtain their official confirmation thereof.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 17, are read and confirmed. With regard to the question of Mr Mayne's participation in the work of selecting tenders for the new Electric Plant, the Council regards Mr Aldridge's view thereon as untenable. Mr Mayne was appointed to represent the Council only when it was understood that Mr Anderson was unable to act, and in no sense was he to act in a technical capacity.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Judgment of the Court in the Wang Zung Tai case, forwarded by the Legal Adviser, is submitted for consideration. In the first place, it is decided, in accordance therewith, to issue a permit to fence-in the property, leaving the question of its ultimate acquisition for further consideration.

In regard to the decision itself, the Chairman alludes to two points which require attention:-

(i) The Judgment reads, "The defendants contend that the original owner, Chang, had consented to refer the matter to the Land Commissioners", whereas as a fact this point was not raised by the Council at any time.

(ii) The actual substance of the Judgment is to the effect that Article VIA of the Land Regulations must be read side by side with Article VI, and that because the latter Article specifically

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indicates application to land required for public gardens and places of recreation and amusement, and the former does not, the Council cannot apply its compulsory powers in respect to land for such uses.

The only reference in Article VI to public gardens etc. is in the concluding paragraph, which authorises the purchase or acceptance of land outside the Settlement for these purposes. It is obvious that this provision can have no parallel in Article VIA, which relates to compulsory powers, and it appears therefore to the Council that the Court has mis-read the text of the Regulations concerned. Under these circumstances it is decided to obtain further legal opinion on the point with a view to the possible re-hearing of the case.

Ratepayers Meeting. The Council then proceeds to peruse, discuss, and amend where necessary, the official speeches of the Chairman, to be delivered at the forthcoming Ratepayers Meeting.

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

David Kandel

Chairman.

M. A. Wilson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 22, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs C.F. Anton
- E.E. Clark
- E.J. Cornfoot
- H.De Gray
- H. Figge
- D. Landale
- M.A.J.Maoray
- C.Selby Moore
- E.C. Pearce
- W.A.C.Platt
- T.E. Trueman
- The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Mr Landale. With regard to the retirement of the Chairman, Mr De Gray says:-

"Before Mr Landale retires I feel bound to make some allusion to the work which he has done in presiding at our meetings during the past four years.

"The duties and responsibilities of the Chairman of Council are such as can only be realised by those who come into close official touch with him, and, speaking as the senior member of Council present here today, and thus one who has had the longest experience of Mr Landale's Chairmanship, I feel that it is my duty to record that the judgment which Mr Landale has brought to bear upon Municipal matters, and the invariable courtesy which he has displayed towards his colleagues and the public generally, entitle him to the highest praise.

"Mr Landale's record of four years as Chairman has only once been equalled in the past. I refer to the late Mr J.L. Scott. But I believe I am right in saying that when the hard and difficult work performed by Mr Landale is considered, his record is without equal. I think it will be a long time, possibly years, before so able and so hard-working a Councillor will occupy the Chair again."

These remarks meet with the cordial and unanimous concurrence of the members.

The retiring members of the Council for 1910, Messrs Landale, Maeray and Platt, then withdraw.

Election of Office Bearers. Upon the proposal of Mr Trueman, seconded by Mr Selby Moore, Mr De Gray is unanimously elected Chairman; and upon the proposal of Mr Selby Moore, seconded by the Chairman, Mr Burkill is elected to the Vice Chair.

The Council resolves itself into Standing Committees as follows:-

Finance Committee: Messrs Clark, Cornfoot and Pearce.

Works Committee: Messrs De Gray, Selby Moore and Trueman.

Watch Committee: Messrs Anton, Burkill and Figge.

In respect to the appointment of Sub-Committees, it is decided to request the present members to continue their services for another year, the Council's representatives thereon being arranged as follows:-

Band Committee: Mr Figge.

Public School Committee: Mr De Gray

Committee of the Public School for Chinese: Mr Cornfoot.

Public Recreation Ground Committee: Mr Selby Moore.

Electricity Committee. With regard to the question of Mr Pearce's membership of this Committee, the Chairman points out that it was originally intended that the Committee should consist wholly of non-members of Council. He alludes, however, to the obvious convenience of the presence of a member of the Committee at meetings of Council when the Electricity Department business is under discussion. He also considers that considerable advantage will accrue by the retention of Mr Pearce's services until the Riverside Station development scheme has been carried to a conclusion. Mr Pearce indicates willingness to continue his services if it is the Council's desire, and, after some discussion, this proposal is adopted.

Band Committee. With regard to the vacancy caused by the departure for England of Mr Fink, it is decided to request Mr R. Lundt to serve on this Committee.

Chinese Building Rules. In accordance with Resolution V. passed at the Ratepayers Meeting, directions are given for the publication of the amendments of Rules Nos. VIII, XII and XVIII, and for their submission for the opinion of the Land Commissioners.

New Electrical Plant. Resolution VIII having been adopted, it is decided to telegraph to that effect to the London Agents, so that the contracts provisionally arranged may now be finally signed on the Council's behalf.

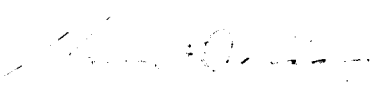
Land Assessment. The question of the appointment of Assessors under Resolution XII is referred for the consideration of the Works Committee.

Mr E.G. Wilson. The amount of the payment to this gentleman, resultant from Resolution XIII, will similarly be the subject of consideration by the Finance Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 5.10 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 29, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	H. De Gray	(Chairman)
	E. E. Clark	
	E. J. Cornfoot	
	H. Figge	
	C. Selby Moore	
	E. C. Pearce	
	T. E. Trueman	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	
<u>Absent:</u>	C. E. Anton	
	A. W. Burkill	

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Municipal Gazette. The more important minutes of last meeting having been published on March 23, the Gazette for March 30, is submitted in proof, consisting of notices and announcements on various subjects. It is represented to the Council that if this method of publishing were generally adopted it would obviate giving minutes the appearance of being those of a certain meeting while actually the results of preceding meetings, which under the present system is not infrequently the case. After some discussion it is decided to issue the Gazette upon these modified lines for the future, prefacing each number with a statement of the meetings which have been held, with dates and the names of the members present. Appointments and other changes in the Municipal Staff will be published weekly to include Board Orders up to the Saturday preceding.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of March 27, are read and confirmed.

Consular Body. A letter from Mr D. Siffert, Consul General for Belgium, is read, informing the Council that he has resumed the duties of Senior Consul with effect from March 27.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Legal Adviser's opinion on the Judgment in the Wong Zung Tai case is submitted, to the effect that it is fair argument that the Court has mis-read Articles VI and VIA of

the Land Regulations, and that a re-hearing on the grounds suggested may be applied for. Mr Jones adds that he does not feel confident that such an application will be granted.

Mr Figge has seen the ^{Commandant General for Germany.} ~~President of the Court~~ in this matter unofficially, and learnt that the point now raised did as a fact have the Judges' attention. Inasmuch, however, as the Judgment as it at present stands involves an important matter of principle, it is decided to embody the Council's non-acquiescence in an official letter to the Court.

Volunteers.

American Company. Nine months leave of absence is granted to Captain S.A. Ransom from April 1, he not having availed himself of the leave granted to him in September 1910. This officer is permitted to attend any courses of instruction with the U.S. Army for which he may have opportunity.

"A" Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the commission of Captain H.W. Pilcher is authorised for renewal with effect from date of expiry, March 29.

Fire Brigade. The Council learns with regret that the Chief Engineer, Mr G.S.V. Bidwell, went into hospital on March 27. During his absence the Brigade will be in charge of Mr A.W. Macphail, Foreman of the Deluge Company and Senior Foreman.

Case of Constable Wilkinson. Police Reports in this case are submitted, now including the Captain Superintendent's recommendation that Constable Wilkinson's agreement be not renewed. This Constable's Record Sheet being free of adverse report since July 1909, and his conduct being certified as Good, it appears to the members that there are insufficient grounds for terminating his service, particularly at a time when the number of resignations and dismissals from the Force have been so unusually numerous. Inasmuch, however, as the Captain Superintendent has informed the man that his agreement will not be renewed, it is considered necessary in the interests of discipline to confirm this arrangement. At the same time it is decided to draw the attention of the Captain Superintendent to the features of the case which have been the subject of comment by the Watch Committee, and to point out the impropriety of anticipating the Watch Committee's decision by notifying the man that his service will be terminated before the Committee had any knowledge of the facts of the case. The Council is of opinion that

in a case of this description, it is preferable that the Chairman should see Colonel Bruce in the matter rather than that an official letter be written, and this Mr De Gray accordingly undertakes to do.

Public Gambling. A Police Report is submitted to the effect that a slot machine, with prizes up to \$5, has been opened at the Siccawei Gardens under the management of a British subject. In the opinion that if unchecked the man will inaugurate public roulette wheels, and in accordance with precedent, it is decided to proceed against the man by way of summons.

Mixed Court. A Police Report calls attention to the case of Dong Zung Sun, who, after being sent into the City in order that he might receive greater punishment than 5 years imprisonment, has been re-arrested within 6 months for the same offence as before, viz. "snatching" in the public streets. A letter drawing the attention of the Consular Body to this matter is submitted and signed for despatch. A further note from the Captain Superintendent reports another similar instance, which will form the subject of a second letter.

Native Official Intervention in the Settlement. With reference to the action of the City Magistrate and other native officials in the matter of the I Shan Yuan Bank, wherein they descended personally upon the premises and removed the account books, share certificates, and other money and securities, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, to draw the attention of the Consular Body to this violation of recognised procedure in the Settlement, and to issue a notice with a view to preventing any misunderstanding of the matter on the part of native residents.

Water Supply beyond Limits. With reference to the minute of the Council of February 9, (re-read), a further note from the Secretary of the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. is read, desiring a reply to his letter of January 3. The Chairman points out that the Council has now no other course but to refer for arbitration the matter in dispute with the Company, and the members are unanimous in the view that it would be well to have the question settled finally. A reply in this sense is authorised.

Electricity Department.

Transformer House, Hankow Road. Plan of the proposed transformer house in the Cathedral Compound is submitted and approved, together with a letter from the Trustees agreeing to its erection provided the Council will pay a nominal rent of \$25 per annum for the privilege. This

arrangement meets with the Council's sanction.

New Plant, Cables Section. A letter from Messrs Garrels Borner & Co. is submitted, on the subject of the provisional acceptance by Messrs Preece, Cardew & Snell of the tender of Messrs Siemens Bros. rather than that of Mr R.R. Todd (The Lahmeyer Co.), the latter of which is shown to be 10^s/- less than the former. The Consulting Engineers were influenced in this matter by the fact that inspection of the cable at Woolwich would be less than that at Cologne, and Messrs Garrels Borner point out that their principals would willingly have paid the necessary inspection costs. A Report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted, and the Council endorses his view, which is supported by the Electricity Committee, that the original recommendation should hold. At the same time it is decided to furnish a copy of Messrs Garrels Borner's letter to Messrs Preece for comment, and to point out the necessity for strict official treatment of matters of this kind, particularly when the lowest tenders received show so slight a difference.

Pahsienjao Cemetery. In the matter of the land purchased for use as a burial ground for the Mohammedan Community the Chairman has seen the French Consul General, who has stated that if a further letter containing the facts be addressed to the French Council, it is probable that their opposition will be waived. It is decided therefore to forward a letter in accordance with this suggestion.

Plague Prevention Conference. The Chairman has been approached by the representatives of certain shipping companies in regard to the fumigation of ships arriving from Tientsin. The view which he has formed on this subject meets with the Council's concurrence as follows:- that where ships are found to show a largely diminished number of rats, fumigation on each trip may reasonably be waived in favour of fumigation once in three trips, i.e. monthly. It is understood that the other precautions, as to coming to the wharfside, and as to rat-guards, will continue to be enforced by the Harbour Authorities.

Mokanshan Sanatorium. Mr Trueman has knowledge of approaching difficulty in the matter of the Council's tenure of the Sanatorium at Mokanshan. He states that the Chinese are already opening negotiations for the re-purchase of all land at Mokanshan in foreign hands.

Coronation Festivities. The Chairman has attended a meeting at H.M. Consulate General in this connexion, and has assured Mr Fraser of the Council's readiness to co-operate in the proposed programme if he will

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give an indication of what is required. It is therefore decided that any request with respect to decorations or illuminations shall have the attention of the Works Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

W. J. Mason
Secretary.

Harry Wilson
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 5, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:-

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.E. Clark
H. Figge
C. Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
T.E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:
A.W. Barkill
E.J. Cornfoot

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, and signed by the
Chairman.

The Municipal Gazette for April 6, is submitted in proof and authorised
for publication.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The reply of the Court to the Council's
letter on the subject of the case of Wong Zung Tai is read, in
which the application for a re-hearing is refused.

Case of Constable Wilkinson. The Chairman states that he has seen the
Captain Superintendent in regard to this case, and that Colonel Bruce
fully realises that any intimation to a member of the Foreign Branch
as to the termination of his services, except in the case of
Probationary Constables, should follow and not precede reference of
the facts to the Watch Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of March 30, are read
and confirmed. At the Chairman's suggestion, in anticipation that
the general refusal of all new Tavern Licences for Hongkew may
provoke dissatisfaction in certain quarters, it is decided to
publish the whole of the protests in full.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 3, are read
and confirmed. In regard to the
East Hongkew Depot, the Chairman desires a general expression of
the Council's opinion in this matter before the meeting of the
Committee with Mr Bidwell, and the members are unanimous that the
change to be inaugurated in regard to Repairs to Plant will fail
in its object unless the new workshops in the Tungchow Road become

the sole repair shops of the Municipality, superseding the present special Fire Brigade workshops in the Isolation Hospital Property.

East Yuhang Road Extension, B.C. Lot 7301. A note from the Engineer shows that the land surrender involved is no more than Mow 0.406, which, at the Proclamation price of \$250 per mow, is regarded as too small a matter to warrant official protest.

Jansen Road. The Council is informed that Father Brun, for the Societe des Missions Etrangeres, desires that the extension of the road shall be at right angles to the Normal Line.

Tramways, Granite Setts. After further discussion of this question it is decided to inform the Tramway Company that the Council will undertake the maintenance of the setts under protest, for reasons already set out; at the same time the Company will be requested to comply with the Engineer's requirements in the matter of drain boxes.

Police Officers. With reference to the agreement about to be made with Captain Hilton Johnson, a Police Report on the subject of its terms as arranged, and those applying in the case of Captain Barrett, is submitted for consideration. It is pointed out that the increased pay to be drawn by the former officer will indicate his seniority, although Captain Barrett is one year senior in length of service. The position in the Force of these two officers has heretofore been regarded as equal, and the present position in which the matter stands is not due to any expressed intention of the Council to make an alteration. The Chairman is therefore disposed to complete Captain Hilton Johnson's agreement, as suggested by the Council for last year, to leave the question of the renewal of Captain Barrett's agreement open for consideration upon its expiry, and to make no ruling on the subject of seniority at present. It is pointed out, however, that it is necessary for the Council to decide who shall act as Deputy Superintendent and take charge of the Force in the event of Mr McEuen going on the sick list, during the leave of the Captain Superintendent. With this in view, and having regard to the abilities and service of the two officers in question, it is decided that Captain Hilton Johnson shall be the senior, and take charge of the Force in the event fore-mentioned.

Policing the Hongkew Creek. A Police Report is submitted with reference to a case at the Mixed Court in which Assistant Magistrate Teh denied the authority of the Police in the Hongkew Creek, and referred the case in question for settlement by the City Magistrate. In spite of the protest of the Police at the Court the American Assessor concurred in this view.

The Chairman has seen the two American Assessors on the subject, and believes that a satisfactory solution of the matter will be arranged. Mr Fidge undertakes to request Mr Schirmir, the Senior German Assessor, to use his influence to this end. In the meanwhile the prisoner remains in custody at the Mixed Court.

Shanghai General Hospital. A letter from the Secretary of the Hospital states that the Hongkong Bank desires written confirmation of the Council's undertaking with regard to the over-draft to be allowed for the construction of the proposed extension of the Hospital. The Council's direct undertaking was a guarantee of two-thirds of the interest on the sum advanced, but, before writing officially on the subject, it is decided to ascertain what exact form of guarantee the Manager of the Bank requires.

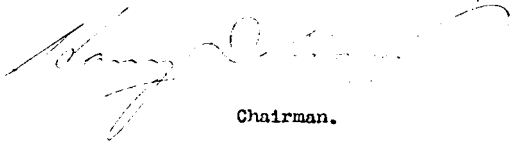
Tramways, Fares and Sections. A letter from the Company proposes the experimental introduction on the Circular Route of one cent fares, and the lengthening of the distances at the other fares. For reasons already generally recorded the Council sanctions the proposed changes.

Electricity Department, Supply beyond Limits. A recommendation of the Electricity Committee refers to an application for supply to 2 houses on the east of the Slocawei Road, which already pay Rates to the French Council. The premises in question have access both to the Slocawei Road and to the Route Ferguson. For this reason, as a special case, the application is granted.

Reporters' Retainer. With regard to the informal arrangement with the North China Daily News for payment of an annual sum of ¥600 for the services of a reporter, a note from the Manager of the paper suggests that the arrangement be continued, the services of a reporter to be available for all purposes, but with an additional payment of ¥15 per diem for each additional day when any case or meeting lasts longer than two days. It is decided to accept this proposal.

Mr E.G. Wilson. A Report by the Treasurer is submitted on Mr Wilson's financial position, together with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the sum of ¥7500 be paid to him, and after some discussion this proposal is endorsed.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 12, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:-

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.E. Clark
E.J.Cornfoot
H.Figge
C.Selby Moore
E.C.Pearce
T.E.Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The Municipal Gazette for April 13, is submitted in proof and authorised
for publication.

Police Officers. Captain Barrett has called upon Mr Figge and expressed
acquiescence in the arrangement made in regard to himself and Captain
Hilton Johnson. He expressed the hope that the same rate of pay as
has been granted to the latter officer would be issued to him at the
termination of his present agreement.

Tramways, Granite Setts. The Chairman states that, upon learning that a
protest in regard to the Amendment to the Budget which was passed by
the Ratepayers had been lodged with the Consular Body, he gave
instructions that no further letter to the Company should be written
on this subject for the present.

Shanghai General Hospital. Mr Hunter has stated that the question of
the Council's guarantee is not of importance at present, and that he
will communicate later as to its wording.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of April 7, are read
and confirmed. With regard to the question of

Mr Millies, Mr Figge points out that the strongest point which this
employee makes is that the amount of his salary was not stated in the
preliminary undertaking which he signed in Berlin. It is decided to
draw the attention of the London Agents to this matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 11, are
read and confirmed. With regard to the question of the

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Pump House in the Hongkew Creek. the Chairman recounts the history of this affair for the information of the new members. While admitting that at present the proposed structure would have little effect on traffic, he points out that the Council would surely not issue a permit to any one of the public companies in similar circumstances; for this reason he considers that as a matter of principle the Council's former decision should be endorsed. After some discussion and upon a show of hands, the Council decides to allow the pump house to be erected, Messrs De Gray, Figg and Trueman recording their dissent.

Volunteers. A letter from the Commandant draws attention to the fact that his appointment will terminate on October 17, and expresses willingness that it be renewed for a further period of two years. This matter is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Fire Brigade. A letter from the Acting Chief Engineer desires an introduction for Mr E. Durlach, 2nd Assistant Foreman, Mih-Ho-Loong Company, to assist him in securing permission to inspect Fire Stations, etc., in Europe, during his six months leave. This document is authorised for issue.

Casual Ward. A Report by the Captain Superintendent of Police summarises the views expressed by the joint Committees which visited the British Gaol on April 7, and indicates the alterations in the plan drawn up by the Engineer in the first place which are considered necessary by members. The matter again becomes one for reference to the Works Committee, while the question as to whether the Police Overseer shall reside in the existing house, or whether the duties shall be undertaken from Louza Station in watches, remains for further consideration.

Municipal Properties.

Central Offices. A note from Mr McBain is read to the effect that he is having valuations made of Cadastral Lot 171, and will communicate with the Council on the subject later.

The Engineer forwards certain communications from Mr Gore-Booth, who is seeking to act as broker in this transaction, and, in reply, it is decided to inform him that the Council has throughout the negotiations dealt directly with the owner of the property. It will be confirmed in the first place that the Engineer has addressed no enquiry or communication to Mr Gore-Booth on the subject.

Pahsienjao Cemetery. A note from the French Council is read, withdrawing opposition to the use of the two lots which have been

purchased in extension of this Cemetery, as originally intended. It is suggested that the Municipal Engineer accompany Mr Pabaney to the ground, and thereafter make a recommendation as to the exact area to be reserved for the use of the Mohammedan Community.

Bund Bridge over the Yangkingpang. A letter from the French Council is read desiring further details of the estimates for the projected bridge beyond the contract figure. These will be furnished to the French Engineer on application at the Public Works Office. In this connexion there is still doubt as to whether the French Council and French Tramway Company intend to contribute their fourth share of the cost, the Council having had no direct communication with the latter. It is decided therefore to forward a brief agreement in quadruplicate for signature by all of the parties.

Water Supply beyond Limits. The Legal Adviser draws attention to the fact that arbitration under the Waterworks Agreement is by two nominees and in the event of disagreement by H.M. Judge. He suggests, by arrangement, a sole arbitrator, and mentions the name of Mr Bourne. To this proposal the Council assents.

Loan of 1911. The Treasurer reports the issue of Debentures for the current year's Loan aggregating \$298,300, the whole of which sum has been subscribed at 6 per cent premium. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee it is decided to close the list for the present.

Public Recreation Ground. Mr Moore states that he attended a meeting of the Public Recreation Ground Committee for the discussion, amongst other things, of (a) the dust nuisance, which is likely to be settled by closing the Inner Course at times when the Ground is in general use, and (b) the question of closing the Ground upon the occasion of a flight by Mr Vallon from Kiangwan. Some discussion ensues as to the desirability of closer connexion between this Committee's work and the Council in the future. For the present, however, it is agreed ~~that~~ the management of the Ground, though somewhat informal, gives general satisfaction.

Chairman. Mr De Gray states that he will be absent during the ensuing week, and the Vice-Chairman being also away from Shanghai, Mr Moore is appointed and consents to act as Chairman during Mr De Gray's absence.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 19, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:-

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C.E. Anton

E.E. Clark

E.J. Cornfoot

H. Figge

C. Selby Moore

E.C. Pearce

T.E. Trueman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Municipal Gazette for April 20, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of April 18, are read and confirmed. With regard to the proposed expenditure on the Ellis Kadoorie School Building, the Council endorses the view formerly expressed that the first cost of this building with complete accommodation for 400 pupils should not exceed \$50000.

Volunteer Corps.

Medical Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the Commission of Captain G. Hanwell is authorised for renewal with ~~the~~ rank of Major and Principal Medical Officer as from March 25.

Coronation Festivities. The Commandant reports having been asked by the Sub-Committee in charge of the arrangements whether the Corps will participate in a torch-light procession. The Council sanctions this proposal, upon the understanding that members of the Corps will be requested to take part therein, and that no official orders will be issued on the subject.

Artillery Ponies. The Commandant further reports having received notice from Say Zoong that the cost of keeping these ponies will be raised \$2 per mensem from April 1 owing to the increase in the price of fodder. Mr Figge is of opinion that this arrangement should not receive the Council's assent until it has

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been ascertained that other livery stables will not keep the ponies for the existing fee. Enquiries on this subject are directed, and in any case it is considered improper that the rate should be put up without due notice; if necessary the new price will be agreed to from May 1.

Fire Brigade. A note from Mr G.S.V. Bidwell is read, informing the Council that he resumed duty as Chief Engineer on April 19.

Mukden Plague Conference. A Report from the Health Officer dated Mukden, April 13, is read, describing the work of the Conference, and his participation therein.

Central Offices Extension. A note from Mr McBain is read stating that he has had valuations of Cadastral Lot 171 made showing the value considerably more than ¥600000. It is decided, upon the return of Mr McBain to Shanghai, to show him the valuations which the Council has received, and to request permission to inspect those obtained by himself.


Breach of Building Rules. The Engineer reports the refusal of Messrs Christie & Johnson to comply with his requirements under the Building Rules in regard to certain additions being made to the Shantung Road Hospital. Mr Johnson's letter is unseemly in tenour, and the matter will therefore have the attention of the Works Committee at a Special Meeting to be held on April 20 for the purpose.

Wharfage Dues. The Finance Committee draws attention to the Return for the March Quarter, amounting to ¥47900, which is higher than that for any quarter since June 1907.

Visit of Japanese Notables. The Japanese Consul General announces the visit to the Settlement of H.I.H. Prince Fushimi and suite, incognito. In reply the Chairman will leave cards on the Prince and on Mr Ariyoshi.

The meeting adjourns at 5.20 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 26, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C. E. Anton

E. E. Clark

E. J. Cornfoot

H. Figge

C. Selby Moore

E. C. Pearce

T. B. Trueman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. W. Burkill

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 24, are read

and confirmed. With regard to the case of

Breach of the Building Rules by Messrs Christie & Johnson, the

Chairman has seen Mr Hide again, and obtained his consent to

informing the firm that the Hospital Authorities have recognised

the necessity for a permit in such cases. A letter upon the lines

recommended by the Committee with this addition is accordingly

directed.

Race Course Ditch. A note from the Engineer is submitted,

estimating the cost of fixing the standard iron railing along the

Bubbling Well Road at the side of this ditch at £670. In the

discussion which ensues it is suggested that the construction of a

foot path and kerb, with additional trees where required, would

have an equally satisfactory result. An estimate of the cost of

this alternative will be submitted at the next meeting of the

Committee.

Mixed Court, Women's Ward. A Police Report has been submitted in

reference to the loose and irregular manner in which this establish-

ment is managed. Mr Figge has forwarded the document to the German

Assessor in the hope that he may be able to do something towards

correcting the abuses complained of.

Mrs Snethlage's dogs. From the Police Daily State of April 24, and a

further detailed report, the Council learns that this woman

deliberately set her boar hounds upon a Chinese girl on April 23, with the result that the child was severely wounded and removed to Hospital in a most shocking condition. A letter from Mrs Snethlage addressed to the Police Inspector admits the crime. In the Chairman's opinion wanton inhumanity of this description should be checked by every possible means. The case has been referred to the Legal Advisers who are confident of obtaining a conviction in the German Consular Court, and prosecution with rigour is directed.

Riot of November 1910. With reference to the claim of Mr I. Steinbeck submitted in March last, and to a substituted request for compensation now submitted at the instance of the Austrian Consul General, considerable discussion ensues as to the Council's liability in such cases. From the Police Report of the occurrence, it appears probable that Mr Steinbeck was saved from worse injury by the action of the constables on duty. While it may be possible that refusal to meet this claim will result in a suit in the Court of Consuls, the members are unanimously of opinion that payment would constitute a very dangerous precedent, having regard to the probability of similar disturbances in the future. Regarding Mr Steinbeck's letter as a request for charitable consideration, the Council is of opinion that the tendency to distribute money on such grounds is increasing to an undesirable extent. It is therefore decided to reply sympathetically but at the same time in a decided negative.

Plague Prevention Conference. Letters from the Chairman of the Conference are read, discussing the advisability of discontinuing quarantine measures against Tientsin, Chinwantao, and Chefoo. Before agreeing in the last named instance, the Chairman will satisfy himself by reference to H.M. Consul General and the Commissioner of Customs that the cessation of the epidemic of plague is sufficiently marked to justify the step.

Port Health Work. A letter from the Commissioner of Customs is read, on the subject of a proposed grant of one year's leave on full pay to Dr Cox, the Port Health Officer. The Council is unanimously of opinion that this grant is justifiable in the circumstances, and some discussion ensues as to the further liability of the Council towards the additional cost involved. After perusal of the correspondence on the subject in 1903 and 1905, it is decided to offer an additional contribution of £300 per mensem during Dr Cox's absence.

Honan Road Widening. With regard to the claim of Messrs Hanson, McNeill & Jones in respect to the portion of Cadastral Lot 277 required for this purpose, the Council decides to follow the practice of former years in basing the compensation on the value to be placed on the property under the forthcoming re-assessment rather than on that at which it is now assessed. If this proposal is not acceptable to the owners, it will be necessary to have the property specially re-valued.

Tramways.

Road Maintenance. A letter from the Consular Body is read, pointing out that the amendment to the Budget which received the sanction of the Ratepayers at the recent Annual Meeting was irregular, in so far as it purported to apply to future years. The Council unanimously concurs in this view, while at the same time of opinion that the vote of the Ratepayers gave an indication that the permanent exclusion of the item would meet with public approval. A reply in this sense is authorised.

This matter leads to a further discussion of the question of the cost of maintaining the granite setts which support the track, and the Chairman adheres to the view that no more than the actual cost of maintaining the macadam should be waived. On the other hand it appears beyond question that the Ratepayers, in ignorance of the details which constituted the £7000 which it was proposed to recover from the Tramway Company, intended that all charges for maintenance of whatever description should be discontinued. Directions are therefore given that the setts be maintained by the Council during 1911, and that a careful computation of the cost be made for future guidance.

Canton Road Section. A letter from Messrs Probst, Hanbury & Co.Ld. is read, reverting to the proposal to take up the tram lines in the Canton Road, which has been under discussion for the past two years. In reply it will be pointed out that the Canton Road section is a definite part of the Concession and cannot be removed without the Tramway Company's assent, which has already been refused. In regard to the claim for compensation, which is said by Messrs Probst Hanbury to have been admitted in the recent case of Mr E.G.Wilson, it will be stated in reply that they are at liberty to submit their claim to the Ratepayers in a similar manner, but that, in the meantime, the Council is not prepared to recognise it.

History of Shanghai. A Progress Report by Mr Lanning on his year's work is submitted.

In regard to his agreement, which expired in March 1910, and which should have been renewed at the reduced rate of salary of £250

per mensem, the Council assents, in accordance with the spirit of the School Committee's original recommendation, to its extension at the present rate until June 1912, at which date Mr Lanning will attain the age of 60 and his out-goings in respect to Life Insurance will cease.

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Coronation Festivities. A letter from H.M. Consul General desires the co-operation of the Council in these festivities in respect to the decoration and illumination of the Garden Bridge, the Public Garden, and the Bund. The Council assents to this request, and directions will be given to the Engineer and the Electrical Engineer to devise a scheme of decoration for members' approval.

I Shan Yuan Bank. A letter from the creditors of this institution is read, desiring the intervention of the Council in preventing the execution of a warrant which has been issued for the arrest of the Manager. The petitioners were unaware that the document had already been countersigned by the Senior Consul, and, in the circumstances, it appears that little more can be done than forward a copy of the petition to the Consular Body for its information.

Volunteer Inspection. Mr Moore draws attention to the fact that the practice obtaining in former years to rail off an enclosure for the wives of Officers and Members of Council, and for Naval and Military Officers who may be in Shanghai at the time, has been discontinued, and a recommendation is recorded that the practice in question be renewed in future years.

Foreign Liquor Sellers' Licences. An application has been made to the Chairman for the Council's intervention in the protection of the interests of purveyors of special brands of liquor against the fraudulent practice of re-filling bottles with liquor of inferior quality. It is stated that such protection is afforded to licensed dealers in Hongkong, and the matter is referred to the Watch Committee for consideration.

The Municipal Gazette for April 27 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 7 o'clock p.m.

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Secretary.

Chairman

Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 10, 1911, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W.Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.J.Cornfoot
C.Selby Moore
E.C.Pearce
T.E.Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figge

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 8, are read and
confirmed. In regard to the

Roads beyond the Bubbling Well, copies of 3 letters from H.M.
Consular Land Office addressed to Mr Newman representing the Estate,
are read. These letters further indicate Mr Bristow's sympathy with
the view that the Chinese Authorities should have been consulted
before the two requisite culverts in the Tifeng Road were constructed.
Mr Burkill is aware of how little importance attaches to the creeks
in question as waterways, and the Council unanimously supports the
view that the authority contained in the Land Regulations to construct
roads leading from the Settlement includes permission to effect such
subsidiary works as those in dispute.

Chinese Government Ground Tax. Several members bear evidence to
cases where refusal to pay this tax at any arbitrary rate has been
resisted this year and last year, and the Council firmly resolves
that payment shall be made either in copper or at the current rate.

Consular Body. A letter from Mr T. Hansen, Consul-General for Norway,
informs the Council that during his absence for a period of 7 months
from May 6, Mr J. Eitzen, Vice-Consul, will be in charge of the
Consulate-General.

A letter from Dr E.J.E. Hultman, Consul-General for Sweden,
informs the Council that he has taken over charge of the Consulate-
General from Mr T. Udden, with effect from May 8.

Volunteer Corps.

12-Bore Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant W.S. Jackson is accepted with effect from April 29, the date of his departure for England.

Light Horse. 9 months leave is granted to 2nd Lieutenant Drakeford with effect from May 14.

"A" Company Mounted Rifles. 8 months leave is granted to 2nd Lieutenant Neill with effect from June 3.

With regard to the two foregoing officers, the Council sanctions the necessary arrangements for their attachment to the Regular Forces at home for purposes of instruction.

German Company. 6 months leave is granted to Lieutenant Henniger with effect from May 9.

Boy Scouts. A letter from Mr L.M. Beytagh is read, desiring a continuance of the Council's support to this organisation, to the extent of paying one year's rent of the present Headquarters amounting to £420. For the reason published in the Gazette of November 17, 1910, when this grant was first authorised, it is decided to comply with Mr Beytagh's request.

Moji Road. A letter from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips, on behalf of the Yu Yuen Cotton Mill, is read, offering certain conditions upon which the lane on the west of the mill, lying within the lines of Moji Road, may remain open to vehicular traffic. A note from the Engineer points out that this lane is shown as a public road on no less than 4 title deeds for lots adjacent thereto, and Mr Burkill recalls the fact that the lane was a public thoroughfare before the mill was constructed. Under these circumstances it appears that Messrs Drummond have no authority to impose conditions on its public use, and a reply in this sense is authorised.

Recreation Ground for Chinese. A letter from the Rev. W.E. Taylor, on behalf of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, is read, to the effect that subscriptions to the New Athletic Field Extension Fund exceeding £3500 have been received, and asking in consequence for fulfilment of the Council's promise to donate a like sum. Upon the understanding that the contributions listed have actually been paid, compliance is authorised.

Electricity Department.

Staff. The Council confirms the Electricity Committee's proposal to engage an additional Assistant Engineer, Mr W.J. Williams of Hongkong, at a salary of £250 per mensem net. Mr Trueman has received the

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impression that the Department is already over-staffed, but the Chairman points out that, in such matters of detail, the Council is necessarily guided by the Committee's recommendations.

Coal Supply. Of the tenders received in response to Notification No 2101, the lowest, that of Mr J.H. Johnsen for Shinkoyanose Coal at ₹5.15 per ton is authorised for acceptance.

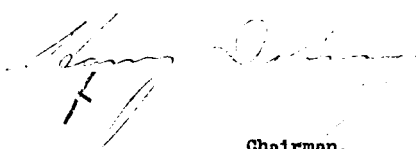
3-Phase Motors. The report and recommendation of the Electrical Engineer as to the purchase of 8 motors from firms specified is approved. It is noted that it is Mr Aldridge's intention to make comparisons of the working of these various motors for guidance in respect to future requirements.

Use of Town Hall. The Council sanctions the use of this building on May 13, for the purpose of a concert in aid of Madame Vallon without charge. If the Band is required on this occasion the Council is prepared to forego all charge except the amount which is payable to the musicians themselves. Some discussion takes place as to the advisability of making a contribution in the name of the Council to the fund being raised in this connexion, but the members are of opinion that Ratepayers desirous of subscribing will do so individually and that a payment from the Public Funds would not be suitable.

The Municipal Gazette for May 11 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.35 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 17, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W. Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.J. Cornfoot
C. Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
T.E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figge

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Roads behind the Bubbling Well. The Chairman informs the Council of the
verbal protest of the Taotai through the Senior Consul at the
construction of these roads by the Council. Upon the assurance that
the Taotai's opposition would be withdrawn in the course of a few days
he undertook to suspend work on the two culverts; unfortunately,
however, the second culvert had been completed before the instructions
reached those in charge of the work. The Chairman's letter to the
Senior Consul on this subject of May 12, is read and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 11, are
read and confirmed. With regard to the
Salaries of Messrs Bidd and Payne, Mr Pearce states that the
Electricity Committee is unanimous in the view that the rates
recommended are fully deserved by these employees; on the other hand
the Chairman and Mr Moore point out that these matters had the very
careful attention of the Finance Committee last year, and that the
Council's deliberate decision cannot properly be set aside so soon
after. While authorising the issue to the Chief Clerk of the
gratuity suggested, the Council is unwilling to alter its decision
in respect either to his or to Mr Payne's pay.

Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee,
Indents Nos 909/14 for "Beacon" Lamps and apparatus connected with the
3-Phase Power Supply, at an aggregate cost of £1030, are approved for
despatch to the London Agents.



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The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of May 15, are read and confirmed. On the subject of the Vacancy in the Committee, the Council unanimously decides to request Mr A.S. Wilson to resume his seat.

I Shan Yuan Bank. The Senior Consul forwards for the information of the Council copy of the correspondence between the Consular Body and the Taotai on the subject of the irregular proceedings in regard to this Bank. The matter is as yet unsettled, and Mr Siffert asks that, as a matter of principle, the letters be not published for the present.

Land Lotteries. The attention of the Chairman having been drawn by H.M. Consul General to the lottery which is being organised for the disposal of the estate in the Bubbling Well Road formerly the property of Mr H.J. Craig, Police enquiries have been made as to the sale of the tickets within Settlement limits. From a Report by the Acting Captain Superintendent it appears that the Detective Branch has as yet failed to secure sufficient evidence whereon to convict any person of such sale.

A similar lottery has been inaugurated under Chinese management with headquarters off the North Szechuen Road, and a specimen ticket is submitted for the Council's scrutiny. After some discussion it appears to the members that these organisations are lotteries within the meaning of Byelaw XXXIV, and directions will therefore be given to the Police to prosecute all persons selling tickets of either within the Settlement.

Bund Bridge over the Yangkingpang. A letter from the French Council is read intimating that the French Tramway Company is unwilling to sign the agreement as to the cost of this structure until arrangements have been concluded between the two Companies with regard to through running. To avoid delay the French Council suggests that the bridge be built at the joint cost of the two Councils, who will reserve to themselves the right to refuse to allow the tramway to cross the bridge until the Companies shall have refunded the quarter share originally arranged. The Council readily acquiesces in this proposal.

It is noted that the estimate in the Budget for the Council's quarter share of the cost of this bridge is sufficient to defray the half share as ascertained by tender.

Tsingpoo Road Pontoon. A letter from the Guild of Associated Shippers is submitted, containing the request that the Council will provide covered accommodation for cargo on this pontoon and on the North Yangtze Road at the head of the jetty. The Engineer estimates the cost of the two

shelters at \$5650. His suggestion that the Guild be asked to contribute towards the cost of the work leads to a general discussion as to the Council's responsibility in the matter, and, more generally, as to the inadequate public accommodation for landing and shipping cargo in Hongkew. The Chairman points out that it would be undesirable to accept contribution in a case of this kind, in view of the possibility of it being considered necessary to remove the shelters hereafter; and it is decided, in the first place, to call for estimates for less permanent and less costly structure in wood. The Council also desires a Report from the Engineer on the present landing accommodation east of the Soochow Creek, and the possibilities of improving it.

Staff List. With regard to the recent discussion as to the scales of pay in the Public Works and Electricity Departments, and upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Council approves the suggestion to re-print the Staff List as on June 30, with added columns to contain the pay and other personal emoluments drawn by each employe.

French Pawnshop. Mr Pearce draws attention to an advertisement now appearing in the North China Daily News of a French Company which has been established at No 6 the Bund, for the purpose of lending money on goods, works of art, curios, etc. In the opinion of the Council this constitutes a pawnshop within the meaning of the Byelaw, and the institution is therefore liable to licence. Enquiries on the subject are directed.

The Municipal Gazette for May 18 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication.
The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

W. K. Pearson
Secretary.

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 24, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)

C.E. Anton

A.W. Burkill

E.J. Cornfoot

H. Figge

C.Selby Moore

E.C. Pearce

T.E.Truesman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 22, are read and
 confirmed, with the following comment:-

Colonel Barnes' Agreement. The Chairman and Mr Truesman both refer to
 the improvements which Colonel Barnes has brought about in the Volunteer
 Corps, and the Committee's recommendation meets with the unanimous
 approval of the Council.

Hongkew Fire Station. Some discussion takes place as to whether it
 would be advisable to secure, if possible, an option of renewal of the
 lease of this property which will expire in 1917, but on the whole the
 Council considers that the step is not called for.

Victoria Nursing Home. On the subject of increasing the capacity
 of the Home, both as regards additional buildings and increased number
 of nurses, the former minutes of the Watch Committee and the Council
 are read, and the Committee undertakes to give the matter re-considera-
 tion after perusal of the proposals of the medical practitioners
 received last year. In addition to this Mr Moore has learnt that there
 is still room for improvement in regard to the food and attendance in
 the present Home.

Land Lotteries. A further Police Report is submitted enclosing a
 note from the Italian Consulate Interpreter, who, while refusing to
 countersign an application for summons, indicates acquiescence in the
 proposal that the Chinese who sold a ticket in the Craig Lottery be
 brought to trial. The Council considers it probable that if this
 letter is shown to the Senior Consul he will seal the application, and

it is directed that the case be brought on at the earliest possible opportunity. The Council is informed that the Police Legal Adviser anticipates difficulty in conducting the case, because it is probable that Mr Musso will cite the Race Lotteries as similarly offences against Byelaw XXXIV.

Mr Fraser has drawn the Chairman's attention to the fact that the Land Syndicate's notice is appearing translated in the native papers, and, after some discussion, it is decided to notify the editors concerned that unless the advertisement is discontinued prosecution at the Mixed Court will ensue.

Volunteer Inspection Report. The Report of the General Officer Commanding in Hongkong on his recent Inspection of the Corps is submitted and ordered for publication as usual. At Mr Trueman's suggestion it is decided to write an especial letter of thanks to General Anderson for this exhaustive and valuable document. With regard to the paragraph relating to the storage of Cordite Ammunition, it is decided to forward samples to Hongkong forthwith, while the question will have the attention of the Watch Committee at an early date.

Road Extensions and Widening.

Peking Road. With regard to the case of Lot 305, which has been under discussion with Mr H. Lester since August 1909, the Council assents to the owner's modified claim for the scheduled strip, viz. \$5828. This sum shows a reduction of \$1650 on Mr Lester's last claim, and is not more than \$220 above the amount approved by the former Works Committee.

Tatung Road. With regard to the case of the Soochow Guild, the Public Works Department Requisition Book calls for the payment of \$750 for the unregistered portion of the strip, while a note from Messrs Hanson, McNeill & Jones states that the Guild is unwilling to surrender the registered land without compensation. The Chairman considers that it would be advisable to settle with regard to the former land in the first place, and payment is accordingly authorised.

It is further noted that the remaining unregistered land for the section of this road between the Burkill and Shanhaikwan Roads has been acquired at proclamation rates, Mow 2.593 for the sum of \$777.90.

Roads beyond the Bubbling Well. In reply to the Council's letter of May 12, the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Tactai in support of his protest against the construction of the Tifeng and other roads beyond the western boundary of the Settlement. At

Mr Siffert's request a further letter will be despatched, refuting the statements of the Native Authorities and reiterating the Council's defence of its action in this matter.

Survey beyond Limits. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, forwarding a second communication from the Taotai desiring that the survey in progress in the Slocawei Road district be discontinued. Similar obstruction was met with in 1906 in regard to the northern outside survey, which, however, was pursued to a conclusion and published. The Council is of opinion that a similar reply should be made in this case, and it will be pointed out in addition that the whole of the outside survey was undertaken at the request of the Consular Body in 1900.

Tramways, Sections and Fares. A note from the Tramway Company states that the one cent fares on the Circular Route have proved successful, and desires the Council's approval to the extension of the system to the other routes. In the absence ~~of~~ reason to the contrary this proposal is sanctioned.

Bickerton's Private Hotel. The General Municipal Rate on this establishment being now outstanding for 4 quarters, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to institute legal proceedings for the recovery of the amount due.

Pingchiao Quarry Lease. A note from Dr Main expresses the opinion that for reasons given the present is a suitable time to press for the extension of this lease upon unofficial lines. The terms he suggests are considered by the Council to be unacceptable, and the Chairman is of opinion that this indication of willingness on the part of the native officials to renew on any terms is also an indication that delay will operate in the Council's favour. At the same time the Engineer's suggestion that he proceed to Hangchow for the discussion of the matter is approved.

The Municipal Gazette of May 25 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

W. L. ...
Secretary.

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Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 31, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

- Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C.Selby Moore
 E.C. Pearce
 T.E.Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of May 25, are read and
confirmed.

Volunteer Corps, Staff. Five months leave is granted to Major T.E.
Trueman with effect from June 1.

Land Lotteries. On the subject of the Real Estate Syndicate Lottery,
notes from the Italian and Spanish Consuls-General are submitted,
relating to their contention that the case now before the Mixed Court
should be before their own Assessors. It is understood, however,
that the case is in progress before the German Assessor only, and is
at present under remand. A full Police Report on the subject sets
forth the Police proceedings in this matter.

With regard to the advertisements in the native papers, the
Council is informed that the various editors concerned have readily
complied with the Council's request, indicated verbally, that they
be discontinued. A simpler form of advertisement has been substituted
in the Sunn Pao and the Universal Gazette, giving merely the style
of the organisation and its new address in the Haskell Road beyond
Settlement limits. This modified notice is regarded as unobjectionable

A further Police Report forwards a ticket in a third land lottery
for which Messrs Hopkins Dunn & Co. are responsible, and it is decided
to publish a similar note to the effect that this organisation also
falls within the scope of Byelaw XXXIV.

Mixed Court.

Rules of Procedure. The attention of the Council is drawn to extracts from the native papers, from which it appears that both locally and in Peking the Chinese Authorities are endeavouring to secure the establishment in Shanghai of a Chinese Court of Justice. In reply to a despatch from the Taotai on this subject the Senior Consul has briefly replied declining to negotiate. The Council having recorded the view that it is to the Chinese initiative alone that the Community can look for revised Mixed Court procedure, it is suggested that a telegram be despatched to Mr Barton at present Chinese Secretary to the British Legation, desiring that the Minister will use the present opportunity to negotiate to this end. Mr Burkill is averse to this proposal, and Mr Figge is of opinion that the Council should act only through the Consular Body. After some discussion it is considered preferable that the Chairman address a personal note to Mr Barton on the subject.

Case of Chin Yu and Pao Kong. The Senior Consul forwards correspondence between the Taotai and the Consular Body on the subject of the liberation of these two notorious Chinese defaulters. The Chairman considers that the action taken by the Consular Body in this matter is correct.

Plague. Two Reports by the Health Officer are submitted, relating to a case of Plague in the Haining Road.

Pingchiao Quarry. A Report by the Engineer is submitted, containing proposals for the extension of the Quarry Lease based upon the information obtained during his recent visit to Pingchiao. This matter is referred for detailed consideration by the Works Committee.

Wayside Park. At the suggestion of the Parks Committee the Council sanctions the formal opening of the Park on June 13.

Water Supply beyond Limits. The Award of Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, together with a verbatim transcript of the recent arbitration proceedings, are submitted, and some discussion ensues as to the effect which the adverse decision will have upon the receipts from General Municipal Rate beyond limits, and as to the possibility of claims being made for re-fund of sums collected during the past five years. The Chairman is of opinion that the Council is in the hands of the Company in respect to existing cases, and that, with the Company's consent, existing residents' agreements may stand. Publication of the Award is considered on the whole advisable.

Tax Office. A Report by the Treasurer is submitted, indicating that the time has now arrived to complete the establishment of the Finance Department by the amalgamation therein of the Tax Office, and this matter will have the attention of the Finance Committee at an early date. The Council assents to the assignment of the present Council Room to the Finance Department, and that the meetings of Council be held in the present Secretary's office, should this change be found by the Committee to be desirable.


Yuyuen Road Extension. The Council is informed that there is little probability of arranging for the extension of this road through the land of the Bubbling Well Temple, owing to the unwillingness of the tenant to dispose of any portion of his leased holding. The Council therefore decides to lay the case before the Land Commission. It is considered probable that there will be no difficulty in arranging for a perpetual lease when the question of the tenant's rights has been settled.

Case of P.C. Appleby. A Police Report is read to the effect that this constable has admitted, upon accusation, that he was imprisoned for burglary in 1909, and that, although he has declared himself to be a single man, he has, as a fact, deserted his wife and child. Some discussion ensues as to what course should be followed, at the conclusion of which it is decided that it would be preferable that the man be shipped away from Shanghai without delay. He will therefore be offered a steerage passage to Europe, and only in the event of non-acceptance will he be dismissed from the Force and charged with making a false declaration. This incident constitutes in the Council's opinion a further reason for establishing a more satisfactory recruiting agency in London, and for dispensing with the services of Colonel Pollock. It is decided to communicate officially with Colonel Pollock in this sense, forwarding the letter under cover to Colonel Bruce.

The Municipal Gazette of June 1 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 7, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C. E. Antm

A. W. Burkill

E. E. Clark

E. J. Cornfoot

H. Figge

C. Selby Moore

E. C. Pearce

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: T. E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Land Lotteries. The Chairman explains the omission from the Municipal Gazette of the paragraph relating to Messrs Hopkins Dunn & Co's lottery by the fact that he ascertained from Mr Brodie Clarke that, after seeing the former Municipal notice, his firm withdrew from the lottery in question, and that no more than six or seven tickets were sold. Police enquiries have confirmed the fact that the lottery has ceased.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 5, are read and confirmed. With regard to the extension of the Central Offices, a note from Mr McBain is read, proposing that the various valuers of Lot 171 should meet and discuss the matter, with a view to reducing the present wide difference between their results. A Report from the Engineer deprecates this course, but the Chairman points out that he has inferred from a conversation with Mr McBain that he would be prepared to accept a price slightly higher than Mr Peeble's valuation; he is therefore of opinion that no opportunity should be missed of arranging the matter amicably. The Council decides to accept the proposal that Messrs Peebles and Halse, together with the Municipal Engineer, meet for further discussion of the question.

Pingohiao Quarry. Certain figures are submitted in a Report by the Engineer, showing the effect of the increase in lease charges under the various proposals for renewal. The members reaffirm the view that delay in settlement of this question will operate in the Council's favour.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of June 6, are read and confirmed. In regard to the question of the transfer of the Tax Office, Mr Pearce has learnt, in conversation with the Treasurer and the Overseer of Taxes, that, in their opinion, the transfer may most suitably be made without any change so far as the actual offices are concerned.

Rent Allowances. At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to ascertain what approximate amount per annum is involved by the suggested ruling.

Consular Body. A letter from Mr A. Ariyoshi, Consul-General for Japan, informs the Council that from June 6 and during his absence from Shanghai, Mr G. Ukita, Vice-Consul, will be in charge of the Consulate-General.

Mrs Snethlage's Dogs. A note from the Legal Adviser informs the Council of the result of the prosecution of Mrs Snethlage, viz. a fine of \$100 with \$50 compensation to the injured child.

Carlton Café and Owl Grill Room. The question of the closing hour of these establishments, raised by the Police, is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Yates Road. A Report by the Engineer states that Mr H. Browett, on behalf of Mr H.P. Wilkinson, has made a claim of £206. in consequence of a dispute, which was brought to the attention of the Works Committee in February last, as to Mr Wilkinson's fence at the corner of this and the Weihaiwei Roads. Inasmuch as neither Mr Browett nor Mr Wilkinson have as yet forwarded any written communication on the subject, it is decided to enquire definitely the grounds of the complaint.

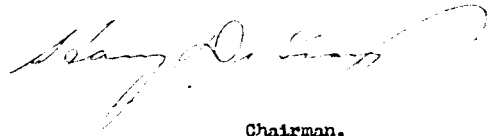
Tramways, Passenger Omnibus. A letter from the Company requests permission to run a horse-drawn omnibus between the Yangtze-poo Terminus and the Point. The Council is not averse to this proposal, provided the width of the vehicle is reasonably restricted. The licence fee chargeable will be \$4 per month, with \$1 for each horse or pony in use, but will be liable to revision at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

In this connexion Mr Burkill alludes to the fact that the Tramway employes at street corners constitute at present an obstruction to traffic, and the attention of the Police will be called to this point.

Sinza Stone Bridge. A plan is submitted by the Chinese Authorities for the Council's approval, showing a new bridge to be erected in place of the present Stone Bridge, the structure to be of steel and of one span. The plan shows a carriage-way 20 feet wide with side-paths 7 feet 6 inches, and is of a total span of 192 feet. This preliminary sketch is approved, upon the understanding that detailed drawings will be submitted for the approval of the Municipal Engineer at a later date.

The Municipal Gazette of June 8 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 14, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Rent Allowances. A note from the Treasurer estimates the cost of
 issuing Rent Allowances to employes on leave, in accordance with
 his suggestion, at \$3200 per annum.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 12, are read
 and confirmed. With regard to the recent action of the American
 Assessor at the

Mixed Court, a letter from the American Consul General is read,
 seeking the Council's support to his protest against the irregular
 release of certain civil suit defendants by the Magistrate without
 the concurrence of the Assessor. At the Chairman's suggestion it
 is decided to reply that the Council is in accord with the view
 which Mr Wildor expresses, but considers that the action which the
 Consulate has taken cannot be regarded as correct.

Foreign Taverns, Hours of Closing. A further application for
 permission to remain open after the hour stipulated in the Licence,
 is submitted on behalf of the St. George's Hotel. In this case
 there is not the same reason for granting special facilities, viz.
 to cater for the public leaving the theatre; on the other hand the
 Council is of opinion that unless complaint is made by neighbours
 there is no reason against compliance with the request. It is
 therefore decided after some discussion to allow that tavern also
 to remain open to 2 a.m. for the present.

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Tramways. A full letter to the Company enumerating the various causes for objection to the present management will be circulated for the Committee's approval before despatch.

Pahsieniao Cemetery. A plan of the mosque and other buildings connected therewith, to be erected on the land set aside for the Mohammedan Community, is submitted by Messrs Atkinson & Dallas Ltd. and approved.


Central Offices. Valuations of Cadastral Lot 171 made for Mr McBain by Messrs Atkinson & Dallas and Moorhead & Halse are submitted, together with a further report by the Engineer, and Mr Peebles' Report made as a result of his collaboration with Mr Halse in this matter. It is noted that Mr Peebles' final valuation is raised to \$408000, and the Council is not averse to a copy of this document being forwarded for Mr McBain's information. Thereafter an early opportunity will be taken to ascertain Mr McBain's views and the Council will if necessary meet again to decide upon the course to be followed before his departure from Shanghai on June 17.


Chinese Building Rules. A note from the Land Commission communicates the Commissioners' approval of the proposed amendments of Rules VIII, XII and XVIII.

Water Supply beyond Limits. A letter from the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. is read, enquiring as to the intentions of the Council in regard to the collection of General Municipal Rate in roads not under the Council's control. It is decided in the first place to ascertain exactly what such roads there are in which the Company's mains are laid.

The Municipal Gazette of June 15 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Friday, June 16, 1911,

at 12 o'clock noon, there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C. E. Anton

A. W. Burkill

F. E. Clark

E. J. Cornfoot

C. Selby Moore

E. C. Pearoe and

The Secretary

Absent:

H. Figge

T. E. Trueman

Central Offices. The Chairman states that he has seen Mr McBain in the matter of Cadastral Lot 171 and ascertained that he is not prepared to accept even Mr Peebles' revised valuation. Mr De Gray is of opinion that the Council cannot under any circumstances offer more, and particularly that the Council cannot recognise prospective profits in valuing this lot for compulsory expropriation.

In the discussion which ensues Mr Pearoe alludes to the Resolution under which the Council is acting, and enquires whether there is authority for making an offer above \$250000. The Chairman states that he has read the whole of the minutes and papers connected with this matter, and reads the Council's authority to be to purchase the land. The estimated price is in certain respects regrettably low; on the other hand it has always been the Council's practice to under-value rather than over-value land required for public purposes.

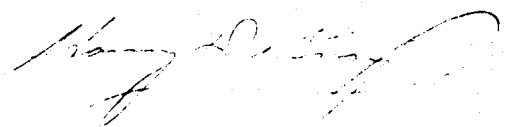
Mr Clark suggests the possibility of acquiring another adjoining property in view of the difficulties connected with this purchase, but reference to the Report of the Special Committee of last year shows that such a course would be contrary to the recommendation which has received the Ratepayers' approval.

It is finally decided to convey an official offer of \$407826, and in the event of Mr McBain's declining, to suggest that the case be referred under Article VIA of the Land Regulations for settlement by the Land Commission. As to the proposal that a special Arbitration Board be appointed for this important case, Mr Moore points out that a suggestion in this sense from the Council might imply distrust of the Land Commissioners.

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The meeting adjourns at 12.25 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 21, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W. Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.J. Cornfoot
H. Figge
C.Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, and of the special meeting of June 16,
are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mixed Court. The Chairman has had an interview with the American
Consul General on the subject of the recent action of his Assessors
at the Court, and Mr Wilder, admitting that a mistake has been made,
has undertaken that the business of the Court shall not be dis-
continued on like grounds again. Under the circumstances the
Council concurs in the view that the correspondence on the subject
may cease, and, at Mr Wilder's request, the letters will not be
published.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of June 20, are
read and confirmed. In regard to the question of
Residence of the Staff at the Works, Mr Pearce points out that the
Standing Order relating to the residences of the Electrical Engineer
ever the Works was set aside some years ago, the post of Station
Superintendent being created to imply ready accessibility by the
holder of that post in the event of breakdown. The Chairman
points out that it will be very necessary that Mr Payne's quarters
are actually within easy reach.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for
Chinese of June 20, are read and confirmed. In the matter of the
Study of Scripture, the Chairman considers it possible that any
modification of the ruling heretofore in force at the School on this
subject would be misconstrued by the Chinese Community, and, after
some discussion, the Council unanimously resolves that no member of
the staff of the School shall under any circumstances take any part in
religious or Bible instruction either in School or privately.

Volunteer Corps.

"A" Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to 2nd Lieutenant W. Brand.

Chinese Company. Leave of absence is granted to Captain G. Grayrigge from June 24 to October 31.

Police Force, Case of P.C. Jones. A Report by the Captain Superintendent forwards a medical certificate to the effect that this Constable's deafness, due to long standing disease, renders him unfit for duty as a Policeman. His discharge from the Force is accordingly authorised. This further case of failure to make adequate examination of candidates for the Municipal Service renders it necessary, in the Council's opinion, to discontinue the services in London of Dr Henderson. Before finally recording a decision in this sense it is decided to obtain confirmation by Dr Macleod that the disease should have been detected at the time of engagement.

Haskell Road Estate. A letter from the Shanghai Building & Investment Co.Ld. is read, suggesting the transfer to the Council upon certain terms of the Haskell and other adjoining private roads, and a plan of the roads in question is submitted for the Council's information. Before deciding on this matter a Report by the Engineer on the proposal is required.

Central Offices. The reply of Mr McBain to the Council's proposal on the subject of Lot 171 is submitted with draft reply suggesting reference of the case to the Land Commission. In a further interview with Mr McBain the Chairman has ascertained that he is not prepared to allow the matter to go before the Commission at present, and that he will not take any further step therein until Mrs McBain, the principal trustee, has been consulted. It is noted that the property was originally purchased with the present lease on it, and it is therefore decided to omit the paragraph on this point from the Council's letter; with this amendment the draft is approved for despatch.

Coronation Festivities. The fire protection arrangements for tomorrow's celebrations, submitted by the Acting Chief Engineer of the Brigade, are approved, as also a Police notice, prepared for publication desiring that residents will not leave their premises unprotected.

Public Recreation Ground. The request of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, communicated verbally by the Rev.W.E. Taylor, for 50 special passes for Chinese to visit the Ground, having the approval of the Recreation Ground Committee, is sanctioned by the

Council as a special case. Tickets bearing the name of the Honorary Secretary, Mr Peebles, will be issued accordingly.

Bund Foreshore. A letter from Messrs Hanson McNeill & Jones makes certain claims and stipulations on behalf of the Shanghai Club with regard to the foreshore in front of the club house. The Chairman comments somewhat adversely on the receipt of a letter of this description from the Council's Legal Advisers, to whom the public rights over the foreshore should be familiar. He also alludes to the fact that the recent adaptation of the carriage-way, carried out at no small expense by the Council, was done at the informal instigation of the Chairman of the Club for the convenience of the members. It is decided to file the letter without reply.

The Municipal Gazette for June 22 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 28, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C.E. Anton

A.W. Burkill

E.E. Clark

E.J. Cornfoot

H. Figge

C. Selby Moore

E.C. Pearce

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by
the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 26, are read
and confirmed, with the following notes:-

Great Western Road (Boulevard Edward VII). From a plan submitted
it appears that there are yet 10 small strips of land required
for the completion of this road, and the Council considers that
while the work of metalling may proceed, these strips should be
acquired without delay.

Complaint by Mr H.P. Wilkinson. The Engineer forwards a Report
by the District Inspector showing that no repairs beyond the
ordinary tarring and sanding have been made to the path adjoining
Mr Wilkinson's lot during the past 9 years. It is also pointed
out that the external hedge precluded the possibility of this
work having in any way affected the fence. Under these circum-
stances it is decided to place the matter in the hands of the
Legal Advisers.

Telephone Service. To the minute on this subject the Chairman
adds that the existence of the private telephone lines of the
Tramway Company were known to the Municipal and Electrical
Engineers; this, however, does not imply the official cognisance
of the Council.

Police Force, Sikh Branch Intrigues. Two Police Reports are
submitted relating to certain accusations made by two senior
sergeants against Jemedar Sarwan Singh. The original recommendation

of the Assistant Superintendent (Sikhs) that these two men be dismissed has subsequently been withdrawn, and Mr Burkill, in conversation with Captain Barrett, has been struck by his inconsistent handling of the incident. The allusion to Major Davidson's dictum as to dismissing the ringleaders of intrigues is considered satisfactory, and the withdrawal from the original recommendation appears to be the reverse. Mr Burkill further points out that it is by design that Captain Barrett's work and reports are being brought to the notice of the Watch Committee during his present probationary period. After some discussion it is decided to await the result of the Acting Captain Superintendent's investigations, whereupon a special meeting of the Watch Committee will be held for the settlement of this matter.

Bubbling Well Road Widening* Reports by the Engineer are submitted, intimating that the widening of the road immediately beyond Chang Su Ho's Garden can be effected by the exchange of the Council's small lot, No 2194, together with a payment of \$800. These terms, upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, are approved, and it is directed that every possible effort be made to prevent the erection of small Chinese shops on the new frontage.

Tar Macadam. With regard to the request of the residents in the Siking Road for alleviation of the nuisance due to ricksha traffic, the Engineer points out that the proposed experiments in this form of street pavement may well be made in the Siking Road, with a view to meeting a bona fide complaint, and, after some discussion, this course is approved.

Water Supply beyond Limits. A plan showing the existing water mains beyond the Northern Boundary is submitted, and referred to the Works Committee for detailed consideration.

Tramway Service. The Company's proposals for reduced return fares to the Bubbling Well and Yangtsepoo during the summer months are considered and approved.

Chinese Government Ground Rent. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai, re-stating the dispute with regard to the rate at which this tax is paid. It is decided to furnish a full reply, suitable for publication, on the lines lately communicated to the native collector.

General Educational Committee. The Report of this Committee, Part I, relating to the Education of Foreign Children is laid on the table,

and copies will be distributed to the Ratepayers in due course. The Council regards the document on the whole as disappointing, inasmuch as little if any light has been thrown on the various educational problems which presented themselves last year.

Public School for Chinese. The resignation of Mr J.C. Ferguson of his seat on the Committee of this School owing to his approaching departure from Shanghai, is recorded with regret. With regard to filling the vacancy thus arising, Mr Cornfoot will ascertain the views of his colleagues, and make a recommendation to the Council in due course.

Study of Chinese. At the instance of the Health Officer certain further minor changes in the amended Rules with respect to the study of Chinese by the Municipal Foreign Staff are submitted. These have the approval of the Watch Committee, and the Code thus finally amended is ordered to be printed and distributed.

Health Office Staff. Advice of the death of Assistant Inspector Dixon while en route to England is received, and the Council's regret recorded.

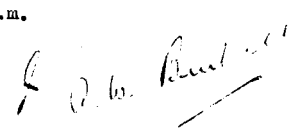
Coronation Celebration. A letter from the Consul General is read, appreciative of the Council's part in the recent festivities. A similar letter addressed to the Commandant of Volunteers will be included in the Corps Orders, and a further communication to the Captain Superintendent of Police has been notified to the Force.

Paoshan Police. A Police Report is submitted, recounting the escape, or suspected release, of a prisoner accused of a serious charge of theft within Settlement limits. At the suggestion of the Watch Committee the details of this flagrant case will be communicated to the Consular Body and published.

The Municipal Gazette of June 29 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 5, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Acting Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.E. Clark
E.J. Cornfoot
H. Figge
C. Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. De Gray
T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Consular Body. A letter from Mr A. Monaco, Consul-General for Italy,
informs the Council that during his absence from June 6, Mr G. Ros
will be in charge of the Consulate-General.

Mr Figge observes that this temporary absence will not involve
a vacancy in the Court of Consuls, and the Chairman undertakes to
ascertain what prospect there is of the British Consul General
becoming a Judge of the Court.

Police Force, Sikh Branch Intrigues. A further Report by the Acting
Captain Superintendent on this subject suggests postponing action
for 3 months, and this proposal, endorsed by the Watch Committee,
is approved. The Chairman has had some conversation with Mr McEuen
in this matter, and learnt that difficulties have arisen owing to
Captain Barrett's conflicting proposals. It is therefore considered
desirable to await receipt from India of fuller particulars as to
the antecedents of the Jamadar in question.

Complaint by Mr H.P. Wilkinson. The Legal Adviser's draft reply to
Mr Browett's proposal is read, and some discussion ensues, Mr Moore
being of opinion that the letter is not calculated to effect a
settlement of the case. It is decided to indicate to Mr McNeill
that, by the omission of certain portions of the letter, a more
precise presentation of the Council's view and offer would result.

Ward Road. Letters from Messrs Voelkel & Schroeder, Ld. and the
Seventh Day Adventist Mission are read, desiring that the continuation
of this road into the Eastern District, Section B, be carried out.

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 The correspondence with the Senior Consul in November 1909 is recalled, from which it appears that the construction of the road was postponed in deference to the protest of the villagers. The Council is now prepared to resume negotiations for the acquisition of the necessary land, and, in replying to the latter applicant, a request will be made for the surrender without compensation of such of their estate as is required for the Lahore Road.

Lithofalt Paving. A note from the Engineer, referring to the Works Committee's instructions in this matter, suggests the paving of the Fooohow-Szechuen Road corner and the latter road southward as far as the blocks will permit. Mr De Gray has recorded the view that the Canton-Szechuen Road corner would be a better test, in view of the tramway rails there laid, and, subject to further report by the Engineer, his suggestion is adopted.

Pingohiao Quarry. Successive Reports of the Engineer are submitted on the subject of a strike of boring coolies on June 28. The Deputy Engineer proceeded to Hangchow, and upon enquiry has formed the view that the request for higher wages may be to some extent justifiable. He has induced the men to resume work, and the Engineer's further recommendation will be submitted in the course of a few days.

Public School for Chinese. Upon the proposal of Mr Cornfoot, the Council decides to invite Mr H.F. Handley-Derry to fill the vacancy in the Committee of this School caused by the resignation of Mr J.C. Ferguson.

Tramway Service. The Company's reply to the Council's general letter of complaint of June 20, is submitted, and, in Mr Burkill's opinion, the reasons assigned by the Company for breaches of the Regulations are unsatisfactory. Upon the receipt of a Police Report, with evidence, particularly on the subject of the speed of the cars in the Nanking Road, a further letter to the Company will be drafted for members' approval.

Volunteers, Match Rifles. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the Council sanctions the purchase of 12 Match Rifles, to be issued to members of the Corps and of the Shanghai Rifle Association on payment. The special arrangements proposed in respect to two of these rifles to be owned by members of the Chinese Company are also approved.

Fruit Hawkers. A Report by the Health Officer recommends the re-issue of the Notification on this subject, with a further clause prohibiting the sale of all fruit in the streets. Having regard to the difficulty which has arisen in the past in this connexion, the Council is of opinion that this further restriction should not be enforced at the present time and until the rule formerly obtaining is properly understood and complied with. The assistance of the Mixed Court Magistrate will be unofficially invoked in the enforcement of this Notification.

Medical Examination of Recruits. The final decision of the Council to dispense with the services of Dr Henderson is recorded, and some discussion ensues as to the performance of his work in the future. As a result, it is decided to request Mr Mayne to make enquiries and recommendations on the subject, noting that the doctor selected should be not over 40 years of age, and should not be too busy a practitioner. It is suggested that an examiner for Life Insurance Companies would be suitable, provided he gave special attention to such matters as sight, hearing, and other points not of special importance from an insurance standpoint.

Telephone Service. A note by the Electrical Engineer on the subject of the special telephone installation of the Tramway Company is submitted and ordered for circulation to members.

The Municipal Gazette of July 6 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6 o'clock p.m.

W. Curson

Secretary.

A. W. Barclay
Acting Chairman.

M.S.
At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 12, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Acting Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.E. Clark
E.J. Cornfoot
H. Figge
C. Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. De Gray
T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of July 11, are read
and confirmed.

Wayside Park. The Council is of opinion that the suggested purchase
of a merry-go-round is in keeping with the object for which the Park
has been established, and the expenditure is therefore authorised.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A letter from the Senior Consul informs the
Council that the representatives of Great Britain and Belgium have
been elected to fill the two vacancies in this Court. The Chairman
observes that this result is satisfactory, and he tenders to Mr Figge
the Council's thanks for his endeavours in the matter.

Health Office Quarters, Woosung Road. In further discussion of the
suitability of the two houses, the property of the Council in the
Woosung Road, the Chairman after repeated visits has formed the view
that they are quite suitable as quarters for Inspectors. He has in
no instance heard a repetition of the noise made by neighbouring
tinsmiths when the Committee visited the premises officially. The
Watch Committee concurring in this view, the objections of the
Inspectors are definitely and finally over-ruled.

The alterations proposed at the house at the corner of Range
Road are estimated to cost £2700, and although provision for the work
is not contained in the Budget, the Council authorises the expenditure
with a view to completion of the work during Inspector Kilner's
absence on long leave.

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Peking Road Widening. A further letter from Messrs E.D. Sassoon & Co. is read, on the subject of the proposed widening ex Cadastral Lot 211. Therein the firm assents to the Council's proposal that the payment for loss of rental be the actual loss incurred, ascertained 12 months after re-construction is completed, provided in turn that the Council will treat any loss due to delay in re-occupation in the same manner. Actuated by the view that the settlement of this case will be productive of immediate good results, by constituting the Peking Road a serviceable thoroughfare, the Council decides to accept these terms.

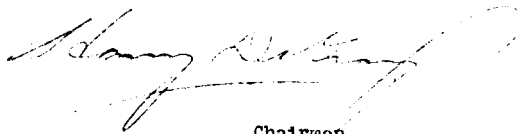
Pingehiao Quarry. A Report by the Engineer is submitted, containing details of the earnings of the boring coolies, and his recommendation is approved that, with effect from July 1, an increase of \$0.20 per chang be paid. Mr Moore, who has recently visited the Quarry considers this proposal reasonable, and Mr Godfrey estimates that the concession will not involve a greater increase than 70.04 per fong of stone produced.

The Municipal Gazette of July 13 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 19, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

- Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of July 14, are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 17, are read and confirmed. In respect to the proposed change in position of the Haroon Road, Mr Burkill is very strongly of opinion that the Council should not co-operate with Mr Haroon to the detriment of the villagers residing in the neighbourhood. On the other hand he is not averse to the position of the road being altered in the manner suggested. The Council is unanimously of opinion that compulsory powers under Article VIA of the Land Regulations cannot justly be put into operation in this matter, and after some discussion, the point is referred to the Committee for further consideration.

Cadastral Office. In regard to the case of Mr Oliviera, Mr Pearce undertakes to explain the matter to him in detail, and the hope is expressed that he will be content with the Council's offer of restitution.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of July 19, are read and confirmed. With regard to the two questions of Staff, the Chairman points out that the Committee's proposal with regard to Mr Olsen is one which the Council cannot under any circumstances accept. If the facts in regard to this employe are

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as stated, it would be fair to inform him that they will be taken into consideration in arranging his increased salary if and when his agreement is renewed. For the present, however, the agreement must stand.

In regard to the suggested honorarium for the Electrical Engineer, Mr Moore points out that the duties which he performed are only those which are expected of an efficient and energetic Head of a Department, and that Mr Aldridge's not illiberal salary is issued in recognition of the fact that he is such. In view of the fact that during his stay in England the Engineer was on full pay, while the whole of his expenses were paid by the Council, the members are unanimously of opinion that the payment of the suggested honorarium would be wrong in principle, and it is therefore disallowed.

Volunteer Corps. A letter from the Shanghai Rifle Association is read, desiring the Council's approval of two amendments of the rules, which will (a) place the conditions of the monthly competitions and annual prize meeting under the control of the Committee; and (b) allow of the use of rifles of Government pattern other than British. In comment thereon, the Commandant points out that the competitions for the Medal and Interport Match are fired with the Corps Rifles, and, amended in this sense, the proposals of the Association are approved.

Fire Brigade. The Report of the Acting Chief Engineer is submitted, on the accident which happened to the motor hose reel on July 13, and considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at the Brigade's apparent careless handling of the plant. Mr Burkill points out that this and similar incidents are all tending towards placing the Brigade and its plant in competent professional hands. At the same time it is understood that an order has been issued that no part of the plant shall hereafter be taken out to social functions.

Chapei Police. In reference to an enquiry by the Senior Consul, the Council is informed that the Police have no knowledge of any attempt to re-arrest the thief who escaped from, or was released by, the Chapei Police on June 14.

Case of Mr Osterberger. The reply of the French Consul-General to the Council's protest in this case, is read, to the effect that the decision of the Court was regular and is subject only to formal appeal. He adds that the demand for costs has been waived. Mr Burkill has learnt unofficially that the opinion of the Judge was over-ruled by that of the two assessors, who sit under French law, and, in these circumstances, it is decided to allow the matter to drop.



Case of Mrs Jovino. A long petition from this widow of an ex-employee is submitted, and thereto are affixed the names of a large number of the Consular Body and other prominent residents. The Chairman expresses surprise at these signatures, the late Mr Jovino having, in his opinion, been treated by the Council with exceptional liberality. Mr Burkill has been informed to the effect that Mr Jovino's son lost a large portion of the money which he received from his father in rubber speculation. The matter is referred for consideration by the Finance Committee, for whose guidance a memorandum on the case will be prepared.

Cement Contract. Six tenders have been received in response to Notification No 2106, and the Engineer's recommendation is that those of the Hupeh Cement Works, 350 casks at \$2.80 and \$2.90 per cask, and Messrs Shewan Tomes & Co., 200 casks at \$3.15 per cask, be accepted. It is not clear to the members why the former tenderers should charge a higher price for supplies over 100 casks, but, after some discussion, the recommendation is endorsed.

House Building beyond the Settlement. A letter from the Rev. J. Darroch is read, having reference to the imposition of a fee of \$14 by the Chapel Authorities in respect to the house which he is building off the North Szechuen Road. The letter states that application to H.M. Consul General has elicited a reply that this fee is properly levied. It is decided to ascertain whether this statement is true, and if so to enquire Mr Fraser's reasons for the opinion. In the meanwhile the Council records willingness to take over and maintain the private road, measuring about 500 feet, upon which Mr Darroch's and other houses will abut.

Tramway Company's Byelaws. A letter from the Company enquires what steps the Council considers should be taken to render these Byelaws legally effective. Reference is made to the opinion of the Legal Adviser given in May 1908, to the effect that the greatest difficulty would be experienced in enforcing a Tramway Company's Byelaws in the Settlement. It is decided to communicate this view for the Company's information.

Electricity Committee. The resignation of Mr A.H. Collinson of his seat on this Committee, owing to his forthcoming departure from Shanghai, is received and recorded with regret. It is decided to invite Mr C.R. Burkill to fill the vacancy thus created.

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Ellis Kadoorie School. A Report by the Engineer forwards an amended sketch plan of this school, showing an Assembly Hall 72 feet by 33 feet, and giving reasons for retaining the proposed verandas on the south side of the building. Upon the recommendation of the School Committee, this plan is adopted and approved.

This Committee has heretofore been known as the "Committee of the Public School for Chinese"; as, however, it is about to take charge of the Ellis Kadoorie, and possibly other Chinese schools, the Council endorses the view that the name be altered to the "Chinese Educational Committee".

Chinese Polytechnic Institution. A letter from the Committee of this Institution proposes that the Council should lease their property at the corner of the Kiangse and Pakhoi Roads, for a term of 60 years at a nominal rental, for the purpose of erecting a school for Chinese. Mr Cornfoot, speaking on behalf of the Committee which he represents, states that this proposal appears to dovetail conveniently into the proposals which were in view, adding especially that Mr Shen Tun-ho would warmly welcome the acquisition of a site in the Central District for scholastic purposes. Mr Moore and Mr Pearce are desirous of closer scrutiny of the matter, but, speaking generally, the Council is favourably inclined to acceptance of the proposal.

Cash at Bankers. The Treasurer points out that the Council's deposit of \$100000 at the Hongkong Bank will mature on July 30, and at his suggestion it is decided to accept the Bank's offer of renewal for a further period of three months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.

Case of Mr Wilkinson. The reply of Mr Browett to the Council's letter in this case is forwarded by the Legal Advisers, containing the proposal that the Council defray the cost of re-erecting Mr Wilkinson's fence, and half the cost of the suggested mud-slope. This proposal is also unacceptable to the Council.

Myburgh Road. The Senior Consul has communicated to the Chairman the draft of a letter which he proposes to write containing a settlement of the long outstanding case of the Guild of Hot Water Shops. His proposals substantially coincide with those to which the Council formerly agreed, except that the Taotal desires that the Council shall not interfere with his regular proceedings against the parties who originally received \$1000 for the land required for road purposes. It is decided to ascertain without delay the basis of these men's negotiations with the Public Works Department.

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The Municipal Gazette of July 20 is submitted in proof and authorised
for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

W. Curson

Secretary.

Harry De la Haye

Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 26, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C. E. Anton

A. W. Burkill

E. E. Clark

E. J. Cornfoot

H. Figge

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: C. Selby Moore

E. C. Pearce

T. E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Hardoon Road. The Chairman considers that it may be advisable to
settle this question without delay, and it is therefore unanimously
resolved to inform Mr Hardoon that if he is successful in acquiring
the whole of the land required for the new road, together with any
lots abutting on the existing line, the Council will be willing to
sanction the change he contemplates.

Police Administration. The Senior Consul forwards a communication from
the Taotai on the subject of the policing of the Settlement, together
with copy of his reply. The Council appreciates the tone of Mr
Siffert's letter, and expresses the hope that it may not have
suffered or lost force in translation.

Motor Traffic. A Memorandum by the Captain Superintendent of Police,
having reference to the speed of motor cars, is submitted and
approved for distribution to car-owners.

Horse Ambulance. A letter from Messrs Keylock & Pratt is submitted,
referring to the correspondence which took place on this subject
in November last, and stating that up to the present the horse
ambulance constructed at their expense has not been called into
requisition on any single occasion. After some discussion the
Council decides to make the desired contribution of \$300 towards the
cost, upon the definite understanding that all further charges for
maintenance will be borne by Messrs Keylock & Pratt.

Peking Road Bridge. In comment upon the tenders received for the construction of this bridge, the Engineer points out that while the lowest tender has been withdrawn, the second, that of Che Yaw Ding, T6341, will involve considerable loss to the contractor, since the value of materials to be supplied is as much as T5500, while labour and other expenses will cost not less than T4000. The Council endorses the recommendation that this tender be accepted, provided that adequate security is forthcoming for due performance of the contract.

Myburgh Road. With reference to the minute of the last meeting on this subject, the Senior Consul's letter as arranged is submitted. In regard to the stipulation that the Council abstain from interference in the prosecution of the parties who received the first payment of T1000, a Report by the Engineer implies that the Council is under no obligation to these men. In the circumstances therefore, and noting that proceedings will be taken in a regular manner, the Council assents to the conditions proposed.

Culverts in the Jukong. A Report by the Engineer is submitted, on the subject of a culvert under construction by the Chapel authorities in the Jukong beyond the Settlement boundary, and pointing out that these operations will result in obstruction to the tidal flow and consequent interference with the drainage of property in the vicinity. The Council considers that since this culvert is not of less sectional area than that in the same waterway at the head of the Woosung Road, which was allowed to be constructed without protest in 1909, it is unnecessary that action be taken in the matter.

Tifeng Road. A letter from the Bubbling Well Land Investment Co.Ld., is submitted, suggesting that, with a view to allaying the agitation which has arisen in connexion with the new roads west of the Bubbling Well, the road stones be removed temporarily and replaced when the road system has been completed. The members are of opinion that such a step would be undesirable and liable to misinterpretation, and it is directed that under no circumstances shall removal of the stones be permitted.


Tramway Shelter at Yangtsepoo. In regard to an application by the Tramway Company for permission to erect a passenger shelter within the roadline at the Yangtsepoo Terminus, the Chairman observes that while the Council has readily granted easements on roads where acquisition of land for such purposes is difficult or impracticable, these conditions do not apply in the case in question. It is accordingly decided to refuse the application.


Police Promotions. In regard to the recent examination for promotions to the rank of Sergeant, special enquiry has been made by the Watch Committee into the case of Constable Robbins who was not recommended for promotion, although his total of marks was the highest, and although he received the full number of marks for knowledge of Chinese. From a Report by the Captain Superintendent it is learnt that this man's character and record render him quite unfitted for Police work, and the recommendation that the services of Constable Robbins terminate on expiry of his agreement on November 24, is accordingly approved.

Chicago Municipal Exhibition. A letter from the American Consul-General is submitted, enquiring whether the Council desires representation by an exhibit at the forthcoming International Municipal Congress and Exposition in Chicago, and offering his assistance in obtaining further information if desired. While the members are not aware of any good purpose to be served by this proposal Mr Wilder will be invited to state in detail his views on the subject.

The Municipal Gazette of July 27 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At a special meeting of the Council held on Saturday, July 29, 1911,
at noon, there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
C. E. Anton
A. W. Burkill
E. E. Clark
E. J. Cornfoot
H. Figge
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: C. Selby Moore
E. C. Pearce
T. E. Trueman

Haskell Road System. The Chairman recounts conversations which have taken place between himself and the Senior Consul on the subject of the protest of the Chinese against the municipalisation of those roads. Owing to delay in Mr Siffert's office, copies of the deeds did not reach the Taotai until after the Chapei Police had been notified that their services were no longer required. At the request of Mr Siffert and Mr Fraser the Chairman has agreed that the taking over be deferred until July 31. A letter from the Senior Consul is now read, desiring further postponement, and enclosing two letters from the Taotai protesting at what he describes as an encroachment upon sovereign rights. After some debate the Council is unanimously of opinion that postponement of this matter is necessary for the present, and, in reply to the Senior Consul's letter, it will be pointed out that inasmuch as the Shanghai Building & Investment Co. have paid for the services of the so-called police up to the present, it cannot be otherwise than within their power to discontinue these services and to make such arrangements with the Council as may be mutually satisfactory.

Roads beyond the Bubbling Well. With regard to the application for removal of the Municipal stones from these roads, the Council is informed that Mr J. P. Sung believes it possible that if the Council will assent to remove the stones for a period of 3 months, he will be able to arrange for the remaining 3 pieces of land required to connect the Siccawei Road. In full realisation of the foolishness of this application, the Council decides that if a definite offer in writing is made in this sense, the stones may be removed for the period named.

Bubbling Well Road Widening. With regard to the application to build 5 shops on the new frontage of this road beyond Chang Sa-ho's Garden, the Council directs that a renewed effort be made to prevent this unfortunate upshot of the intended improvement. In any case it is decided to withhold payment of the reinstatement money unless actually to be used for the purpose named.

Case of P. Osterberger. A further Police Report on this case is submitted, desiring that the Council will authorize a formal appeal against the decision of the French Court. The action of the French Consul General in addressing Mr Burkill on this subject is considered tantamount to an apology, and, under the circumstances, the Council endorses its former decision to take no action in the matter. The recommendation of the Acting Captain Superintendent that the Sikh Constable concerned receive \$20 compensation is approved.

The meeting adjourns at 12.35 p.m.

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Secretary.

Henry Deane

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 2, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.E. Clark
 E.J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
 C. Selby Moore
 E.C. Pearce and
 T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting and of the special meeting of July 29,
 are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Police Force, Carbines for the Chinese Branch. A Report by the Captain
 Superintendent is submitted, recommending as an experiment that about
 50 Chinese Constables, formerly Weihaiwei Regiment men, be armed and
 drilled with carbines under suitable restrictions. This proposal
 meets with the Council's approval.

Taxi-cabs. Applications are submitted from the Olivier Import & Export
 Co. and the Oriental Automobile Co., for permission to place a number
 of passenger motor cars in the streets for public hire. The Council
 is of opinion that these vehicles will make for the public convenience,
 and, in granting the necessary permission, reference is made to a
 Police note indicating where the vehicles are to stand when not in use.

The Licence Schedule at present contains no provision for public
 motor cars. The vehicles will therefore be liable to licence at the
 same rates as private cars. A new form of licence, with approved
 fee and conditions, will become issuable after the next Annual Meeting
 of Ratepayers.

Central Offices Site. Mr McBain's reply to the Council's letter of
 June 23 is read, indicating that he is unable to agree that the
 question of Lot 171 be referred to the Land Commission. The
 Chairman is still anxious to settle this case without proceeding to
 extremities, and will see Mr Prentice in the matter before further
 action is taken.

Sinza Stone Bridge. The Council is informed that the Chinese Public
 Works Office have intimated an intention to begin operations on the

new bridge, although the detailed plans have not yet been submitted for the Council's approval. A notice has been sent to Mr Yao Jih Hsuen to the effect that such action will give rise to unpleasant consequences. A note from the Engineer states that the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. is desirous that the Council will not approve plans of the new bridge unless provision has been made therein for carrying the water main. The Council assents to this course.

Land Assessment. A Plan of the Central District is submitted, signed by Messrs Algar and Peebles, whereon have been marked the new assessed values of the lots. These will be published and communicated to the concerned, with the usual allowance of one month for protest.

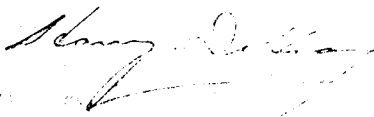
A further letter from Messrs Algar and Peebles is read, on the subject of the difficulties in regard to riverine frontage lots owing to the fact that a few lots only have been bounded to the Normal Line. This matter will have the attention of the Works Committee upon receipt of a Report from the Engineer in re.

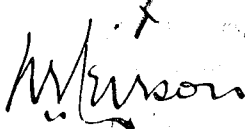
Land Commission. With regard to the vacancy in the Commission caused by the lamented death of Mr G.W. Noel, it is decided to take the necessary steps in accordance with the provision of Article VIA of the Land Regulations for the election of his successor. A draft letter to the Senior Consul to this end is signed for despatch.

Private Roads. A letter from the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. is read, offering free surrender of their existing private roads throughout the Settlement and beyond, to be hereafter maintained and controlled by the Council. The Company stipulates for the right to alter the position of these roads in the future if found necessary, and to erect private electric wires or gas mains therein if desirable hereafter. The members are generally in favour of acquiescence in these proposals. The letter will, however, be circulated for detailed perusal.

The Municipal Gazette of August 3 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.10 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 9, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C. E. Anton
 E. E. Clark
 E. J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:
 A. W. Burkill
 C. Selby Moore
 E. C. Pearce
 T. E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Motor Car Licences. A note from the Captain Superintendent of Police suggests that these licences be issued only in the name of individuals, to facilitate proceedings in the event of breach of the licence conditions. From the list of existing licences not so held, it appears that the majority are in the names of firms and limited companies with reliable secretaries or managers. It is decided to make the change suggested in respect only to one or two doubtful cases.

Plague. Two Reports by the Health Officer are submitted on the subject of a further outbreak of plague in an alleyway north of the Haining Road, beyond the Settlement boundary. Dr Stanley describes the steps which are being taken by the management of the Chinese Public Isolation Hospital in the matter, and the reports are ordered for publication.

Mr Figge expresses the opinion that the Council should take drastic steps to prevent the spread of the disease within the Settlement, either by means of a Police cordon along the boundary, or otherwise. He further suggests a communication to the Consular Body on the subject without delay. After some consideration it is decided to hold a meeting of the Watch Committee at noon tomorrow, for discussion of the matter with the Health Officer and Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.

Water Supply beyond Limits. A further letter from the Waterworks Co. is read, intimating three additional roads beyond limits which are

considered to be beyond the scope of the Concession Agreement. One of these is the Old Woosung Road, the ownership of which has been in doubt for 40 years, and the other two are regarded by the Council as branches, containing branch water-mains, of Municipal roads.

It is pointed out that the Chapel Waterworks buildings and machinery are of such a character as to indicate the determination of the Chinese to compete with the Company in the supply of water beyond the Settlement, and that it is by the extension of the Settlement only that the Company's interests can be safeguarded. The Council therefore directs that a letter be drawn making this point, and expressing the earnest hope that the Company will not further recede from its obligation to co-operate with the Council in the levy of the 6 per cent Rate in this district.

Haroon Road. The reply of Mr Haroon to the Council's letter on the subject of the deviation of this road is submitted, with comment thereon by the Engineer. The Chairman has set out at length the terms on which this deviation was sanctioned, and it is decided to communicate these terms to Mr Haroon in a fuller manner, to prevent the possibility of any misunderstanding.

Road Metalling. A schedule with estimates of cost by the Engineer is submitted, of road metalling work in the Western District and beyond, the execution of which is considered advisable in the interests of the public. The Chairman expresses the view that the Council has heretofore been somewhat laggard in this respect, in comparison with the work done in the French Extra-Settlement. The matter will have further consideration after members have inspected the plan and figures.

Shanghai Land Investment Co. Private Roads. Plans of the roads which the Company desires that the Council will take over are submitted, and it is noted that the road opposite Haroon Road, south of Great Western Road, forms a through connexion with the Rue Ratard. In these circumstances its policing by the Council might reasonably be resented by the French Council, in whose sphere of administration the road stands. This result would be one which the Council would not desire in any circumstances, and it is decided to communicate further with the Company on the subject.

Study of Chinese. The Report of the Board is submitted, on the half-yearly examination recently conducted, and the recommendations for Bonus, etc., therein contained, are adopted.

Fancy Fair at Chang Su-ho's Garden. Applications by the Rev. J.

Darroch and Mr Shen Tun-ho for permission to hold a Fair in aid of the Chinese Famine Fund, are submitted and approved. No objection will be raised to the suggested system of prizes attached by lot to entrance tickets, provided the prizes are not money nor of great value.

The Municipal Gazette of August 10 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.20 p.m.

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Secretary.

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Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 16, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W. Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.J. Cornfoot
H. Figge
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: C. Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of August 10, are
read and confirmed. The Chairman states that the Committee's
action in regard to

Plague was based to a great extent on the statement in the Health
Officer's Memorandum that the bubonic type of the disease is not
transferable from man to man. Mr Figge observes that he has a note
from Dr von Schab to the effect that a contrary opinion is held.
His view is supported in a German pamphlet which will be handed to
the Health Officer for his information.

Volunteer Corps, Reserve Company. The resignation of Lieutenant
Bell, owing to his approaching departure from Shanghai, communicated
through the Acting Commandant, is received and recorded with regret.

The Taotai and Police Administration. A further communication from
the Taotai is forwarded by the Senior Consul, attacking the Police
administration of the Settlement. The Chairman regards this
document as grossly impertinent, and he is disposed to suggest that
the Council do not receive it.

A Police Report traversing the Taotai's statements is in
process of compilation, and, after some discussion, it is decided
on this occasion to reply in full, pointing out that the difficulties^s
with which the Police Force contends are almost wholly due to the
hostile and aggressive measures of the Chinese Government; adding
that the Council is of opinion that such letters in future should
neither be received nor considered.

Plague in Chapei. A Report by the Health Officer giving the present

position of this matter is ordered for publication as before.

Dr Stanley observes that he has been requested to assist the newly formed Plague Bureau in Chapei, and desires the Council's instructions in the matter. A verbal application in this sense has also been made by Dr S.M. Cox. The Council, while ready to comply with this request of the Chinese, will await an official application before doing so.

Shanghai Land Investment Company's Private Roads. With regard to the

connexion of the roads beyond the Changpang with the French Extra-Settlement road system, the Council is informed that the Company will under no circumstances permit French administration on its estates. It thus appears useless for the Council to approach the French Council in the matter. The Chairman points out that policing should present no greater difficulty here than at the various other points where the two police administrations meet, and, after further discussion, it is decided to take over the Company's roads as originally proposed.

Metalling of Outside Roads.

To the schedule of roads in the Western District proposed to be metalled, the Chairman adds the Robison Road, which, together with the Connaught and Kinoshow Roads, he considers should take precedence of the others named. Mr Burkill points out that some injustice will arise from the fact that the Council has so recently as last month accepted contributions from owners concerned in similar public works. The Chairman states that this discussion has arisen as a result of the incident to which Mr Burkill alludes, and he repeats the view which he formerly expressed, that the development of the Settlement has been retarded by the Council's backward policy in respect to making roads available for vehicular traffic. It is decided to approve the schedule as amended, and to proceed with the metalling during this and next year as funds, i.e. appropriations in the Budget, will admit.

Water Supply beyond Limits.

A draft letter to the Waterworks Company on the subject of their policy in regard to taxation beyond limits, as amended by circular, is read and approved for despatch.

Electricity Department Motors.


The Electrical Engineer's recommendations in respect to the tenders received in response to Notification No 2123 (20 one-phase Induction Motors), endorsed by the Electricity Committee, are submitted for the Council's confirmation. It is pointed out that in the case of the three 20 H.P. motors, the lowest tender, that of Messrs Arnhold Karberg & Co., is not recommended, but that of the

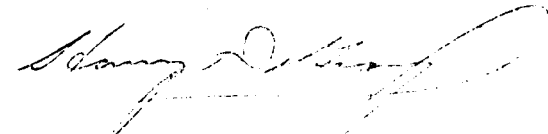
Siemens China Electrical Engineering Co. for 22 H.P. The point appears to the Council one calling for further consideration. The recent incident in which Messrs Garrels, Borner & Co. were concerned is cited, and it is suggested that, in any case in which the lowest ^{fund:} is not recommended for acceptance, full reasons should be given for any other course proposed.

The Financial Statement to June 30 is submitted, and the summary attached ordered for publication. The attention of the various Committees (notably the Watch Committee in respect to Mr Figge's comments) will be drawn to the points arising in regard to their sections of the Statement. The Chairman points out that the published summary has, as a fact, no practical utility, since the inferences to be drawn from the figures are in many cases fallacious; on the other hand there is an impression that publication is in accordance with the Rate-payers' wishes.

The Municipal Gazette of August 17 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

H.D.G.
At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 23, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)

G.E. Anton

A.W. Burkill

E.E. Clark

E.J. Cornfoot

Absent: H. Figge

C.Selby Moore

E.C. Pearce

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The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

Water Supply beyond Limits. The Chairman states that he received a call from the Secretary of the Waterworks Company, who expressed the hope that friendly relations between the Company and the Council were not at an end. Mr De Gray re-assured him on this point, and gave as the reason for the Council's recent letter the fact that the Company is and has been initiating measures making for the cessation of taxation on certain roads beyond Settlement limits, for which course of action the Council can see no reason.

Plague. The Health Officer reports two additional cases, and his comment thereon will be published as before.

House Refuse Depot. Two letters from Price's Patent Candle Co.Ld., are read, complaining of the nuisance due to this Depot adjoining their premises on the Soochow Creek. A Report from the Health Officer on the subject is also submitted. The Council's case rests upon the fact that such a depot is a municipal necessity; that it is and has been situated in this comparatively secluded neighbourhood for many years, and that everything possible is being done to mitigate the nuisance. On the other hand, the present actual site was purchased after the candle factory was inaugurated. It is decided to forward a sympathetic reply, to state that redoubled precautions will be taken, but to hold out no hope that any more suitable site can be procured.

Bubbling Well Road Widening. The Engineer reports that the native owner of the land beyond Chang Su Ho's Garden has not yet been induced to modify his plans. He also furnishes an elevation of the

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projected buildings which shows houses available as, or readily convertible into, shops. The Council directs retention of the re-instatement money promised, and that a further effort be made to save this frontage from becoming objectionable to the Foreign residents in the neighbourhood.

Land Assessment. Reports by the Engineer on the question of riverine frontage lots are read, and, after some discussion, his recommendation is adopted. The Assessors will be desired to place values on the areas covered by consular deed, whether raised or otherwise, and to add thereto alternative values for the Council's guidance hereafter as the various lots are shanked and bundled.

Native Wine Shops. Petitions from a number of these licensed shops, direct and through the Senior Consul, are submitted and considered. From the comment of the Overseer of Taxes, the Council learns that some injustice arises from the fact that shops solely for the sale of wine have been treated in the same manner as others at which the sale of wine forms only a minor part of their business. Mr Allen's proposal is adopted that for the ensuing quarter the whole number of shops be graduated and assessed for licence on the basis of the amount of wine sold.

Electricity Department Tenders. A Report by the Engineer gives technical reasons for acceptance of the tender of the Siemens China Electrical Engineering Co. in preference to the lowest received, that of Messrs Arnhold Karberg & Co. Upon the grounds that by this means the Council will obtain the best value for money, and that the Notification clearly stated that the Council was not bound to accept the lowest tender, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, to adopt the course proposed.

Tramways. A letter from the Tramway Company discusses at length the question of through running, and indicates that, owing to the action of the French Company, no arrangements to this end are practicable. It is understood that this communication is intended for publication.

The Municipal Gazette for August 24 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication. In the Police Report therein contained is a paragraph relating to a Mixed Court official named Wong, which is considered unsuitable, and, in authorising amendment, it is decided to indicate the change made to the Senior Consul, who has been furnished with a copy of the Report.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

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Secretary.

Harry De la Hay

Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 30, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C. E. Anton
 A. W. Burkill
 E. E. Clark
 E. J. Cornfoot
 E. C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 T. E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of August 25, are read
 and confirmed.

Municipal Buildings, Central Offices. With a view to the preparation
 of revised conditions and specification during the ensuing Recess, the
 Council debates and decides upon the following points. It appears to
 the members that no good purpose would be served by limiting the
 competition to architects in the East, the Chairman pointing out ^{that} the
 Shanghai Club is an unfortunate example of such limitation. It is
 therefore decided that the competition shall be an open one. Following
 upon this decision it appears desirable that the designs be received
 in London, and that the prizes be converted into sterling. In the
 second place the Council decides to leave the position of the various
 offices as far as possible to the architect's discretion, certain
 reservations being recorded, for instance as to the three existing
 permanent buildings, as to the possibility of the Fire Brigade
 hereafter coming under the control of the Police, as to the necessity
 of a north light in the Public Works drawing office, etc.

Yulin and Macgregor Roads. The Chairman observes that it was not
 the Committee's intention that this case be taken before the Land
 Commission, for the reason that betterment, the point in dispute, is,
 in his opinion, highly doubtful.

Urga Road. The minute omits to record the Committee's view that
 the negotiations for the whole of the land for this road should

H.D.S.
preferably be in Mr Peebles' hands, if he will undertake the work, rather than be carried out by the Public Works Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of August 28, are

read and confirmed, with the following notes:-

Recruiting for the Police Force. The Council endorses the underlying suggestion in the letters of Colonel Bruce and Mr Mayne that Colonel Pollock's services be retained.

Detective Branch. The Chairman is unable to endorse the opinion expressed by the Acting Captain Superintendent, holding the view that the work of the Detective Branch is at present eminently unsatisfactory. The Committee's recommendation as to the appointment of a trained detective is unanimously endorsed.

Gaol, Receiving Block. The Committee has made an inspection of this building and recommends the immediate construction, by means of convict labour, of an additional room on the east of the block, a proposal which meets with the Council's approval.

German Police Court. Mr Burkill has seen the Consul-General for Germany and learnt that the decision in the Holgwarth case is in accordance with the German law, which provides in criminal procedure that the first hearing shall be in camera, and that crimes committed when in a state of hopeless intoxication are unpunishable. Under these circumstances the Council is of opinion that no further step can be taken in the matter.

Tramways. The Committee considers that the minute goes farther than was intended in stating that the correspondence with the Company should cease, for the reason that if an accident takes place as a result of overcrowding, the Council will be held to blame. It is therefore decided to insist upon the Company keeping the front platform clear of passengers, with Police assistance where necessary. Mr Burkill also enquires whether the number of trailers exceeds that authorised by the Council. Finally, it is decided to prohibit the use of the goods car recently noticeable in the streets except at night.

Traffic. A Police Report is read, containing detailed proposals for confining slow traffic to the side of the road, particularly on the Bund. The procedure therein laid down meets with the Council's approval.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of August 28, are read and confirmed. With regard to the matter of the Watchman at Wayside Park, the Council directs the employment of a Northern Chinese as an experiment, the present Sikhs remaining at the other parks.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of August 29, are read and confirmed. In regard to the case of Mrs Jovino, the Council, while endorsing the views which the Committee has expressed, is of opinion that a simple reply to the petitioner is required, while the substance of the Committee's minute may suitably be published for the information of those who supported the petition.

Chapei Census. A letter from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips is read, demanding an apology for the arrest by the Police on August 7 of certain native petty officials who were taking a census in the Dixwell Road. In reply it is decided to state that the men were found functioning in a suspicious manner and were therefore very properly arrested by the Police; when, however, the harmless nature of their pursuit was learnt they were released.

House Refuse Depot. It is understood that a satisfactory arrangement has been arrived at between the Health Officer and the Manager of Price's Patent Candle Factory Co.Ld., by which refuse will be dumped alternatively east and south of their property as the prevailing wind shall direct.

Woosung Sanitary Station. A letter from the Commissioner of Customs informs the Council that the Station suffered severely during the recent typhoon, and that the cost of repairing it will amount to \$1500. His proposal for a contribution on the Council's part of \$667 towards the cost of this work is adopted.

Plague in Chapei. A letter from the Consul General for Germany is read, transmitting a Report by the newly established Chapei Plague Bureau. This document contains the important admission on the part of the Chinese that the only recent case of plague discovered in the Settlement had migrated from Chapei. It is decided to include this document in the Municipal Gazette, unless it has already been published.

Private Roads, Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. The Company's reply to the Council's proposals on this subject is submitted, assenting thereto except in regard to the road opposite the Haroon Road, for

which the Company considers a width of 30 feet to be sufficient. Under these circumstances it is decided to conclude the negotiations as the matter stands at present. It is noted that the Harbin Road will also be surrendered for public use.


Haroon Road. A letter from Mr Haroon is read, on the subject of the Council's stipulation with regard to the transfer of the position of this road that the whole of the land fronting on the present line shall be acquired by himself. He points out that the only owners concerned are the original villagers, whose former access by a native path he proposes to restore. The Council is unanimously quite unwilling to depart from the conditions which have been laid down.

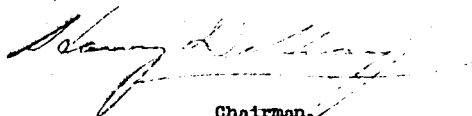
Bubbling Well Road Widening. The Engineer forwards an undertaking on the part of the owner of the land beyond Chang Su Ho's Garden, undertaking that the houses in course of erection shall not be converted into shops during a period of 20 years. This arrangement is regarded by the Council as highly satisfactory.

Water Supply beyond Limits. The Company's further letter on this subject is submitted, and with regard thereto the Chairman points out that so long as there is no danger of their losing the privileges which they have already obtained in Chapel, there can be no reason for their reiterated decision to supply water to outside residents whether they undertake to pay Municipal Rate or no. A reply in this sense is authorised.

The Municipal Gazette of August 31 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.


Secretary. X


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 27, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C. E. Anton
 A. W. Burkill
 E. E. Clark
 E. J. Cornfoot
 C. Selby Moore
 E. C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figge
 T. E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of September 1,
 are read and confirmed, with the following exception:-

Interest on cost of New Plant. In the Chairman's opinion this
 suggested addition to the profits of the undertaking by means of a
 book entry is uncalled for, and also, strictly speaking, incorrect,
 a view in which Mr Clark concurs. Mr Pearce has ascertained from the
 Auditor that the practice is not an uncommon one; while Mr Moore points
 out that the actual replacing value of the plant does, as a fact,
 include interest on the outlay until the plant in question is ready to
 operate. Allusion is made to the fact that the premium on debentures
 raised for the Electricity Department is credited to the Department,
 and while they bear 6 per cent interest, 2 per cent is allowed by the
 Bank until the money is used. After considerable discussion the
 Committee's proposal is lost upon a show of hands. *Messrs Burkill, Pearce,*
and Moore voting in favour of the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of
 September 11, having been approved by circular, are confirmed.

Settlement Extension. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, replying
 to the Council's letter of August 18, and enquiring to what lengths the
 Community is prepared to go in order to obtain the extension of the
 Settlement. The Chairman remarks that allusions have been made in
 recent public speeches and letters to the admission of the Chinese to
 some ~~share~~ ^{share} in the administration of the Settlement, and in the absence
 of any adverse comment or reply, he is of opinion that a proposal may

how take definite shape in a scheme under which three Chinese, one of whom shall represent the Ningpo element in the native community and one the Canton section, shall be added to the membership of the Council under suitable restrictions. Mr Moore holds the view that the public would not endorse so serious a change in the constitution of the Settlement without further consideration and discussion, holding the view that the expressed intention up to the present has been to do no more than include Chinese in the Sub-Committees who work with the Council. It is directed that a draft letter be circulated for members' approval, indicating what is believed to be the trend of public opinion, but involving no specific scheme.

Fire Brigade, Professional Chief for the Brigade. A letter from the Acting Chief Engineer is read, stating that the foremen are of opinion that no definite action should be taken in this matter until Mr Bidwell's return. Mr Burkill states that this letter is the result of the fact that he had informed a number of firemen of the Council's intentions, adding that he was under the impression that no definite step had yet been taken. A draft announcement on the subject is submitted for approval, but, at Mr Burkill's suggestion, publication is deferred for a week. It is decided to amend the note so as to indicate that the Council's decision to make the appointment was due to the desire to take advantage of the fact that Colonel Bruce is in London, and thus able to make enquiries and interview candidates personally.

Colonel Bruce. A telegram from the London Agents transmits a message from the Captain Superintendent, suggesting that, in the Council's interests, he should return via Peking. The Chairman has no knowledge of any work required in Peking on the Council's behalf, and points out that any unauthorised action might give rise to misunderstanding. It is decided, therefore, to enquire what object Colonel Bruce has in view.

Victoria Nursing Home. The Health Officer forwards the request of Miss K&K, Matron of the Home, to be permitted to terminate her agreement in March next, as she is about to be married. The Council accepts Miss K&K's resignation with regret, leaving the arrangements for the appointment of her successor for discussion by the Watch Committee.

Land Assessment - Central District. Appeals against valuations placed upon 36 of the lots in this District are submitted, and, in accordance with precedent, it is decided to submit them to the Assessors for their opinion and comment.

Tramways - Overcrowding.

The Company's reply to the Council's letter on the subject of overcrowding the front platform of cars is submitted, together with Police Daily Reports for the past week, which contain evidence that this overcrowding is very prevalent. Before authorising the intervention of the Police in the matter, it is decided to publish a notice appealing to the good sense of the public, and drawing attention to the requirements of the regulations in the interests of public safety. In the meanwhile, it is noted that the Company will experiment with iron bars placed on the platform to protect the driver from molestation.

The Municipal Gazette of September 28 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

W. Manson

Secretary.

W. Manson

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 4, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C. E. Anton

A. W. Burkill

E. E. Clark

E. J. Cornfoot

C. Selby Moore

E. C. Pearce

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

H. Figge

T. E. Trueman.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 2, are read

and confirmed with the following comment. The Council directs that the negotiations with respect to the

Darrooh, Barohet and other newly acquired roads beyond Settlement limits, be conducted quietly, and so as not to incite opposition from the Chinese Authorities.

Haskell Road. With regard to the width of this road, the Council directs an enquiry, in the event of an arrangement with Mr Tam Wa for a 40 foot road, whether the Shanghai Building & Investment Co. Ltd. will arrange for a like width hereafter when their properties are re-built.

Bund Bridge. The Treasurer's Memorandum on the subject of the Lithofalt blocks is read, but, after some consideration, the Committee's minute is endorsed.

Policing Alabaster Road. The Senior Consul's reply to the Council's letter

on this subject is read, containing a communication from the Taotai to the effect that the native beneficial owners of the estate through which the road lies, claim that they did not authorise surrender to the Council. It is considered improbable that Messrs Stokes Platt & Teesdale would have signed the deeds had this been the case, and it is decided, after preliminary reference to Mr Platt, to reply, setting out the Council's position in full.

Tea Analyses. A second letter from the Acting Consul General for Italy is read, renewing his complaint as to the Health Officer's charge for these analyses, and some discussion ensues. Mr Anton points out that

the action of the Health Department has had the effect of reducing Dr Silva's fee from the outrageous figure of £25 to his present charge of £2.75. The Council considers that the Departmental charge may now be raised to the latter sum, with the same discount as allowed by Dr Silva.

Public Works Contractors. The Engineer reports that the contractor for the residences at the Riverside Power Station desires to deposit £5000 in cash instead of furnishing the usual security. This course is sanctioned, interest being allowed at the Hongkong Bank's rate only.

The contractor for the bunding, etc. is reported to have made a mistake of £6000 in his estimate, and there is also some doubt as to his security. The Engineer will report further on this subject in the course of a few days.

Removal of Rifle Butt. After some discussion, the Council confirms the proposals of the Watch Committee with regard to this work as follows: (a) the whole of the Council's land behind the Butt will be fenced in at once; (b) the work involved in the construction of the new Butt will be carried out by convict labour; (c) the new Butt will be constructed of sufficient size to accommodate 12 targets, 8 only being erected at present; (d) the Butt will be situated 400 yards behind the present Butt in a direct line, and will consist of mud obtained from a trench on the south side of the projected Chinese road, and from land in the immediate vicinity.

It is observed from the preliminary plan submitted, that the Butt is shown projecting 50 feet west of the Range, and as the Engineer's explanation of this feature is not clear, the Council requires a further report on the subject.

A letter from the Shanghai Rifle Association is submitted, expressing the hope that the Council will increase the length of the Range to accommodate firing points at distances of 900 and 1000 yards. In this connexion the Chairman points out that the whole of this scheme, which has occupied the attention of the Council for some years, has been directed to acquiring 400 yards of additional land behind the Butt, with the two-fold object of rendering the Hongkew Recreation Ground wholly free from the danger of falling bullets, and utilising the land at the south end for Police and educational purposes. Had the desirability of a longer Range been put before the Council at an earlier date, it would not have been a costly matter to have acquired the additional 200 yards on the north. The extension scheme has now been limited by the Chinese road, and no course remains, if the present proposal is sanctioned, but to utilise one half of the freed site for

shooting purposes. Generally speaking, the Council considers that any other course would have a prejudicial effect upon the recruiting of the Volunteer Corps, and it is therefore decided that the Range shall be prolonged as proposed.

Tramways, Trailer Cars. The Council is informed that the ^{present} ~~present~~ number of motor cars is 62, and of trailer cars 30. The latter have been constructed in accordance with the permission granted to the Company to put on as many trailers "as may be called for to meet the requirements of the traffic". Mr Moore considers that, under these circumstances, the Council has no grounds upon which to restrict the construction of further trailers. The Chairman, however, points out that the Council is entitled to the opinion that the requirements of traffic at present demand rather an increase in the number of motors than that of trailers, and it is decided to inform the Company that no further trailers may be put into use until the number of motor cars has been increased to 80.

Private Electric Wires. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the Nanyang College has placed a wire across the Siccawei Road for the purpose of lighting their dormitories. The College now applies for a permit, and notes by the Captain Superintendent of Police and Electrical Engineer in re are read. Upon the grounds that the College's original private plant was installed at a time when the Council was unable to supply them, and upon condition that the wire shall not be used to supply other consumers, it is decided to allow it to remain.

Electricity Supply to Cotton Mills. A Report by the Electrical Engineer is read, recommending a special arrangement under which the lighting of the Kung Yik Mill will be undertaken by the Department at a fixed charge of \$8.75 per night. His reasons for this proposal, and the figures upon which the rate is based, are approved by the Electricity Committee, and the proposal now receives the Council's sanction.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. The Council is informed that Lots 203, 302, 324 and 350 Pao., the whole comprising an inset into the north-west corner of the Ground, are available for sale, and that there is some probability of their being built over. Mr Pearce states that, acting for the owners, he is in a position to offer this property, measuring about 10 mow, to the Council at the rate of \$2500 per mow. The members are unanimous in the view that the land should not be

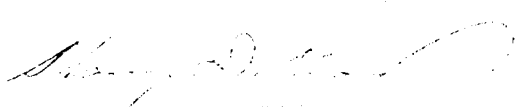
allowed to pass into other hands, and Mr Pearce undertakes to endeavour to secure the refusal of the lots at this price until March next, thus affording the Council an opportunity of providing for their purchase in the Budget for 1912.

The Municipal Gazette of October 5 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 11, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W. Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.J. Cornfoot
C.Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figge
T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Public Works Contractors. After full consideration the Works Committee
has sanctioned letting the contract for the Riverside Station works
to Sing Woo Kee, the lowest tenderer, who has deposited 2 title deeds
for land in the Eastern District as security, upon the understanding
that partial payments under the contract will be made sparingly and
with ample margin.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of October 5,
are read and confirmed. On the subject of the
Re-building Scheme, some debate ensues, during which Mr Moore
expresses doubt as to whether the new site will give that general
satisfaction which the Committee desires. Since, however, the
proposed procedure only leads up to presenting the scheme for the
Ratepayers' sanction, the Council endorses the minute as it stands.

Case of Mr Gray. The Chairman alludes to the fact that this case
is likely to constitute a precedent, and the Committee's recommendation
is endorsed upon the grounds that the work of the employe in question
during his term of service has been found highly satisfactory.

Offer of Land. The Council is informed that Mr Algar has stated
unofficially that the land to which this minute refers cannot now be
purchased, and it is therefore decided to take no step in the matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 9,
are read and confirmed. In regard to the question of the
Private Wire across the Slocawei Road, the Chairman is of opinion
that it would be inadvisable to raise the point in a case so far

removed from the limits of the Settlement, since it might provoke the opposition of the Chinese Authorities, and for the reason that the Council's title to the Siocawei Road is not officially complete. This view is unanimously endorsed.

Municipal Quarters. From consideration of the case of Messrs Payne and Nops, the Council sanctions exceptional treatment upon the grounds that they were practically turned out of their quarters in the interests of the Department, and payment of their Water account is accordingly authorised.

Removal of Rifle Butt. Two Reports by the Engineer with plan are submitted, and at his suggestion it is decided to acquire the 3 additional strips of land indicated on the east of the Council's holding. Offers will be obtained therefor through Mr Algar without delay. The Council approves the proposal that the new Butt shall have a length of 310 feet, and shall be symmetrically situated at the end of the Range, projecting 5 feet on either side, and as far north as is possible consistent with safety in respect to the trench to be dug on the south of the Chinese road.

Fire Brigade.

Foochow Road Fire. Reports by the Chief Engineer and the Captain Superintendent of Police on the subject of the fire in the Foochow Road on October 9 are submitted, and will have consideration at the hands of the Watch Committee at an early date. In the meanwhile it is decided to express the Council's appreciative thanks for the services rendered by the French Fire Brigade and the crew of the German gun-boat 'Jaguar'.

Appointment of Professional Chief. Mr Burkill states that he has learnt from the Chief Engineer that a very considerable agitation is on foot among the membership of the Brigade, in censure of the Council's recent action in this matter, and that a meeting has been convened at which a resolution will be proposed in this sense. He is of opinion that this movement has been revived owing to the manner in which the Brigade has been criticised for its failure at the recent Foochow Road fire, where costly plant was abandoned and ~~such success as~~ ^{the chief success} was achieved was due to the French Brigade. Mr Burkill adds that the Brigade is at present quite without discipline, and that the Foremen lack necessary influential control over their men. After some discussion the Council resolves to do what is possible to preserve good feeling pending the arrival of the new Head, and to this end a letter will be addressed to the Chief Engineer, pointing

out the reasons which governed the Council's actions, and stating that the Watch Committee will be pleased to receive a deputation of the Foremen at its next meeting for the discussion of the incident.

Case of Constable Kelly. The Council is informed that this Constable, against whom proceedings had been instituted by the Tramway Company for assault upon one of their employes, has, by permission of the Watch Committee, been dismissed and despatched to Australia. It is noted that the Company assented to this course, and withdrew the application for summons.

Tramways, Trailer Cars. The reply of the Company to the Council's letter limiting the number of trailers, is submitted, and the Chairman points out that, as on previous occasions, Mr McColl has introduced extraneous matter and sought to trifle with the Council's clear direction. The Council has no doubt that a more frequent service is required by the section of the public to whom the tramway is a convenience, and it is decided to repeat the decision limiting the number of trailers to 30 until 80 motor cars are in operation.

Public School Committee. A note from Mr H.E. Campbell announces the resignation of his seat on this Committee owing to his forthcoming departure for England. The Council expresses regret and will await a suggestion from the remaining members as to filling the vacancy.

The Municipal Gazette of October 12, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 18, 1911,
at 4.30 P.M., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.J. Cunnfoot
 C. Selby Moore
 E.C. Pearce
 T.E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Fige

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of October 16, are
 read and confirmed, with the following comment:-

Foodshop Road Fire. The Council enquires whether the services of
 the sailors from the "Jaguar" were offered or whether the Chief
 Engineer requisitioned for them. It appears to the members that
 there is an unfortunate absence of co-operation between the Brigade
 and the Police, for otherwise the services of the latter would
 have been availed of.

The attention of the Electricity Committee is directed to the
 apparent difficulty which exists in securing prompt disconnection
 in case of fire, and Mr Pearce undertakes to make enquiries on
 the subject.

The Council considers it a matter for serious comment that no
 Superior Police Officer was present on this occasion, and the
 opinion is expressed that the Charge Room Sergeant responsible for
 the non-notification of Mr McEuen should be severely reprimanded.

Gaol, Indian Warders Quarters. Final decision on the sketch plans
 of this building is postponed, pending discussion of the proposed
 position of additional Foreign quarters when required.

Convict Labour. The Council looks to the Public Works Department
 to render every possible assistance in the work on the new Rifle
 Butt, not only in indicating what work is to be done, but affording
 the Gaoler or Warders in charge the benefit of the Department's
 experience of similar work. The question of the price to be charged

will be re-considered, the Council being of opinion that the cost should be fixed as under a contract.

Plague Barrier. The Chairman is averse to making the questions of the removal of the barrier and the policing of the Haining Road interdependent, and in regard to the former, it is decided to await the certificate of the Health Officer that the barrier may be removed with safety.

Hongkew Market. Discussion ensues as to whether it would not be preferable to extend the market by acquiring the whole or part of Cadastral Lot 1071, and enquiries on this head are also directed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of October 17 are read and confirmed.

Land Assessment. Before assenting to the request of the Credit Foncier the Council enquires whether any of their lots are scheduled in respect to road widenings.

General Balance. Considerable surprise is expressed at the result of the Treasurer's investigations noted under this heading, and particularly at the failure of the Auditor to draw attention to the point in past years. The whole of the reports are ordered for circulation to the Council, and it is decided to enquire from the Auditor what view he takes of the matter.

House Assessment. The minute on the subject of the proposed Marinekasino is amended in respect to the decision as to a bar licence, the Council being of opinion that to insist upon this would needlessly antagonise the German Consular Authorities.

Finance Department Staff. Mr Pearce has consulted with the Managers of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank on the subject of the salaries issued to the Bank staff, and a further report by the Treasurer on the subject is submitted. As a result, the Committee unanimously recommends flat rates of ~~₹355~~³¹⁵, ₹285 and ₹260 for the three employes named, and this recommendation is confirmed.

Case of Mrs Jovino. Mr Pearce states that Mr Jovino has called upon him and expressed the hope that he may receive an appointment in the Council's service. He was informed that there is at present no suitable vacancy, and it was suggested that a private subscription list be sent to the signatories endorsing Mrs Jovino's petition, so that a sum of ₹300 may be raised for her relief.

Disturbances in Hupeh. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, enclosing a communication from the Taotai enjoining local precautions against an influx of rowdies into the Settlement. Mr Burkill observes that the Police are alive to the necessity for watchfulness in this respect.

With regard to the loan of 7 Sikhs and a Foreign Sergeant to Messrs Butterfield & Swire as an armed guard for the s.s. "Kinling", a further application is received for similar guards for the other ships of the China Navigation Co. The Chairman explains that the guard was permitted upon the recommendation of H.M. Consul General, and the view of the Acting Captain Superintendent is endorsed that further depletion of the protective forces of the Settlement would be undesirable.

Plague Bye-laws. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards an enquiry by the Diplomatic Body in Peking which bears evidence of a misunderstanding of the scope of the so-called Plague Bye-laws and the arrangements made early this year between the Health Officer and the Chinese Public Isolation Hospital. Discussion of this matter is postponed, pending circulation of the correspondence to members, together with the Health Officer's Report in re.

Sinza Stone Bridge. Two plans of this bridge are submitted by Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips, together with a report by the Engineer, pointing out certain omissions therein, chief among which is the absence of provision for a water main. Mr Twyman, H.M. Vice Consul, has expressed the hope that the Council will not approve any plans which do not make this provision, and it is decided to reply in accordance with the Engineer's note.

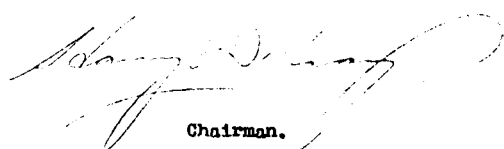
Medical Examination in London. A letter from Mr C. Mayne is read, recommending the appointment for this work of Dr C.H. Perram. It is decided in the first place to furnish copies of the letter to the Health Officer and to Dr Macleod for comment.

Municipal Buildings. The Chairman has seen Mr Prentice in the matter of the acquisition of Cadastral Lot 171, without any result. He has, however, learnt unofficially from Mr Elmore that there is no possibility of a settlement of the matter with Mr McBain upon any basis short of \$500000. After some discussion it is decided to enquire from the Legal Adviser what steps the Council should take to achieve the end desired.

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The meeting adjourns at 7.20 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gmy (Chairman)

C. E. Anton

E. E. Clark

E. J. Cornfoot

C. Selby Moore

T. E. Trueman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. W. Burkill

H. Figge

E. C. Pearce

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 23, are
read and confirmed, with the following comment:-

Road Names. A note from Mr Peebles points out that the proposal
under this heading is likely to give rise to confusion in regard
to the numbering of houses, particularly those in the Great Western
Road; after some discussion it is decided to make no change in
the present arrangements.

New Rifle Butts. It is noted that the price of construction per
fong is inclusive of all charges except that for brush-wood.

Uniforms. The minute on this subject requires amendment, inasmuch
as the decision of the Committee was to ascertain in the first place
the cost which would be involved by the provision of uniforms for
all Municipal coolies.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of October 24, are
read and confirmed. The Committee's proposals in respect to
Receipts for Private Services will be submitted for consideration
by the Finance Committee before being carried into effect.

Volunteer Corps.

Maxim Company. The Commandant notifies the resignation of
Captain G. E. Stewart, owing to the absence of prospect of his
return to Shanghai. This is accepted with regret, and it is
decided in conveying to Captain Stewart the Council's thanks for
his services, to grant him retired rank in accordance with the
provisions of Article XIII of the Regulations.

Reserve Company. A letter from the Commandant points out that there are vacancies in this Company for two officers which he recommends be filled from the Company. After some discussion, Commissions as 2nd Lieutenant are authorised for issue to Colour Sergeant H.W. Daldy and Sergeant K.D. Stewart. In regard to the former, reference is made to his part in the "Shooting Committee Incident" of 1898. This, however, is considered to be no real bar to the issue of a commission, owing to the change in organisation which the Corps has undergone since that date.

Fire Brigade - Appointment of Chief of Brigade. A note from the Acting Chief Engineer forwards a communication from Mr Bidwell, and requests the Watch Committee to meet the Brigade at an early date. The tone of this note is considered bad, though perhaps, not intentionally so, and the enclosure reveals the fact that Mr Bidwell had in view his own appointment as paid Chief Engineer. The Chairman is disposed to comply with the present request, holding that it would be desirable that the course which the Council followed be communicated direct to the Foremen and others, but upon consideration it is decided to await the return to Shanghai of the Chairman of the Watch Committee.

Motor Fire Escape. The Council is informed that the China Fire Insurance Co.Ld. will pay the full amount of the policy on the burnt escape, and a note from the Acting Chief Engineer states that it may be re-purchased as salvage for the sum of £1000 and made serviceable as a hose tender at a further expenditure of £1600. The Council desires a note from the Electrical Engineer as to whether the suggested price is a reasonable one, and subject to his opinion, approves the course proposed.

Plague Byelaws. The letter from the Diplomatic Body in Peking on this subject is considered in the light of the Health Officer's explanatory Report, and it is decided to reply pointing out that misunderstanding which has arisen on the subject.

Dixwell Road Extension. A letter from Messrs Moorhead & Halse is read, on the subject of this extension north and south of the East Seward Road. The firm now goes the length of stating that the question of the public path traversing the lot is one for negotiation between themselves and the Chinese Government. This matter will have the consideration of the Works Committee in the first place.

Chapei Waterworks. With regard* to the application of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Chapei Waterworks to cross the North Szechuen Road with pipes at two points, the Council confirms its decision to ascertain in the first place whether the support of the Consular Body will be given to the refusal of a permit. A letter to the Senior Consul has been despatched, and the Chairman states that he received a visit from Mr Siffert on the subject, who stated that he had learnt from H.M. Consul General that an arrangement was in course of negotiation under which the spheres of the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. and the Chapei Waterworks would be defined. For this reason he suggested that no reply be made to the application for the present. Should a further application be made, or should the Chinese attempt to begin the work of pipe-laying Mr Siffert proposed that the Council should at once notify the Consular Body and stop the work. The Chairman informed him that this course would be regarded by the Council as satisfactory and would be followed: in reply to which Mr Siffert stated that he had spoken without the knowledge of his colleagues.

Electrical Fuse Boxes. Upon the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer, supported by the Electricity Committee, the Council assents to an order for 500 pairs of fuse boxes from Messrs Henley, which firm's last two shipments have proved satisfactory. The usual course of calling for tenders will therefore not be followed.

Thomas Hanbury School. A letter from the Committee of this School is submitted, containing proposals for its re-constitution as a Municipal school under the Council's direct control. The Committee's proposal is based on that of the General Educational Committee, and follows a line of development generally in harmony with the Council's educational policy. A reply, undertaking to make provision for the school in the Budget for 1912, is approved and signed for despatch.

Medical Examination in London. Mr Mayne's proposals on this subject, together with comment by the Health Officer and Dr Macleod, are referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Ladies Benevolent Society. A renewed request on the part of this Society for financial assistance from the Council has had consideration by the Finance Committee, and the Council concurs in the view that the reasons against such a proposal set out in 1907, apply with equal force now.

Sinza Stone Bridge. A note from Messrs Drummond White-Cooper & Phillips is read, re-applying for a permit to erect this bridge. Provided the various points raised by the Engineer upon the occasion of the former application are now met, it is decided in reply to refuse the permit upon the grounds that no provision is made for carrying a main of the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld.

Loan of 1911. Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, it is decided to issue the balance of the Electricity Loan, \$51700, in the name of the Council on account of Trust Funds investment.

Cash at Bankers. With regard to the deposit of \$100000 which will fall due on October 30, the Finance Committee approves renewal for a further period of 2 months, provided the same rate of interest can be obtained.

Riverside Power Station. The Engineer reports that the contractor Sing Woo Kee is unable to proceed with the bunding and other works for which he tendered. The matter is an urgent one, and, postponing consideration of the question of penalty for consideration by the Works Committee, the Council adopts the proposal of the Engineer that the two next lowest tenderers be requested to submit new tenders at an early date.

Rifle Range Extension. A note from the Engineer is submitted, on the subject of a demand by Mr A.E. Algar for 2½ per cent brokerage on the purchase of Lot 377 and unregistered land at \$4500 per mow. The Council understands that Mr Algar has been unable to obtain payment for his services from the vendor, but at the same time notes that his letter of September 29, containing the offer of the land, made no mention of the fact. It is therefore decided in this case to offer half brokerage.

Disturbances in Hupeh. Two letters from the Senior Consul are submitted, transmitting communications from the Taotai expressive of fear for the good order of the Settlement. The Council notes with satisfaction that the ^{Mines Court Magistrate's} ~~Taotai's~~ application for blank search warrants for his runners has been promptly refused.

Letters from the Canton Guild and the Native Exchange Banks Guild are read, desiring that the Council will issue a proclamation of a character to allay the feeling of apprehension which has resulted in disturbances in the money market, notably in respect to silver dollars. The Chairman regards such a proclamation as quite unnecessary, a view in which the Council generally concurs, but at

Mr Moore's suggestion it is decided to issue a notice for the information of refugees and others, that every possible step is being taken to prevent disturbances in the Settlement consequent upon the insurrectionary movement in the Yangtze Provinces.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Henry Wilson
Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 1, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W.Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.J.Cornfoot
C.Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
T.E.Trueman
H. Figge

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Staff. The Commandant notifies the resignation of Captain
G.F. Collyer, Corps Staff Officer, which is received and recorded.
Maxim Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a
Commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Lieutenant
R.H. Gaskin, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of
Captain Stewart.

Ammunition. A note from the Commandant is read, suggesting the
issue of 10 rounds of ammunition to every member of the Corps on
joining, as part of his equipment. After some discussion, and
with the concurrence of the Watch Committee, the Council approves
this course.

Fire Brigade.

Appointment of Chief of Brigade. Mr Burkill states that so
far as the Chief Engineer and Foremen are concerned he considered
this matter at an end, he is, however, not unwilling to hold the
suggested meeting if the Council desires. Some discussion ensues
as to whether the meeting should comprise the whole of the Brigade
or the Foremen only, and with a view to the maintenance of
discipline so far as is possible, the latter arrangement is
approved. It is decided therefore to state that the invitation
formerly extended to the Foremen may hold for the next meeting
of the Watch Committee, which will take place on Thursday,
November 9, the Chairman of Council being present.

Motor Fire Escape. The Electrical Engineer having certified that this engine is well worth the price at which it is offered by the Insurance Company, that offer has been accepted. Mr Aldridge added that the Escape could be restored locally to its former state without heavy expense, and it is decided therefore to store it under cover until the arrival of the new Chief of Brigade.

Shield Competition and Parade. A note from the Acting Chief Engineer informs the Council that this annual function is suggested for November 18; the arrangements proposed are regarded as satisfactory.

Tsingpoo Road Pontoon. The Police Report of October 28 draws attention to a further breach by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha of the arrangement with regard to this public landing stage. It is decided once again to draw the Company's attention to this matter.

Nanking and Kiangse Roads. It is pointed out that in the correspondence with Messrs Moorhead & Halse on the subject of Lot 84, the firm has admitted betterment generally, but has not stated what deduction they are prepared to allow. The Council's reply, as decided, will therefore contain an enquiry on this point, omitting reference to the Land Commission for the present.

Broadway Widening. The reply of the Astor House Co.Ld. on the subject of their proposed Dining Room conversion scheme is submitted, and, after some discussion, the Council agrees to postpone the widening of the street for the present upon the understanding that no additional claim will be made in respect to the work now being done.

Mr G.D. Musso. With regard to the application by the Shanghai Building Company to renew the roof at No 48 Kiangse Road, a Report by the Engineer points out that the proposal has reference to certain legal proceedings now in progress, and he forwards a note from the Acting Italian Consul-General intimating that the issue of the permit may cause a breach of the peace. It is decided to ask for details of the proposed work, so that the issue of a permit may be delayed for some days.

Licensed Sampans. A letter from H.M. Consul General is read, forwarding the suggestion of the Naval Authorities that licensed sampans be provided with a pole to minimise the existing grave danger of accident to passengers. This suggestion commends itself

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to the Council, and it is decided to communicate with the Harbour-master on the subject, since, as pointed out in a Report by the Overseer of Taxes, the measure would be difficult to enforce without his co-operation.

Riverside Power Station. The Engineer reports having called for further tenders for the bunding and other work from the two contractors Yue Chang Tai and Yao Sing Kee. He recommends acceptance of the former, being the most advantageous both in price and in time of completion. A note from Yao Sing Kee offers to reduce the time stated in his tender, but the Council considers that fairness demands that the matter shall not be again re-opened.

Central Offices Extension. The Legal Adviser's recommendation on the course to be followed vis-a-vis Mr McBain is received and adopted. He recommends in the first place enquiry as to the meaning of the allusion in Mr McBain's letter of June 17 to the effect that Lot 171 is trust property. Upon receipt of his reply, and after giving it due consideration, Mr McNeill would refer the matter to the Land Commission and enforce the Award if necessary. The Chairman is satisfied that this course is preferable to stating now that the matter will be referred to the Commission. He is aware that Mr McBain will take every possible step to resist the Council's action, and he therefore desires that, even at the cost of some delay, the legal course recommended be faithfully followed.

Chapel Waterworks. A renewed request by the Manager of the Chapel Waterworks is submitted for permission to cross the North Szechuen Road. The Chairman states that, after further conversation with the Senior Consul, he considers it doubtful whether the Taotai will press this matter at present. The decision to make no reply is therefore confirmed.

Health Officer. Upon the proposal of Mr Burkill, it is decided to offer Dr Stanley renewal of his agreement, which will expire on December 31, with salary at the rate of £900 per mensem.

Defence Scheme. The Captain Superintendent of Police forwards a letter from the Consul General for Japan desiring that the particulars of the Scheme may be communicated for the information of the Senior Japanese Naval Officer. In reply it is decided to point out that this document is regarded as private and confidential, but that the officers in command of ships within the Harbour may

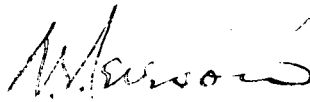
acquaint themselves with its provisions by application to the Senior Naval Officer, in whose archives a copy is filed.

The Taotai. The Captain Superintendent has reported verbally that the Taotai, alarmed for his personal safety, has expressed a wish that he may be furnished with a detective guard or escort both in the Settlement and in the Native City. The Chairman is aware that a similar application has already been made to the Consular Body, and he considers it probable that this astute official desires to convey the impression to the rebel party and their sympathisers that the Foreign Community is supporting him. For this reason he suggests that the Council decline to take the action desired. The members generally endorse this view.

Mixed Court. With regard to the Report recently prepared by the Police on 10 outstanding civil cases which are in need of settlement, it is decided in the first place to forward copies of the document for the information of the Assessors concerned.

The Municipal Gazette of November 2, is submitted in draft and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 15, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C. E. Anton
 A. W. Burkill
 E. E. Clark
 E. J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 F. C. Pearce
 T. E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Chapel Waterworks. A further application on the subject of the Chapel mains crossing the North Szechuen Road having been received from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips, after consultation with H.M. Consul General, a reply has been sent to the effect that the extension of these mains east of the road appears inadvisable, and that the status of the old Woosung Road has been a matter of doubt and dispute for many years.

The Taotai. Under urgent pressure from the Senior Consul, the personal protection of the Taotai as a private citizen has been undertaken by the Police.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 9, are read and confirmed, with the following comment:-

Fire Brigade. Appointment of Chief of Brigade. The Council is informed that Mr Fenton's statement on the subject of the resolution of the Brigade in 1904 is not strictly correct, there being no record of the matter having been brought to the Council's notice.

Mr Bidwell has returned and transmits a message enquiring as to whether or no the Council desires that he shall resume his duties. It is decided to express the hope that Mr Bidwell will take up the work of Chief Engineer for the present.

It is also decided, after further consideration, that, at the forthcoming Competition, the Chairman shall allude to the Brigade's assurance of cordial support for the new Chief and express the Council's hope that Mr Bidwell's services will not be wholly lost to the Brigade under the new regime.

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Police Legal Assistant. Mr Burkill has seen Messrs McNeill and Platt, who concur in the view that while £400 per mensem is higher than the pay customarily issued to junior lawyers under their second agreement, yet Mr Kirk's keenness and competence for work generally regarded as distasteful, fully justifies the rate proposed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 13, are read and confirmed. In respect to the Alabaster and Tifeng Roads, instructions as to these roads will await a further consultation between the Chairman and the Senior Consul. Land Registration. Copies of the Engineer's full Report on this subject are in members' hands, and will have consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of November 14, are read and confirmed.

General Balance. The Auditor's Report on this subject is read, as to which Mr Burkill points out that the entries now found to be incorrect have continued to be made so lately as last year. The Council directs publication in due course of a full explanation of this matter.

Finance Department Office Accommodation. An enquiry is directed as to what further increase in the staff will probably be required during the next few years, and with it a statement of the increase which has taken place since the old Accountant's Office was re-organised.

The Revolution.

Defence Scheme of 1906/7. With the Council's approval a copy of this document has been furnished to the Senior Consul for his private information, together with the Council's request that no copies be made of it and that only such part be communicated to the Commanders of the men-of-war in Port as the Senior Naval Officer may deem desirable.

The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the scheme is inapplicable under present conditions for a number of reasons, and, while the Council is under no apprehension that there will be any cause for military operations in the neighbourhood of the Settlement in the immediate future, it appears desirable to make full provision for concerted action between the local Defence Forces and the Naval Authorities in such eventuality. It is therefore decided to request the Senior Consul to transmit a suggestion to the Senior Naval Officer that he co-operate with the Captain Superintendent of Police and Commandant of Volunteers in laying down the course which should be followed, a memorandum whereon to be communicated to all men-of-war in harbour.

Protection of Consulates. From the minutes of the recent meeting convened by the Senior Consul for the discussion of the defence of the Settlement, the chief points agreed upon coincide with what has been laid down in former years. The recommendation that the Naval Forces of the various nationalities function in the districts in which their Consulates are situated is, however, plainly unworkable and out of harmony with the general scheme of international defence. An intimation to this effect will be communicated by the Captain Superintendent to the Senior Naval Officer in connexion with the memorandum about to be compiled.

Taotai's Archives. The Chairman states that upon learning from the Senior Consul that there was a possibility of the Revolutionary Party obtaining possession of the Taotai's archives relating to Customs, Land Office and other matters, he gave special instructions to the Police on duty at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs to take particular care that no documents are removed by anybody, and particularly 3 boxes alleged to contain Land Office records.

Revolutionary Recruiting. From the Special Daily Police Report on the Local situation it is noted that a number of houses in various parts of the Settlement have been used for this purpose. The Council is also informed that large parties of recruits and soldiers have passed through the Settlement during the past 48 hours. It is decided to make representations to the Revolutionary leaders that recruiting stations in the Settlement are regarded by the Council as objectionable, and to require adequate notice of any large bodies of men passing through the Settlement, who must in no circumstances carry arms.

Illegal Arrests. A draft proclamation is submitted referring to this subject and to the question of carrying arms, and clearly setting out the standing rules which obtain within Settlement limits. This document is approved, to be sealed and posted without delay throughout the Settlement.

Overcrowding of Lodging Houses. A letter from the Senior Consul urges upon the Council the desirability of measures directed against this evil. In reply it is decided to point out that the overcrowding of all houses within the Settlement is the necessary outcome of the recent influx of refugees. Allusion will also be made to the fact that the Council's proposed Byelaw dealing with overcrowding was expunged by the Consular Body, as notified in the Senior Consul's letter of November 25, 1910.

Volunteers.

Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a Commission is authorised for issue to Captain J.T. Ford as Corps Staff Officer.

Maxim Company. The application of Captain Gaskin for leave from November 9 to April 30 is approved.

Public Band. An application for permission for a child under age to attend the Sunday concerts is considered, with the comment of the Band Committee. The Council is unanimously opposed to the issue of this permit for the reason that other similar applications could not well be refused.

Chinese Education. A note from Mr Bourne forwards a communication from Dr Hawks Pott to the effect that the Chinese Section of the General Educational Committee's Report is likely to be considerably delayed. As to this, the Council will be glad to receive the Committee's opinion on the two projects which have already been set on foot, viz: the Ellis Kadoorie School and the conversion of the Polytechnic Institution.


Electricity Department.


Riverside Power Station Pipe-work. The recommendation of Messrs Preece Cardew & Snell is submitted, on the subject of the tenders for pipe-work, and that of Messrs Babcock & Wilcox for £2812 is authorised for acceptance, although not the lowest received, for reasons which the Consulting Engineers set out.

Three-Phase Under-ground Main. Tenders for the trenching work necessary in this connexion are submitted, and that of Dze Dah at £0.35 per ohang is authorised for acceptance. The Council notes that tenders were not called for publicly in this case, and directs that this procedure be observed in all future similar instances.

The Municipal Gazette of November 16, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 7 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 22, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C.E. Anton

A.W. Burkill

E.E. Clark

H. Figge

C. Selby Moore

E.C. Pearce

T.E. Trueman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.J. Cornfoot

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Revolutionary Recruiting and Carrying Arms. The Chairman states that he has received an assurance from Mr Wen Tsung-yao that no further attempt will be made by the Revolutionary Party to establish recruiting depots in the Settlement, and that due notice will be given to the Captain Superintendent of all bodies of troops passing through, who will without exception be without arms.

Settlement Defence. Admiral Winsloe has called upon the Chairman and expressed readiness to comply with the Council's request in this matter. In regard to special national guards for the various Consulates, he points out that the matter is of little importance, inasmuch as not the whole of each landing party will be occupied in this work.

At Mr Trueman's suggestion it is recorded that the first available opportunity should be taken to bring the whole of the Defence Scheme up to date.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 20, are read and confirmed. In regard to the

Over-crowding of Trams, Messrs Anton and Moore would prefer the intervention of the Police on the spot to legal proceedings. After some discussion, however, it is decided to take legal advice as to the question of summoning not the motor-man concerned, but the General Manager of the Company.

Detective Branch. Under the Committee's instructions an official letter will be sent to the Chief of the Liverpool Police in regard

to affording facilities for one or more members of the Detective Branch to obtain advice and instruction in Detective organisation and methods.

Officers. Considerable discussion ensues on the subject of Captain Barrett, the prevailing opinion being that to issue to him equal pay to that drawn by Captain Hilton-Johnson would be on the whole inadvisable. He will therefore be granted an increase of £50 per mensem, with effect from October 1. Mr Figg maintains the opinion he expressed in Committee.

With regard to the Treasurer's Comments, the Council unanimously endorses the Committee's view, and it is decided to communicate officially with Mr Goodale upon the point.

Fire Brigade, Chief Engineer. The Chairman of the Watch Committee has learnt that Mr Bidwell attended a recent meeting of the Foremen, and made the statement that he will not take up his work as Chief Engineer unless and until the Council apologises. In reply it is decided to authorise Mr Burkill to state unofficially that no apology will be sent under any circumstances, the Council being conscious that no occasion for apology has arisen. The Council is informed that the official letter to be substituted for that forwarding Mr. Bidwell's communication to Mr Fenton has not been received.

Chinese Land Office. At the request of the Consular Body, the Police have taken charge of this office in the North Monan Road, with a view to the preservation of the records stored there. The Engineer reports these records to be in a most insecure condition, a matter which will have the attention of the Works Committee when discussing his General Report on Land Registration.

Roads behind the Bubbling Well. A note from the Engineer is read, indicating that the opposition which the Council has met with in the completion of these roads has been due to the influence of Messrs Shen Tun-ho and Li Ping-hsu. At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to negotiate directly with the native owners, paying them at a low rate for the strips required from their holdings ~~upon~~ ^{under} receipt to be witnessed by the Tipaq, and undertaking to pay the balance of the fair value so soon as the Chinese Land Office is re-established. This procedure will be applied to the three remaining pieces required for the completion of the Great Western Road, to the continuation of the Tifeng Road, and to the extension of the Bubbling Well and Yuyuen Roads westward. It is understood that the Council will obtain no official title to the land so acquired beyond these receipts for money paid.

Mixed Court, Sanitary Condition.

A Report is submitted by Dr Neild, at present acting for Dr Ransome, who holds his appointment as Doctor to the Court from the Chinese Government. His description of the sanitary conditions obtaining indicates a most disgraceful state of affairs, and, after some discussion, it is decided to authorise the Captain Superintendent to introduce gradual improvements, emphasising the importance of giving no occasion to stir up opposition to the newly introduced Police control. The first requisite steps are disinfection; the construction of latrines, and adequate means of feeding the occupants of the House of Detention.

French "Extra-Concession".

A letter from the French Council is read, in allusion to the administration by the Council of certain residential blocks south of the Great Western Road. Mr Burkill has called upon the French Consul General in this matter and explained that the houses in question were built by the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. who, because French water and light were not available, necessarily applied to the companies who were prepared to supply them from this side. Their application to the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. has involved payment of the Council's 6 per cent Rate, which in turn involved policing by the Council. He pointed out to Mr de la Batie that the residents are making no use whatever of the French road, the Rue Ratard. With this explanation it is understood the matter rests.

Municipal Properties.House Refuse Depot.

The offer of Cadastral Lot 4430 at \$2500 per mow for inclusion in this site is submitted in a Report by the Engineer. The Works Committee is, however, of opinion that its purchase will not be of any advantage to the Council, and the offer is therefore declined.

Rifle Range Extension.

A note from Mr A.E. Algar states the terms upon which three remaining small strips of land required for this scheme may be obtained. The rates are considered high, but the Works Committee is of opinion that the Council has no option but to accept. In the case of the Lot marked "A", a portion of which is to be exchanged for land in the Council's ownership adjoining the Sawjinkiang, it is decided to endeavour to secure a larger strip of the west side of the holding than that proposed.

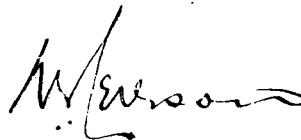
Peking Road Bridge. The Engineer reports that the contractor for this work, Che Yaw-ding, is unable to produce satisfactory security, and, upon his recommendation, it is decided to call for tenders a second time.

Broadway Widening. A note from Mr R. Chester points out the need for the improvement of Broadway by the removal of part of the Astor House old dining room. In reply thereto, it is decided to state that only considerations of cost have prevented the Council from carrying through this improvement, adding that the alterations now in progress are of a temporary nature, and not calculated to prejudice the claim for surrender when ultimately made.

Secretariat Staff. With reference to the agreement of Mr E.S.B. Rowe, Assistant Secretary on probation, which will expire at the end of the year, upon the recommendation of the Chairmen of the Works and Electricity Committees, with whom Mr Rowe's work has been chiefly concerned, it is decided, in confirming the appointment, to offer him a new agreement with salary at the rate of £455 per mensem inclusive, this rate being that previously drawn by Assistant Secretaries in their first agreement.

The Municipal Gazette of November 23, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 29, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C. E. Antan
 A. W. Burkill
 E. E. Clark
 E. J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 E. C. Pearce
 T. E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Chinese Land Office. With regard to the condition of the records in
 the office in the North Honan Road, it is decided to communicate
 the facts for the information of the Senior Consul, with a view
 to protection for these documents in the future.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 25 are
 read and confirmed.

King's Regulation. Mr Burkill points out that the presentation
 to each constable of a copy of the Regulation at the time of
 signature of his agreement has been the cause of the men's
 misunderstanding of the position, and it is therefore considered
 preferable to discontinue this practice.

Fire Brigade, Chief Engineer. A note from Mr Bidwell is read,
 stating that he will resume charge of the Brigade tomorrow.
 In this connexion Mr Burkill states that the Foremen, upon learning
 that the Council had invited Mr Bidwell to resume duty on his
 return from leave, have, through the Acting Chief Engineer, tendered
 an apology to the Watch Committee for their attitude in this matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 27, are
 read and confirmed.

The Revolution. The Council is informed that a Mr Hsu Tze-hsiang,
 styled the Commissioner of Foreign Relations, has presented a
 proclamation issued by the Revolutionary Government to be posted
 in the Settlement. The document is peaceful in tone and there is no

clause therein to which exception can be taken; at the same time the Council is unanimous in the view that the only object of the application is to secure some form of recognition; the request will therefore not be granted.

Settlement Defence. The reply of the Senior Consul on this subject is submitted, communicating the opinion of Admiral Winsloe that no change should be made in the Scheme at present. It appears to Mr Figg that the character of the document has been mistaken, and, at his suggestion, the matter is referred to the Watch Committee for discussion.

Plague Precautions at Chefoo. A communication from the Chefoo Chamber of Commerce, received in August last, has escaped attention and no reply has been sent. The Chamber enquires what course would be taken by Shanghai as regards Chefoo under certain conditions. The Health Officer has stated his view of this matter, and it is decided to forward a copy of the letter to the Plague Preventinn Committee, together with Dr Stanley's opinion, so that the matter be treated authoritatively.

Roads beyond the Bubbling Well. The large survey of the land beyond the Western District is laid on the table for the Council's scrutiny. The projected lines of the extension of the Great Western, Bubbling Well, Yuyuen, Penang and Singapore Roads are approved and it is understood that the Engineer is endeavouring to secure the opening of these roads upon the usual lines, i.e. by the stamping of plans by the Local Committee and Tipaos, payment being at the rate of \$200 per mow.

Broadway Widening. A further letter from Mr R. Chester is submitted, on the advantages which would accrue from the re-instatement of the Astor House building to the scheduled line of the widening. In reply there is nothing to add to the Council's former letter, except to make it clear that the alterations now in progress, which are costing less than \$3000, have little or no bearing upon the question.

Overcrowding of Trams. A letter from the General Manager of the Tramway Company is read, stating that he is inaugurating a special crusade against the practice of travelling on the front platforms of cars, and that two Foreign Inspectors have been specially detailed for the work. Under these circumstances it is decided to take no further action, pending the result of this effort.

Chengtu Road. The Chairman reads a note from Mr Meuser on the desirability of completing the section of this road between the residence of the Commissioner of Customs and the Italian Consulate General. The Council is aware of the circumstances under which the negotiations to this end ceased, and after some discussion, it is decided to direct the Engineer to report on the steps which may now be taken.

The Municipal Gazette of November 30 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 6, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 E.C. Pearce
 T.E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Tramways - Travelling on Front Platforms. The Council is informed that the procedure lately suggested has been carried into operation, with the result that the Police have taken the names of two offenders but are confronted with some difficulty in the matter of the charge to be framed against them. It is decided to place the whole of the facts before the Legal Adviser, and to enquire what course the Council should follow.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 4, are read and confirmed. With regard to the question of Extensions beyond the Settlement, the Council is unanimously of opinion that the present is a good opportunity to carry out extensions in Chapel wherever opportunity serves.

Procedure at Fires. The Engineer's Report on this subject is read, and Mr Burkill points out that the main question raised, that of the delay due to the fact that cutting off electricity involves a journey from the Works to the Sub-Station concerned, has not been answered. After some debate it is decided that, with a view to obviating this delay, a Foreign member of the Electricity Staff shall attend all fires upon the alarm being rung.

Volunteer Corps - Medical Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a Commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Dr E.J. Murray.

Mixed Court. A letter from the Senior Consul has been submitted to members by circular, enquiring whether the Council is prepared to take over the financial and clerical work at the Court, in respect to both the criminal and civil branches. With the unanimous approval of members a reply has been despatched in the affirmative; the administrative details involved will be the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Watch Committee next ensuing.

With regard to the alterations and repairs indicated as necessary by Dr Neild and by the Captain Superintendent, a note from the Engineer estimates the cost of the work involved at £968. The Secretary is directed to obtain the Magistrate's assent to these repairs etc., whereafter the work will be carried out forthwith.

Piracy in the Harbour. The Chairman recounts the recent seizure by the Revolutionary Authorities of two lighters of the Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd. with a cargo of sulphur. The lighters having been recovered and brought to the Customs Jetty, their further protection was undertaken by the Police. Mr Pearce also reports a similar attempt upon a cargo of spelter, the property of his firm. Inasmuch as application to the River Police in the former case produced the reply that they were unable to afford the necessary protection, it appears to the members that the policing of the River is at present non-existent, and the proposal to undertake this work meets with unanimous approval. Mr Anton points out that as the River Police Force consists of 13 men only, policing by the Council, though perhaps inadequate, could not be worse than that which has obtained hitherto. After some consideration the Chairman undertakes to discuss the matter with the Senior Consul in the first place, for he considers it possible that the Consular Body would prefer to take the initiative in the matter. With Mr Siffert's approval, however, a despatch will be written containing the facts and making the proposal forementioned.

French Extra-Concession. A letter from the French Council is read, purporting to be in confirmation of the recent interview between Mr Burkill and the French Consul General. In replying thereto the Council considers it advisable to point out that payment by the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd. of the 6 per cent Municipal Outside Rate is made in respect of, and calls for, policing, scavenging, etc., and that these duties will continue to be performed by the Council on the Company's estates south of the Great Western Road, which, it is understood, possess no access to the French Road system.

Tea Analyses. Upon the recommendation of the Health Officer, the Council sanctions a special gratuity of £250 to Mr E.O. Wilson, Assistant in the Health Department, in respect of the extra and remunerative work performed by him in making these analyses during the summer.

Tramways - Through-Running. A note from the General Manager of the Tramway Company is read, enquiring whether the Council would permit the use of the Bund Bridge for one year's trial running, and it is decided to reply in the affirmative, upon the understanding that the Companies will refund any special expenditure which has been incurred, and pay 6 per cent interest on the amount of their respective contributions towards the cost of the Bridge.

Expenditure on Roads. A note from the Treasurer points out that £130000 has been spent, out of a total appropriation of £150000, from land for new roads, and it appears therefore probable that, owing to the new outside roads now being arranged by the Engineer, the amount will be exceeded. The Council is unanimous in the view that the present favourable opportunity to acquire this land is one which should not be foregone, and that the consequent excess if any is justified.

The Municipal Gazette of December 7, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 13, 1911,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)

C.E. Anton

A.W. Burkill

E.E. Clark

E.J. Cornfoot

H. Figge

C.Selby Moore

E.C. Pearce

T.E. Trueman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Piracy in the Harbour. The Chairman states that he has seen the Senior Consul in this matter, and understands that the Council's proposal is supported. Mr Siffert, however, has made no definite statement, and no letter on the subject has been received.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 11, are read and confirmed, with comment as follows:-

Land Registration. From a Notification issued in this morning's North China Daily News, by H.M. Consul General, the Council observes that it is the intention of the Consular Body to perpetuate the practice of levying fees on any fictitious value stated in the bill of sale. Inasmuch as this system has been for many years a vexatious source of squeeze, it appears urgently desirable to ascertain whether a final conclusion has been reached by the Consular Body or no. Until a despatch is received from the Senior Consul the Council directs that no action be taken beyond unofficial enquiries from Mr Bristow.

Bubbling Well Road Extension. The minute is corrected in respect to the "Terminal Bar", which the Committee desires set back to the scheduled line. An estimate of cost will accordingly be prepared for the next meeting of the Committee.

Yuyuea Road Extension. A further Report by the Engineer is read, in which the terms of surrender suggested by Mr Emens are amended, and the Council agrees, in lieu of the annual payment of ¥300, to purchase the remainder of the lease outright for ¥3000.

Sourabaya Road. A further Report by the Engineer suggests partial compliance with the original application to build over the line of this road, but, after due consideration, the Committee upholds its former decision as recorded.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of December 12, are read and confirmed, and the Chairman observes that the Senior Consul has on more than one occasion urged that the action of the Watch Committee and the Captain Superintendent should not be such as to afford the Magistrate Kwan Chun any opportunity to decline to continue in office. He points out that Municipal supervision of the Mixed Court has been the aim of the Council for a number of years, and that it would be most regrettable if by any precipitate action the present movement in the desired direction were checked.

Police Force.

Junior Officers. Reports by the Captain Superintendent and by the Treasurer are submitted, on the subject of the agreements of Messrs Martin and Springfield, which will expire on December 19. The recommendation of the Watch Committee is to the effect that they be given inclusive salaries of ¥425 and ¥400 per mensem respectively, the difference representing the fact that Mr Martin is qualified to undertake the responsible work at the Mixed Court recently allotted to him, and that he has by hard work acquired a tolerable knowledge of the Chinese language.

Case of Sub-Inspector Morey. A Police Report is submitted, on the subject of this Sub-Inspector, who has again been found unfit for duty owing to drunkenness. The Watch Committee is unanimously of opinion that his treatment should be the same as that of Constables in similar circumstances, and it is accordingly decided to dismiss him.

Arising out of this question is that of the routine procedure for the renewal of Police agreements. In the present case Mr McEuen left the question of the renewal of Morey's agreement for the return of Colonel Bruce, while at the same time the agreement was signed without his knowledge. It is decided therefore to revive the rule formerly obtaining whereunder the signature of all agreements of the Foreign staff will be witnessed by the Head of the Department concerned.

Sinza Refuge. A letter from H.M. Consul General desires that the Council will issue a grant-in-aid to this Institution. The matter is deferred for consideration at next meeting.

Central Offices Extension. The reply of Mr McBain to the Council's final letter on the subject of Cadastral Lot 171 is submitted, to the effect that, after taking the opinion of counsel in London, he does not admit that the Council has the power to acquire the lot compulsorily. It is therefore decided, in accordance with the Legal Adviser's direction, to refer the case to the Land Commission. In this instance it is assumed that Mr McBain will be represented before the Commission by lawyers, it is therefore decided to request Mr McNeill to represent the Council.

Telephone Concession. With reference to the letter of the Mutual Telephone Company of December 4, on the subject of the private telephone lines of the Tramway Company, the opinion of the Legal Adviser is submitted to the effect that the Council would be justified in giving the Company an assurance that although these lines were laid previous to the date of their concession the Council will not permit any further line to be laid or any extension to existing lines except their own. It is decided therefore to furnish this assurance and to give the Manager of the Tramway Company unofficial notice to the same effect.

The Revolution.

Suggested Procession. The Chairman states that he has been approached on the subject of a procession to take place in the Settlement on Sunday in commemoration of the fall of Nanking. It is the unanimous opinion of the members that no such demonstration should be permitted under any circumstances, and it is decided to reply verbally to this effect.

The Landing of Tong Shao-yi. The Council is aware that the Imperial delegate, Tong Shao-yi, will arrive in Shanghai on Sunday next, and, after due discussion, it is decided to offer the use of the Town Hall for the forthcoming Conference, officially through the Senior Consul. The personal protection of His Excellency will be undertaken, so far as is possible, by the Detective Branch.

Charity Organisation. This subject, which has occupied a considerable amount of public attention in the press during the past week, is introduced by Mr Burkill, and Mr Pearce indicates the part he is about to play in acting as Chairman at a public meeting convened for the discussion. The members generally would deprecate any reference

to the advisability of a public grant to meet the expenses of the proposed Central Bureau.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

Henry ...
Chairman.

W. ...
Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 20, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W.Burkill
E.E.Clark
E.J.Cornfoot
H.Figge
C.Selby Moore
E.G.Pearce
T.E.Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Landing of Tong Shao-yi. The Chairman records the arrangement under
which this official was met on his entry into the Settlement by a
guard of fifty Sikh Police, the approval of the Council having been
obtained by circular.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of
December 12 having been circulated to members are taken as read.
With regard to the proposed
Increase of the School Fee Schedule, a Report by the Headmaster is
read recommending that the fee be \$20 per term during next year, a
scale which, Mr Kemp states, will even then be lower than those of
other Chinese schools in the Settlement.

The minutes of the meetings of the Watch Committee of December 15 and 18,
are read and confirmed, with the following comment:-

Bubbling Well Cemetery Extension. The members are not unanimous
in the opinion that the purchase of the scheduled corner of this
property is the most satisfactory method of obtaining additional land
for burial purposes, but the decision to make enquiries on the
subject is confirmed.

Victoria Nursing Home. The intention of the Committee in regard to
Nurses' Quarters is that leases of so many of Mrs Goodfellow's
houses as are required to free the top floor of the Home for the use
of patients, shall be secured gradually, and this decision is
endorsed by the Council.

Hongkew Police Station. The Council decides to increase the kitchen accommodation at this Station, in accordance with the Captain Superintendent's recommendation, but the Committee requires an explanation from the Engineer as to the increase in the estimate from £1000 to £3000.

Police Station Walls. The Chairman is of opinion that the protection afforded by the proposed walls is small, and he considers that, in view of more pressing calls upon the public funds, no provision should be made for them in this year's Budget. Mr Pearce dissents from this view, and it is decided to obtain estimates as suggested.

Gaol, Indian Warders' Quarters. Mr Burkill points out that, although provision was contained in the Budget for 1911 for this work, a sketch plan was only presented to the Watch Committee in the month of September, and the Works Committee undertakes to enquire into the reason of the delay.

Police Force, Authorised Strength. The Council notes that an increased estimate of Receipts from Private Services is justified as a set-off to the proposed increased Strength.

Cadets. Some discussion takes place on the proposal to engage another Cadet, and Mr Trueman draws attention to the altered status of Police Inspectors which has resulted from these appointments. Mr Burkill points out that the special work now being undertaken by Messrs Martin and Springfield will become disorganised in the event of either these men losing their health; for this reason the engagement of an additional Cadet to replace Mr Fenton is considered necessary.

Licensed Taverns. With regard to this minute, an enquiry is directed as to the Health Officer's periodic analyses of the liquors sold.

Policing of the North Szechuen Road. A letter from the Japanese Consul General to the Captain Superintendent is read, stating that he has installed a system of watchmen, with a Station in this road, whose duties will extend among the Japanese colony there and in the North Honan Road. The Council regards this measure as an encroachment upon Police work beyond limits, and it is decided to reply to the effect that these duties cannot be delegated by implication or otherwise. In the meanwhile it is decided to call for a report from the Captain Superintendent as to the possibility of increasing the patrols and policing generally in this neighbourhood. The Council regards this matter as one of considerable importance and urgency. While on this subject, the Watch Committee refers to recent repeated incursions by the Chapel Police in the Haskell Road, and the Chairman undertakes to see the Senior Consul on the subject.

Captain Barrett's Leave. The Committee's ruling on this subject is amended to read that the extension of this officer's leave shall not be for more than one month, since otherwise he should properly receive half pay only.

King's Regulation. Some misunderstanding has arisen on the subject of the case of Constable Findlay's applications to resign from the Force, and full details of both incidents are called for.

Defence Scheme. The Chairman alludes to the fact that the Committee has not taken up the question of Admiral Winsloe's representations on this subject, stating that a discussion has taken place between the Captain Superintendent and the German Admiral, on the subject of the landing of sailors when required for the defence of the Settlement. The procedure in this eventuality in the past has been that the Council's application is made by the Chairman, on the advice of the Captain Superintendent through the Senior Consul, and the Consul General of the Naval Force concerned. It is suggested that this course will give rise to unnecessary delay, and that the Captain Superintendent should apply direct to the Senior Naval Officer. No official representations have been made on the subject up to the present, but the matter will have consideration at the hands of the Watch Committee.

of December 18
The minutes of the Public School Committee are read and confirmed.

With regard to the

proposed Location of the New School, Mr Moore again records his view that it should be in the Western District, and considerable discussion ensues. It is decided, in the first place, to call for a survey of the land set free on the south of the Range, showing the area available, and indicating the Committee's proposal.

Volunteer Corps. A Report by the Commandant is submitted recommending the establishment of a Portuguese Company, Sportmen's Section, with a membership of about 40. The Chairman deprecates increasing the total strength of the Corps by the enrolment of such Volunteers, and Mr Trueman considers that the suggested organisation, as well as that of the Twelve Bore Company, is undesirable and a source rather of danger than of help. The view of the Watch Committee prevails that prospective candidates for such a Company are somewhat more useful than if permitted indiscriminately in the streets armed with shot-guns; the Commandant's recommendation is therefore endorsed.

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Fire Brigade, Chief Engineer. A telegram from the London Agents is read ⁱⁿ indicating Mr Morris' refusal of the Council's offer of the position of Chief Engineer "in the absence of Allowances", and, after some discussion, it is decided to reply by telegram pointing out that a motor car is at his disposal, and offering to provide him with a house. While it is recorded that, in view of the Finance Committee's scheme of abolition of Allowances, and of the fact that no house is available, Mr Morris' necessary rental charge, if he accepts the amended proposal, will be added to his official salary.

Mixed Court. The Chairman states that he has been requested by the Senior Consul to arrange for the payment of the salaries to December 15 of the Chinese staff at the Mixed Court forthwith, and a form of notice that this will be done has been prepared and approved by the Senior Consul. This measure is intended to counteract the intervention of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, which body is seeking to upset the Consular Body's recent approved procedure.

Land Registration. Letter from the Consular Body on this subject with comment by the Engineer, is submitted and referred for consideration by the Works Committee.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. A letter from the Directors of the Range Property Syndicate now definitely offers the Council the refusal of the plot of 10 mow on the north-west corner of this property at the rate of \$2500 per mow, and it is decided to make provision for the purchase in the forthcoming Budget.

Overcrowding of Tramway Cars. The Legal Adviser's opinion on this subject is submitted, and his second suggestion, that the Company be made responsible under penalty for keeping the front platforms free, is adopted. It is decided to communicate with the Company officially to this effect.

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The Women's Home. A letter from the President of this Institution is read, desiring Municipal support ^{for} ~~from~~ its work. The Chairman points out the essential difference between the work of the Home and that of the similar philanthropic societies which assist native women. The Municipal grants to the latter are made in respect of definite services rendered in Police cases, and the reply to the present application will therefore be identical with that recently made in the case of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

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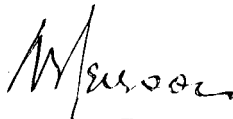
Sinza Refuge. Discussion of the application of H.M. Consul General on this subject is again deferred until the next meeting.

Council for 1912. Considering the question of the membership of next year's Council, it appears that not less than five of the present members are unable to accept re-nomination, and the Chairman desires that members will give this matter attention during the ensuing week.

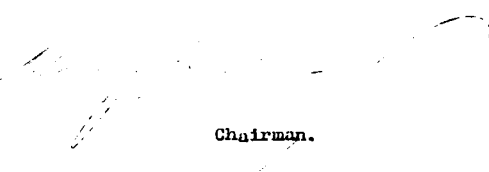
Secretary. On the subject of the Secretary's agreement which will expire on March 31, the Chairman alludes to the minutes on this subject of January 1906 and October 1908, which, at his suggestion, are endorsed by the Council. The Chairman's proposal that the agreement be renewed with pay at \$950 per mensem and allowances commuted as usual is unanimously adopted.

The Municipal Gazette for December 21 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 7.10 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 27, 1911,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

- Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
- C.E. Anton
 - A.W. Burkill
 - E.E. Clark
 - E.J. Cornfoot
 - H.Figge
 - C.Selby Moore
 - E.C. Pearce
 - T.E.Trueman
 - The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of December 22,
are read and confirmed. The arrangements proposed with regard
to the
Finance Department Office Accommodation are unanimously regarded as
preferable to the suggested scheme of alterations. The removal
of the Cadastral Office to the Telephone Building will therefore
be temporary, and arrangements will be made, subject to the
Finance Committee's approval, for a lease of the whole of one floor
of the Building for the use of the Finance Department, from April 1.
Ricsha Tickets. Mr Pearce states that he has gone into this
question closely with the Overseer of Taxes and with the Treasurer,
and arrived at the conclusion that nothing further should be done
at the present except to sell off the newly purchased stock of 25
cash tickets. The Chairman regards the Council's control of the
sale of these tickets as important, and he would deprecate its
termination.

Charity Organization. Mr Pearce describes at some length the
function of the proposed Central Charity Bureau, but the members
generally are opposed to the intervention of the Council in the
project. Mr Moore points out that the large sum intended to be
spent on organization would outweigh the amount of duplicated
charitable gifts to be prevented, while Mr Burkill objects, now as
heretofore, to the Council's participation in the scheme in any
capacity. After further debate Mr Clark's resolution is lost upon
a show of hands.



Policing of the North Szechuen Road District. A Report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted on this subject suggesting the leasing of a house in the neighbourhood of the Rifle Range for use as quarters for the Police on duty, from whence patrolling and other work in the District may be more efficiently organised. This proposal is approved, the Chairman noting the necessity for confining Police operations strictly to Municipal roads, and to Foreign registered properties abutting thereon.

Sinza Refuge. The Chairman, having perused certain descriptive reports published last year in the North China Herald as to the work carried out in this Institution, is of opinion that it may be possible to afford Municipal support thereto as part of the Foreign control exercised over the Mixed Court. A reply in this sense to the letter from H.M. Consul-General on the subject is authorised, and it is decided to obtain particulars as to the cost of maintenance, and as to the income which the Refuge at present enjoys.

Land Registration. The Council is informed that H.M. Consul-General is prepared to agree (a) that the new function of the Cadastral Office shall extend to lots, outside as well as within the Settlement, (b) that a formal statement of the joint responsibility of the Cadastral Office for the measurement and survey of lots shall be stated in the body of all new deeds and sub-deeds, and (c) that the price of purchase shall be omitted from such deeds, so that hereafter an equitable scale of fees may be arranged not dependant upon the prices stated in the bill of sale.

The British Consulate being responsible for more than three quarters of the whole number of deeds issued in a year, it is probable that other Consulates will permit of similar arrangements, and it is therefore decided, in reply to the Senior Consul's letter on this subject, to accept the Consular Body's proposal with modifications as formentioned.

Public School Ventilation. The Council authorises carrying out the Engineer's scheme of ventilation in advance of the Budget, so that the work may not interfere with school routine.

Chapei Water Supply. A further letter from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper and Phillips is submitted, pressing the Council for a definite answer on the subject of the proposal that the Chapei mains shall cross the North Szechuen Road. In reply thereto, it is decided to point out that the virtual monopoly of the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. extends to

all roads under the Council's control, and definitely to refuse
issue of the permit which is desired.

The Municipal Gazette for December 28 is submitted in proof and authorised
for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

W. Carson

Secretary.

[Signature]
Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 3, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W.Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.J. Cornfoot
H.Figge
C. Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
T.E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Finance Department Office Accommodation. The Council is informed that a
lease of the whole of one floor of the Telephone Building may be
obtained at a rental of \$5000 per annum, but before this rate is
accepted the Finance Committee will inspect the premises, the
prevailing impression being that not the whole of the 8 rooms are
required for the accommodation of the Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of December 29, are
read and confirmed. With regard to the question of the
Admission of Chinese to the Parks, it does not appear to the Council
that any further ruling is necessary in regard to boys from the
Thomas Hanbury School and Public School for Chinese. If and when the
management of the former School is taken over by the Council in March
next as proposed, the inclusion of Chinese children will cease; and
in regard to the latter, admission to the Ground should remain
occasional and under special permit. The general question of
admission of Chinese in Foreign clothing presents some difficulty,
but the Council considers that cases of confusion with Japanese
should not be frequent, and that the existing rule may well stand.
The matter will have further attention at the hands of members upon
receipt of a Police Report on the subject.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Council is notified of the re-election of
the representatives of Germany, Great Britain and Belgium to constitute
the Court for 1912, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII
of the Land Regulations.

h.A.

General Hospital. A second communication from the Senior Consul informs the Council of the re-election of the Consuls General for Germany, France and Great Britain as representatives on the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

The Revolution.

Yangtzepoo Abduction Case. A Police Report is submitted on the case of two Chinese, resident in the Yangtzepoo Road, who were kidnapped by the Revolutionary Party on December 29. The men in question are connected with the Ta Ching Government Bank, and the evidence points to their being required for purposes of extortion. Preliminary negotiations with Dr Wu Ting Fang having proved fruitless, the Council decides to address a strong protest to the Consular Body with the request that means may be taken to ensure the return of these men to the Settlement.

A discussion ensues as to the general levy which is being made for Revolutionary funds, and as to the pressure which is being put upon wealthy residents in the Settlement for contributions. In the case of Mrs Chin Chin Chee, who is being pressed by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Council directs a letter of remonstrance to the Chamber pointing out that any methods of compulsion will be resisted, and it is further decided to address the Consular Body desiring that a communication be addressed to the Revolutionary Leaders on the subject generally. There is the further case, reported by the Captain Superintendent, of the Li Family, who have been mulcted to the extent of \$10,000. This case requires further working up by the Police, who should make enquiries as to the receipt given for the money, and as to the occupants of the house in Kuling Road to which reference is made, with a view to ascertaining who is responsible for the extortion. Unless these measures are successful, the Council will consider the advisability of withdrawing the protection at present afforded to Dr Wu and others.

Native Press. A letter from Mr Li Ping Shu informs the Council of the establishment of a new newspaper to be devoted to the Revolutionary interests. Therein is evidence of an intention to levy a species of blackmail on the native community, and in reply it is decided to point out that any such course will be resisted.

Fire Brigade. A telegram from the London Agents is submitted, informing the Council that Mr Morris now definitely refuses the Council's offer of the post of Chief Engineer. The matter remains one for consideration by the Watch Committee, who will re-consider the application of Mr Patt of Singapore.

Police Force.

Case of Sergeant Donovan. The Captain Superintendent reports specially on this man, who has borne a very good character during his service in the Force, and he recommends a special gratuity. The Watch Committee approves this proposal, and the Council fixes the amount at \$600.

Resignation of Mr Springfield. A note from this Officer, forwarded by the Captain Superintendent, expresses a wish to retire from the Force, upon the grounds that he has not been offered the same pay as in the case of Mr Fenton under his third agreement. Mr Burkill has seen the Captain Superintendent on the subject and learnt that Colonel Bruce favours acceptance of this resignation, whereafter he anticipates Mr Springfield will be anxious to secure its withdrawal. The Council is, however, of opinion that it would be preferable for Mr Burkill to see Mr Springfield before any such final step is taken.

Mixed Court.

Native Inquests. A letter from the American Consul General is submitted, on the subject of the attendance of a competent medical man at all inquests, and therewith is a Report by the Health Officer on the subject. The arrangements which Dr Stanley outlines are regarded as satisfactory, and it is decided to communicate the substance of his Report for Mr Wilder's information.

Duties of Registrar. A note from the Senior Consul is read, intimating that the Registrar is expected to supervise the work of the Chinese Staff and to see that the orders of the Court are executed with promptitude. In communicating the contents of this communication to the Captain Superintendent, it is decided to repeat the instructions formerly issued that the greatest moderation and tact is requisite so that the growing Foreign control of the Court may not be jeopardised. The Registrar will further be instructed to confer with the Senior Assessors before any step of importance is taken.

Electrolysis. With reference to the letter from the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co.Ld. of December 14, on the effect of stray tramway currents on their cables, a Report from the Electrical Engineer sets out his views on the subject. These, with some minor modifications, are ordered to be transmitted to the Company.

Bubbling Well and Hart Road Corner. In protest at the new assessment of Cadastral Lot 2472, the Hamburg-Amerika Linie offers on behalf of the beneficial owner to sell the lot to the Council at the price named. A note from the Engineer points out the marked improvement

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which might be effected at this corner by the purchase in question, and, after examination of the District Plan, it is decided to accept it.

The Municipal Gazette of January 4 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. In regard to the question of the valuation of Cadastral Lot 171, required for the Extension of the Central Offices, a note from the Engineer points out that the exoneration of Mr Peebles of responsibility for the Council's first offer for the lot will involve the inference that the valuation is his own. It is therefore decided to add a note to the effect that the Council's offer was not based on Mr Peebles' valuation, nor on that of Mr Algar, nor on that of the Municipal Engineer, adding that full particulars of the method of calculation were contained in the letter making the offer.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Friday, January 5, 1912.
at 12 o'clock noon, there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C. E. Anton
 A. W. Burkill
 E. E. Clark
 E. J. Cornfoot
 H. Figg
 E. C. Pearce and
 The Secretary

Absent: C. Selby Moore
 T. E. Trueman

Chapei Waterworks. The Chairman states that he has received a visit from the Engineer-in-chief of the Shanghai Waterworks Co. Ltd., who points out that several large consumers on the North Soochow Road and in the neighbourhood of the Railway Station are being induced to substitute water from the Chapei Works by the offer of a 4 per cent rate and discontinuance of Municipal taxation. Mr Wood desires to make a counteroffer at 3 per cent, and asks that the Council will co-operate with the Company by allowing him to add the same conditions as to Municipal Rate. Mr De Gray alludes to the fact that in any case the Rate will be discontinued, and he is of opinion that it is to the Council's interest to curtail the business of the Chapei Waterworks by any means within its power; also that it may be possible in the future that this matter will be placed upon a more satisfactory basis. In the discussion which ensues Mr Figg expresses the view that the Chinese will make a strong effort to keep these native works in operation. At the same time the Council is unanimous in deciding to meet Mr Wood's wishes; it is therefore directed that any Chinese houses beyond the Settlement limits and west of the North Szechuen Road shall be exempted from Municipal Rate upon Mr Wood's statement that these conditions of competition apply.

The Revolution, Cases of Extortion. A draft letter to the Senior Consul on this subject is read and approved for despatch.

Police Force - Mr Springfield. Mr Burkill states that he has seen Mr Springfield in regard to his resignation, and that he has answered a letter from him on the subject. Upon receipt of his further reply,

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this question will again have the Council's attention. Some dissatisfaction is expressed at Mr Springfield's attitude in this matter, and the members are unanimously of opinion that the Council's offer of terms of re-engagement can under no circumstances be modified.

The meeting adjourns at 12.20 p.m.

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Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 10, 1912.

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.J. Cornfoot
 H.Figge
 C.Selby Moore
 E.C.Pearce
 T.E.Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting and of the Special Meeting of January 5, are read and confirmed. In regard to the Finance Department Office Accommodation, the Finance Committee has made an inspection of the proposed new premises, and will record its decision upon receipt of a plan of the flat, showing the space available.

Resignation of Mr Springfield. Mr Burkill states that Mr Springfield asks permission to withdraw his letter, and will sign an agreement upon the terms offered by the Council.

Fire Brigade, Chief Engineer. Mr Burkill is authorised to inform Mr Bidwell how this matter stands, and in the meanwhile he is addressing an enquiry to Singapore as to the capabilities of Mr Pett. A similar enquiry is being made at the request of the Chairman by Mr Simms, who has lately left Shanghai.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 8, are read and confirmed, with the following comment:-

Land Registration. The Chairman recounts his various interviews with the Senior Consul on this subject, and reads a private note he has received from Mr Siffert expressing the hope that the Council will withdraw its letter of December 28, and substitute another, undertaking to accept the Consular Body's proposal as it stands, and leaving the various modifications to be brought into force at a later date. The Council is informed that a petition to the Consular Body is in course of signature by all of the leading firms interested in land, unanimously supporting the Council's view, and as this document may be expected to be lodged within one or two days, it is decided to leave the matter in the Chairman's hands to be settled as may seem best.

Maintenance of Roads. Considerable discussion ensues as to whether or no to provide for continuing the experiments with permanent road compounds and tar macadam, in view of the unsatisfactory condition of some of the roads so treated, as well as others paved with ordinary macadam, Mr Burkill citing the Mohawk and Tiendong Roads as instances calling for attention. At Mr Moore's suggestion, it is finally decided to allow the experiments to continue during another 12 months, and, at the same time, to inform the Engineer that the Council, in sanctioning the expenditure, looks for better results than heretofore, as well as for more attention to road maintenance work throughout the Settlement.

Personal Emoluments. At The Chairman's request Mr Trueman repeats his comment on the relative salaries paid in the engineering branch of the Council's work, compared with those in the Police Force and elsewhere; and in the discussion which ensues the Council records the opinion that hereafter it may be necessary to fix the maximum and minimum salary attaching to each post in the service. Mr Figge points out that at the present time when no complaint has been received, it does not appear that any action is called for.

Landing Accommodation. The Council unanimously endorses the view of the Chairman that the proposed purchase of a wharf in the Wayside District will be of unquestionable benefit to the Settlement in the future; and Mr Anton observes that in any case the public will not lose money on the transaction.

Pingchiao Quarry. A note from the Engineer draws attention to the lawless condition obtaining in the Quarry neighbourhood, and it is decided to address a letter to H.M. Consul General on the subject with a view to representations being made in the proper quarter.

Volunteer Corps. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the Council approves the attachment to the Corps of Captain W.R. Walter, 10th Battalion, London Regiment, during his stay in Shanghai.

Court of Consuls. The Council is notified of the petition of ex Sub-Inspector Morey, making a claim on the Superannuation Fund. The matter is at present in the hands of the Legal Adviser, who in reply will state that the whole of the facts are admitted, and ask that the Court's decision be given without a hearing.

Mixed Court. Letters from the Senior Consul are submitted, containing further details as to the staff of the Court, and informing the Council of the temporary arrangements made for hearing Chinese civil cases before an Assessor. In reply, the Council's satisfaction at these arrangements will be expressed.

Hongkew Market Extension. Of the two lots, the purchase of which has been suggested for this purpose, and for which Messrs Probst Hanbury & Co.Ld. have quoted prices, the Watch Committee, after consideration of all the facts, recommends the purchase of Lot 1070. The price asked for this property is \$130000, and it is decided in the first place to ascertain how this valuation is computed, whereafter the various reports and papers will be circulated for members' information. In the meanwhile the Budget will provide for the extension of the Market.

Chinese Government Ground Rent. In reply to an enquiry addressed to the Municipal Engineer by the Chamber of Commerce, as to a proposal to convert this tax into silver currency, it is decided to state that the Council, as the largest land holder in the Settlement, would approve the change, but would suggest that the payment be in dollars, the dollar being about to be adopted as the unit of Chinese currency.

Tramways, Rolling Stock. A letter from the Tramway Company is submitted, submitting a drawing of a new type of motor car, and therewith are Reports by the Engineer and Captain Superintendent of Police. Mr Trueman states that the Engineer has withdrawn his suggested stipulation that the over all dimensions of the present type of car should not be exceeded, and after some discussion the Council approves the sketch.

Coal Supply. Six tenders are submitted for the supply of coal for Police Stations and Offices during 1912, and some discussion ensues. The Council is reluctant to pass over Messrs Hopkins Dunn & Co.Ld. who have held this contract for a number of years and given complete satisfaction; at the same time Mr Moore points out that unless the lowest tender is accepted, coal contractors in the future will refrain from tendering. It is therefore decided to offer the contract to Messrs Hopkins Dunn, provided they will accept the prices quoted by Messrs Sun Nee, the lowest tenderer.

The Municipal Gazette of January 11, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 17, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C. E. Anton

A. W. Burkill

E. E. Clark

E. J. Cornfoot

H. Figge

C. Selby Moore

E. C. Pearce

T. E. Trueman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Land Registration. The Chairman states that he has again seen the Senior Consul on this subject, and that the letter from the leading landowners in support of the Council's contentions has been duly forwarded. With this he considers the matter must rest until the Consular Body has further debated the subject.

Yangtzepoo Abduction Case. The Senior Consul transmits a reply from Mr Wen Tsung-yao on this subject, stating that the Military Governor of the Native City is unable to trace any one connected with the arrest of the men in question. This statement is regarded by the members as entirely unsatisfactory, in view of the assurance of the Captain Superintendent of Police that he is aware exactly where the men are imprisoned. The Chairman undertakes to call on Mr Wen Tsung-yao and discuss the matter further with him.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of January 15, are read and confirmed. With regard to the appointment of a new ^{'s} Matron at the Victoria Nursing Home, it is decided that Miss Summerskill's appointment shall be for six months on probation.

Gaol, Vermin-proofing. Mr Burkill points out that the minute does not include the Committee's direction that this work be carried out by means of convict labour.

Sicowai Road Incident. Upon re-consideration the Committee recommends that the Council's protest in this matter be addressed to the Senior Consul, lest the establishment of official correspondence between the Leaders of the Republican Party and the Council should

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give offence to the Consular Body. The Chairman will, however, discuss this matter also with Mr Wen Tsung-yao in the meanwhile.

Police Estimates. Mr Burkill has seen the Treasurer in the matter of the Police Estimates, and a Report from the latter is submitted, proposing certain reductions in the proposed expenditure, amounting to ¥37400. To this the Committee is prepared to agree, except in regard to the 18 Foreign Constables to arrive in October, and to the proposed reduction of the number of Sikh Constables to an authorised strength of 360, which the Committee considers should read 380. Amended in these respects the Treasurer's proposals are adopted.

Sinza Refuge. The Chairman has made a careful examination of the translated extracts from the accounts of the Refuge, and formed the view, which is endorsed by the Council, that any intervention on the Council's part in the control of the Institution would only lead to the discontinuance of the voluntary contributions by native guilds and others, and to heavy increase in the cost of maintenance. It is therefore considered advisable that the Council accede to the request for an annual grant, which may suitably be based on the amounts issued from the fines at the Mixed Court during past years. A statement showing these figures is therefore called for.

Shantung Road Hospital. A letter from the Honorary Secretary of this Institution is submitted, desiring an increase in the Municipal Grant to this hospital, which at present stands at ¥2000. The Health Officer reports favourably upon its work, but before deciding as to what if any increase is justifiable, the Council enquires the extent of the use made by the Police of the Hospital, and the effect which the new Municipal Chinese Police Hospital has had in reducing such use. The Chairman states that he has also received an application from the Door of Hope for an additional Grant of ¥5000, and, in this matter also, the Council requires a Police Report in the first place.

Bubbling Well Cemetery. A note from the Health Officer points out that the Bubbling Well Cemetery will probably not be filled for another fifteen years, and it is therefore decided that it would be premature to discuss purchasing another cemetery site, although the north-west corner inset may remain scheduled for acquisition should opportunity arise.

Land Commission. The Commissioners' Awards in Cases Nos. LXXXI, LXXXII and LXXXIII are submitted, with a note by the Engineer to the effect that the Award in the last named case is based on inaccurate areas. This, however, is counterbalanced by the fact that betterment has been allowed on an area somewhat in excess of the figure acceptable to the Council, and the net result is substantially correct.

Chapei Waterworks. A letter from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips is read stating their intention to file a petition in the Court of Consuls on the subject of the North Szechuen Road. The matter is referred for the opinion of the Legal Adviser in the first place.

Coal Supply. The Council is informed that Messrs Hopkins Dunn & Co.Ld. have acceded to the Council's request, and accept the rates of the lowest tenderer. They will therefore be given the contract for the supply of coal during 1912.

Kuling. A letter from Mr W.V. Drummond is read, offering the Council a site in Kuling, conditional upon the erection of four houses at a cost of \$5000 each, to be used by employes of the Council of low salary. The members consider that were the Council desirous of making a holiday grant to the Staff, it would be cheaper and more appreciated were it made in cash and availed of in Kuling or Japan or elsewhere. The Council, however, is not so inclined, for the reason that Municipal salaries are, upon the whole, liberal. Mr Figge sees no possibility of making provision of this kind in the Budget for 1912 in the face of the recent discussion on the subject of the Police Force. Before replying to Mr Drummond's letter, it is decided to ascertain the views of the principal Heads of Departments.

Public School. A note from the Chairman of the School Committee states the members concurrence in the view that the pay of Mr Billings, Headmaster, should be \$600 per mensem under his new agreement, and this figure is endorsed by the Council.

Pingohiao Quarry. The decision to raise the number of Foreigners at the Quarry to six, by means of Police on short leave and otherwise, is confirmed, and the Council notes and sanctions the issue of arms and ammunition to the men.

A reply from H.M. Consul General is read to the effect that he learns from the Consul at Hangchow that arrangements have already been made for a Chinese guard to be sent for the protection of the Quarry.

Council for 1912. In reply to Mr Clark, the Chairman states that his business arrangements admit of his nomination to the vacancy still remaining in the Council for 1912, but that pressure of work in the course of the year may possibly involve his retirement. His position is readily recognised by the members, who unanimously welcome his decision to remain on the Council.

The Municipal Gazette for January 18, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 24, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W. Burkill
E.B. Clark
E.J. Cornfoot
C. Selby Moore
E.C. Pearce
T.B. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figge

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Yangtzepoo Abduction Case. The Chairman states that, as desired, he
called upon Mr Wen Tsung-yao in this matter and offered, by means of
Chief Inspector Armstrong, to indicate to him the whereabouts of the
kidnapped men. Whether as a result of this visit or no, the two men
in question have now been released. There have been conflicting
accounts as to the extent to which these men have been fleeced, with
which matter, however, the Council does not concern itself.

Mr Wen also referred to the question of Settlement Extension,
not, however, in the favourable manner in which he formerly spoke,
and he added that the Military Authorities in the City were less well
disposed towards the project by reason of the aggressive action of
the French Consul General in respect to the roads in the French
"Extra-Concession".

Vermin-proofing at the Gaol. A Police note on this subject points out
that the work formerly carried out was confined to the Boys Reformatory
cells, and that vermin re-appeared after the process was completed.
Under these circumstances, as well as on the ground of expense, Mr
Burkill would favour exclusion of the item from the Police Budget.
A further report on the subject by the Health Officer is called for.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of January 19,
having been circulated to members, are taken as read. Mr Pearce
desires that the question of

Interest on Cost of New Plant may be postponed for discussion by the
Council next week, when the Treasurer's Report on the subject is

received. Mr Clark points out that English practice in the case of extension of a profit-bearing undertaking, is that the question of charging interest on the work during construction is referable to the Board of Trade; he therefore suggests that the facts in this case be submitted for a Board of Trade opinion. This course may prove advisable hereafter, but, as the Council's decision in the matter is necessary for the preparation of the estimates for 1912, a decision will be necessary next week.

Staff. In the matter of Meter Tester Olsen, the Council regrets the termination of his service, but at the same time is unanimously of opinion that the standing practice must be observed.

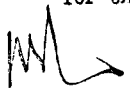
The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of January 23, are read and confirmed.

Fire Brigade, Chief Engineer. Letters from Mr Morris, to the Council and unofficially to the Captain Superintendent of Police, are submitted, on the subject of his refusal of the offer of this position. Mr Anton alludes to the fact that in making the proposal the Watch Committee expressed the view that the rate of salary named was as high as could reasonably be fixed, and the Council is resolved that no higher rate is admissible.

Mixed Court. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, forwarding a copy of a set of rules proposed by "some Republican Authorities" in connexion with the extradition of prisoners. The matter awaits consideration by the Watch Committee, for whom a Police Report on the subject is required.

Great Western Road. A letter from the French Council is read, desiring an undertaking that, when hereafter they are in a position to supply electricity and water to the residents on the south of this road, the Council will forego collection of Municipal Rates on the properties in question. At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to reply that when such circumstances arise, it will remain for the French Council to make the necessary arrangements with the concerned, to which arrangements the Council is prepared to assent.

Municipal Grants. The Council refers to the question of Grants to the Sinza Refuge, the Shantung Road Hospital, Door of Hope, and Refuge for Chinese Slave Children, for consideration by the Finance Committee.



Land Commission. In acknowledging receipt of the Awards in Cases Nos. LXXXII and LXXXIII Messrs Moorhead & Halse write to the effect that they are unacceptable to their clients. They propose that the question of compensation in these cases be submitted to the arbitration of Mr P. Peebles. This suggestion is unacceptable to the Council, and in replying to this effect it is decided to forward the usual surrender deeds for signature, adding, upon the recommendation of the Legal Adviser, an explanatory note as to the meaning of Mr Halse's appearance before the Commission "without prejudice".

Land Registration. A letter from H.M. Consul General is read, complaining of the fact that no official plans have been furnished by the Cadastral Office under the as yet unapproved new procedure. Therewith are three Reports by the Engineer, in the second of which he anticipates that the Council's additional proposals will result in acceptance by the British Consular Land Office of Chinese plans without scrutiny or check. The Chairman states that the Senior Consul has promised to reply to the Council's two letters at an early date, and in the meanwhile he suggests, and the Council approves, that the plans at present in suspense be issued.

Road Maintenance. A Report by the Engineer on this subject generally is submitted, in comment whereon the Chairman states that the general conditions of the roads in the Settlement is inferior to that of two years ago, and that the Council desires the cause of this ascertained and the matter corrected. Mr Anton is of opinion that the road repairing work lacks adequate Foreign superintendence, and it is decided to forward a further intimation to the Engineer to this effect.

Chapel Waterworks. A note from the Legal Adviser recommends that the threatened suit in the Court of Consuls be defended by the Council, upon the grounds that it is incumbent upon the Chapel Waterworks to establish a title to lay the pipes which is not inconsistent with the fact that the Council has controlled and policed the section of the road in question for more than ten years.

Municipal Notifications. With reference to a note from the Oostasiatische Lloyd, the Council directs that such Municipal Notifications as are forwarded to the daily press, be also sent for insertion in this weekly newspaper.


Licensed Sampans. At the suggestion of the Harbourmaster, communicated through Mr Burkill, the Council consents to waive the licence fee for sampans for one month, to enable the sampan-men to comply with his


proposals, which are based on the suggestion of the Naval Authorities recently communicated to the Council.

Sir Robert Hart. The Chairman refers to a project initiated by the Senior Customs Officials to erect a statue to Sir Robert Hart in the Settlement. In discussing the matter unofficially with the Commissioner, he has learnt that the Customs service would welcome participation by the public in the scheme so that the statue may be worthy of this eminent official. After some discussion the members assent to the suggestion that a Special Resolution be placed before the Ratepayers on the subject, recommending an appropriation of £5000 from the public funds to this object. The Chairman will see the Commissioner again in the matter.

The Municipal Gazette for January 25 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. Certain passages in the Police Report for December, relating to the Revolutionary Leaders, are omitted.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 31, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)

C.E. Anton

A.W. Burkill

E.E. Clark

E.J. Cornfoot

H. Figge

G.Selby Moore

E.C. Pearce

T.E.Trueman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meetings of the Finance Committee of January 26 and 27,

copies of which are in members' hands, are the subject of discussion as follows:-

Contributions from Public Companies. Mr Clark re-affirms his view on the subject of a contribution from the Electricity Department, and Mr Pearce in reply draws attention to the successive reductions in the cost of electricity which have been brought into operation during the past ten years. Mr Anton points out that the contributions of the public companies concerned in this heading of Municipal Revenue, are for the benefit of the community as a whole, while Mr Pearce's line of argument indicates a contribution, the benefit of which is confined (except as regards street lamps) to the section of the community which makes use of electricity. Finally the matter is referred for discussion by the Electricity Committee.

Fire Brigade. Mr Burkill states that the revised Estimates of the Fire Brigade, submitted today by the Treasurer, amount to \$57265, a figure within the limit set by the Finance Committee.

Police Force. In considering the proposed omission of provision for the October draft of Recruits, the Watch Committee alludes to the very large number of the Foreign Branch of the Force who resigned or were dismissed during 1911. If this rate of reduction is maintained, even to the extent of one half, Mr Burkill is confident that the draft will be unquestionably necessary. Mr Pearce, on behalf of the Finance Committee, states that the Committee quite understood that losses during the year would be made good, the trend of the recommendation being to leave the Authorized Strength of

Foreign Constables, exclusive of detectives, at 118, and net at 136 unless circumstances demanded the increase. After considerable debate, the Council decides that the Watch Committee's amended Estimates shall stand.

Shantung Road Hospital. The Chairman points out that the figure given by the Captain Superintendent as the decrease in the number of cases sent to this and St. Luke's Hospital owing to the establishment of the Chinese Police Hospital, appears to be excessive; he also alludes to the fact that no further donations from Mixed Court fines will be sent to the Hospital. On the question as a whole, however, the Council supports the minute of the Finance Committee.

Public Works Department. While agreeing to the proposed reduction in the estimate for Dredging and Cleaning Creeks, the Council leaves the details as to where the reduction shall be effected in the hands of the Works Committee, the Chairman holding the view that dredging the Yangkingpang is of little value so long as the French Council adopts a contrary policy.

Municipal Gazette. Mr Trueman is opposed to the proposal to print an advertisement cover for the Gazette, pointing out that the figures furnished show only that the cover will pay for itself. The Council adopts the suggestion made, upon the understanding that a reduction of not less than \$1000 per annum will be brought about thereby.

Door of Hope. The Chairman points out that the precedent in the case of the Refuge for Chinese Slave Children in the matter of a land grant precludes the Council from meeting the present application of the Door of Hope with an unqualified negative. It is suggested that one or other of the Council's holdings of Surplus Land may be made available for this purpose, and the matter is therefore referred for consideration by the Works Committee.

Public School for Chinese. At the suggestion of Mr Cornfoot, the Council approves the addition of \$200 to the appropriation for this School as a grant in aid of the Library, similar to that made in 1908 to the Public School.

Redemption of Debentures. The Treasurer's Report on this subject will be circulated to members in due course.

Rebate on Land Tax. A Report by the Treasurer is submitted, stating that the present basis of taxation will shortly be insufficient and urging the reduction of this rate from 20 to 15 per cent. Mr Figge is unable to follow the argument that an annual surplus of Ordinary Income of \$200000 is necessary. Admitting that such a surplus is a desirable safety margin in normal years, he is of opinion that

at a time such as the present, it is not incumbent upon the community to make such provision. Mr Burkill points out that many land owners would be prepared to accept the assessed value for their properties, and he understands the rebate to be a benefit to the land interest, corresponding to the fact that General Municipal Rate is not ^{collected} calculated upon unoccupied houses. After further discussion the Council unanimously adopts the proposal to reduce the rate to 15 per cent.

The Estimates of Ordinary Income and Expenditure for 1912, being as a result of the foregoing discussion settled, it is directed that the revised figures be printed and copies furnished for members' information.

Volunteer Corps, Medical Staff. Nine months leave of absence is granted to Lieutenant W.B. Billingham with effect from January 27.

Police Force. Referring to an entry in the Daily Report of January 28, in regard to charges of assault and drunkenness against Probationary Constable Blumenfeld, the Council is informed that the man has this afternoon been sentenced in H.M. Police Court to six weeks imprisonment with hard labour. His dismissal from the Force is accordingly directed.

Mixed Court. The Senior Consul transmits a copy of his letter to the Mixed Court Magistrate, directing the exclusion of runners names from summonses and warrants, which documents will henceforward contain a phrase authorising the Police to serve the summons or execute the warrant as the case may be. This change is regarded by the Watch Committee as highly satisfactory.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The Council is informed of the contents of a proclamation which has been posted in the City, having reference to the recent attempt to boycott the notes of the Hongkong Bank. Mr Wen Taung-yao has expressed willingness that the document be posted also in the Settlement, but Mr Hunter considers this course unnecessary. Mr ~~Morse~~ further points out that the proclamation attributes the "run" to Manchu influence, and for this reason also it is decided to take no action in the matter.

Casual Ward. A Report from the Captain Superintendent is submitted, alluding to the fact that this building is now approaching completion and suggesting that its management be placed in the hands of Mr Chandler, Chief Consular Gaoler, at a salary of £75

per mensem, for which step he has obtained the unofficial authority of H.M. Consul General. The Council approves this proposal upon a monthly basis, but some discussion arises as to what work it is intended shall take place in the Ward. The original files in this matter relate to 1910, and it is therefore directed that they be circulated for the information of the present Watch Committee.

Victoria Nursing Home. With regard to the fire which recently destroyed certain houses at the south end of Cadastral Lot 987, which is scheduled for inclusion in the Victoria Nursing Home site, the Engineer enquires whether or no re-building should be permitted. The matter is referred to the Watch Committee, who will visit the spot before arriving at a decision in the matter.

Land Commission, Cases Nos. LXXXII and LXXXIII. A further letter from Messrs Moorhead & Halse is read, repeating the statement that the Awards in these cases are unacceptable to their clients. It is therefore decided to place the matter in the hands of the Legal Adviser, with a view to the enforcement of the Awards in accordance with the concluding paragraph of Article VIA of the Land Regulations.

Contractor Sing Woo Ee. This contractor, against whom proceedings have been instituted in the Mixed Court for the recovery of the difference between his tender for the Riverside Power Station work and the next lowest received, writes offering to pay \$500; but the Council is of opinion that the matter should remain unreservedly in the hands of the Legal Advisers who, it is understood, are prepared to recommend settlement at \$1500.

Chapel Waterworks. The petition in the Court of Consuls drawn by Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips, has been received and forwarded to the Legal Adviser, who will compile the Council's defence. A note from the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd. is submitted, intimating that they would regard the issue of the permit which the Chapel Waterworks desire, as a breach of the Concession Agreement of 1905.

Public Band. The application of the Bailie Colonisation Scheme is submitted, for the services of the Band without charge at a forthcoming charity entertainment on February 12 and 13. Mr Figge expresses some sympathy with this application, but concurs in the general view of the Council that the standing practice must be observed, since to make the contribution to the charitable fund which compliance with this request would involve, would surely be followed by similar applications from other similar organisations.

Electricity Department, Interest on Cost of New Plant. Reports by the Electrical Engineer and Treasurer on the decision of the Council not to charge interest on the cost of new plant for the Riverside Extension to capital, have been circulated for members' consideration, together with a memorandum by Mr Figge supporting the Council's former view. This matter having been freely discussed, it is decided, upon a show of hands, to endorse the former decision, Messrs Burkill, Moore and Pearce voting as before in the minority.

Kuling. Reports by the Captain Superintendent, Health Officer and Engineer on Mr Drummond's offer of a site in Kuling are submitted, and the members are unanimous in the opinion that the offer is an unacceptable one. The Council's reply, while thanking Mr Drummond for his proposal, will contain some of the stronger reasons against compliance.

Payment of Dollar Salaries. A Report by the Treasurer on this subject is read, in which he asks for authority to purchase \$50000 monthly for the Council's requirements, at the most favourable rate obtainable, either from the Bank or through other channels. The Chairman explains that this application is the result of a contract entered into by the Treasurer during the past week with the Standard Oil Company for the purchase of this number of dollars. After it had been made clear that such a contract was irregular and contrary to the Standing Orders, the Chairman and Chairman of the Finance Committee signed the cheque in question as a special case, upon the grounds that from the point of view of the Company the contract was bona fide.

A note by the Finance Committee is endorsed to the effect that the Treasurer should continue to have authority to fix this rate with the Hongkong Bank three days (or four if Sunday intervenes) before the end of each month, but that no arrangement should be made other than with the Hongkong Bank except by special permission of the Committee, obtained in the regular manner through the Secretary. In this connexion, Mr Figge is of opinion that the Council should under no circumstances go outside the bankers, who should always be able to provide the necessary dollars at the native rate of the day.

The Chairman adds that he received a personal visit from the Treasurer, who desired that the Standing Orders should be set aside in this respect, and also alluded to the recent decision of the Council with regard to his Reports on staff matters. He informed

Mr Goodale in reply that the Council looks to the Staff for implicit compliance with its instructions, whether general instructions, or to meet special cases.

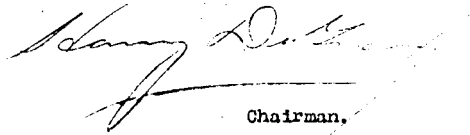
The Municipal Gazette of February 1 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

With regard to the note on the subject of Land Registration, and in view of the fact that the Consular Body has now finally declined the Council's proposals, the Chairman explains that the correspondence on this subject is unsuitable for publication in full, and to include a part thereof would be contrary to the Council's practice. With some modification of wording the note, which confines itself to recording the change in Cadastral procedure, is adopted.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 7, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C. E. Anton
 A. W. Burkill
 E. E. Clark
 E. J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 E. C. Pearce
 T. E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Contractor Sing Woo Kee. The Council is informed that the claim
 against this man has been settled by Mr Bell for a payment of \$900,
 an arrangement which does not appear particularly satisfactory in view
 of the fact that the land for which title deeds were originally
 deposited as security was valued at \$2020.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 5, are read
 and confirmed. In regard to the question of
Road Maintenance, the Chairman states that the minute is incorrect to
 this extent, that it was not scarcity of labour to which the Engineer
 attributed the small amount of work done in 1910, but to the fact that
 he had no knowledge of the progress of expenditure, and was under the
 impression that the whole of the appropriation had been used up.

The question of the appropriation for Materials for 1912, which
 it has been suggested be reduced from \$91450 to \$85000, is referred
 for re-consideration by the Finance Committee, the Chairman expressing
 the view that the Engineer should for this coming year have no such
 reason to assign for the condition of the roads as that his estimate
 was out down. Although it is the quality of the work of which
 complaint is made rather than the amount carried out, the Council is
 disposed to agree with this view.

Thorne Road Bridge. It is decided to ascertain to whom the permit
 for the erection of this bridge was issued before taking any active
 steps for its removal.

Fire at the Gaol. With regard to the fire which yesterday destroyed the top stories of the Indian quarters, a brief note in the Police Report states that the origin was a defective chimney setting fire to the woodwork in the ceiling. Further Reports will be submitted later, and Mr Burkill points out that it may be found practicable to house the whole number of Indian Warders away from the Foreigners.

Policing of the North Szechuen Road. The Police Report of February 2, describes the appearance in this road of two Japanese Police in uniform. The Chairman has seen the Japanese Consul General in the matter, who states emphatically that these men are not policemen but watchmen, and that they have been instructed under no circumstances to function on the roadway. Mr Ariyoshi further stated that as soon as the Council is in a position to police this district effectively, the men will be withdrawn, and that in any case they will probably be withdrawn after China New Year. With this statement the Chairman is of opinion that the Council must be content for the present. If, however, the men are again found on the road, it will be necessary to address the Senior Consul in the matter.

Sinza Refuge. The Council assents to the issue forthwith of \$250, half of the proposed Grant to the Refuge for 1912.

A Police Report is submitted on the subject of a Chinese school connected with the Sinza Refuge, which is stated to have received a Grant of \$600 annually from the Mixed Court during the past five years. The school appears to the Watch Committee to be conducted in a proper manner, and Mr Burkill is in favour of the Council's continuing this payment. The documents will be circulated for members' information in the first place.

Vermin-proofing at the Gaol. A Report by the Health Officer is read, strongly recommending that this work be carried out as originally proposed, and, under the circumstances, the Council sanctions the work, it being clearly understood that it will be performed by means of convict labour.

General Hospital. A letter from the Secretary is submitted, containing the proposals of the Governors with regard to the purchase by the Hospital of the whole of Cadastral Lot 804. The scheme will involve increase in the Hospital overdraft by \$90000, but, if a portion of the property is satisfactorily leased as intended, there should be no increase in the interest payable by the two Councils. Considerable discussion ensues, during which Messrs Burkill and Moore emphasise the decision recorded on a previous occasion, that the growing connexion

between the Council and the General Hospital shall not impede the proper development of the Victoria Nursing Home. With regard to the present proposal, it is decided, at the suggestion of the Health Officer, to await submission of the sketch plans of the new building for his comment.

An application for long leave by Dr Moore is considered, in which he desires three months additional leave on full pay to enable him to prosecute his studies in tropical medicine while in Europe. Mr Figgis is strongly of opinion that an arrangement of this kind, possibly desirable in the case of Heads of Departments, would be an unfortunate precedent, and some discussion ensues. It is eventually decided to sanction the additional three months leave, and to issue half pay for the period, provided that Dr Moore obtains the Cambridge Diploma in Tropical Medicine.

Budget 1912. Second proofs of the Budget, with corrections to date are in members' hands, showing a surplus of £188000, and Mr Pearce states that the Surplus to be carried forward from 1911 is approximately £45000. The full estimates of Ordinary Expenditure amount to £1275000. Previous to final discussion of the Budget by the Finance Committee, he desires an expression of the Council's opinion as to the limit to which the Loan for the year should be confined. It is decided that the basis shall be a loan of £800000, and the Committee will therefore make recommendations, with a view to curtailment of Extraordinary Expenditure to this extent.

The Municipal Gazette of February 8, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 14, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 E.C. Pearce
 T.E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

General Hospital. A note from the Health Officer is read, stating that,
 having seen the plans of the Hospital Extension Scheme, he considers
 that which involves enlargement of the site up to Chapoo Road is the
 best one. In these circumstances the Council assents to the
 proposal as outlined, upon the understanding that the French Council
 will also agree thereto. Mr Clark states that Dr Stanley has been
 invited to serve on the Hospital Works Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of February 8,
 having been circulated to members, are taken as read. With regard
 to the proposed
Suggested Contribution to Municipal Income, the Chairman dissents
 from the minute, pointing out (i) that the supply of lighting to
 public buildings is not and has not been in the past at cost price;
 (ii) that no figure showing the profit on public lighting has yet
 been submitted. Messrs Pearce and Burkill lay stress upon the
 fact that the policy which the Electricity Committee is now following,
 is one which has brought the Department to its present sound financial
 position, and they would strongly deprecate any change therein.
 Further debate follows, at the conclusion of which the consensus of
 opinion is that while the Riverside Power Station Scheme is in
 progress, no contribution should be levied, and profit should
 continue to be reinvested in plant as heretofore. At the same time
 the Chairman records the view that the matter should engage the
 Council's attention hereafter, pointing out that the discussion

which has taken place upon Mr Clark's initiative, has brought about a clear understanding of the position with not unsatisfactory results. Exchange.

An approximate list of sterling capital payments due up to September next is submitted, amounting to £45000, and it is noted that recent requisitions for stores etc. bring this total up to £50000. The Council is unanimously in favour of settling exchange to this extent at the best rates obtainable.

Underground Mains. A note from the Municipal Engineer forwards a plan for the Council's inspection showing the complicated character of the various pipes and mains at the bend between Broadway East and Yangtzeppoo Road.

Extensions beyond Settlement Limits. The Chairman points out that it would not be satisfactory to charge a lower rate beyond limits, since such a course would further induce residents to live beyond the area of full taxation.

Meter Tester Olson. Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, the Council permits this employe to withdraw his resignation.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 13, are read and confirmed, with the following comment:-

Road Maintenance. While confirming the view which the Committee takes, the Chairman directs that copies of the minutes be furnished for the information of the Engineer, so that the question of expenditure on road maintenance may form the subject of further discussion by the Works Committee.

Eastern District Wharf Scheme. The Works Committee considers that the suggested reduction in the cost of this scheme may be practicable, particularly if it is found advisable to transfer the Concreteware Depot to Wayside, and it is now decided to accept Mr McBain's offer, subject to confirmation after the Ratepayers' Meeting.

Police Bath Houses. Mr Burkill points out that the appropriation for these houses was inserted in the Budget at the express recommendation of the Health Officer, and he would deprecate the reduction in their number suggested by the Finance Committee. The Council concurring, it is decided to leave in the whole number, nine.

Hongkew Market Extension. Mr Burkill is under the impression that Messrs Probst Hanbury & Co's offer was based on instructions from home to obtain a certain sterling price, and, at the Council's request, he undertakes to obtain confirmation of this from Mr Midwood. In the alternative, the Engineer will discuss with Mr

Ambrose the possibility of obtaining the property at a less figure than that quoted, viz. \$130000.

Contributions from Public Companies. With regard to the enquiry by the Tramway Company to which reference is made under this heading, the Chairman has received a visit from Mr Wheelley, who stated that ^{the Company is considering the advisability of making} a further effort ~~is to be made~~ at the forthcoming Ratepayers' Meeting to obtain a reduction in the royalty paid by the Company, ^{and that he hoped the Council would support the project.} and He has forwarded figures in support of this request. Mr Wheelley was given little grounds for expectation that the Council would support the proposal, which, in view of the present improved financial position of the Company, differs materially from that of two years ago. Before making any reply on the subject, it is directed that the figures be circulated for members' perusal.

Volunteer Corps. A note from Dr Macleod is read to the effect that Colonel Barnes has from February 3 been suffering from acute pneumonia, and an expression of regret is recorded.

Fire Brigade. Mr Burkill is in receipt of a private letter from Singapore, from which the Council forms the impression that Mr Pett, the applicant for the post of Head of the Brigade, is well qualified; and, after some discussion, it is decided to invite him to proceed to Shanghai at the Council's expense, so that the Watch Committee may discuss in a personal interview his taking up the appointment. Mr Burkill states that he is aware that considerable dissatisfaction exists at Mr Bidwell's present management of the Brigade, and he mentions a suggestion which has been made that one of the present foremen undergo a course of training in London previous to holding the post of paid Chief. The members are averse, however, to the appointment of a local candidate, being of opinion that the Brigade stands in need of considerable re-organisation, which were better undertaken by an unbiassed outsider.

In this connexion a note from the Engineer is read, suggesting that the present title borne by the Head of the Brigade, Chief Engineer, is unsuitable; and his suggestion is adopted that the new Head be known as the Chief Officer.

Policing Darroch Road. An extract from the Mixed Court Return of February 13, is read, describing the prosecution of a Paoshan policeman arrested for functioning on this road. It is decided to communicate the fact that the road has become Municipal property to the Assessor concerned, but not to press the case, for the reason that the man himself did no more than carry out instructions received. The

Council notes with satisfaction that the Paoshan Police have been ordered to keep off the road.

Police, Special Services. An amended scale of charges, compiled by the Treasurer and amended by the Watch Committee, is approved for publication, to come into force with effect from March 1.

Sinza Refuge. Upon further examination of the Police Report on the subject of the native school attached to the Refuge, the Council decides to continue the Grant of \$600 formerly made by the Mixed Court.

Plague Rat Barrier. A letter from Mr Wen Tsung-yao forwards the request of the Chapel Authorities for the removal of this barrier. The Council approves reply, in accordance with the recommendation of the Health Officer, that the barricade should remain in position until there is satisfactory evidence that the Chapel District is free from plague, both rodent and human.

Soldiers Cemetery. A Report by the Engineer is read, accompanied by two plans showing a suggested method of preserving this Cemetery in connexion with the demolition of the Native City Wall now in progress. The Chairman undertakes to see Mr Wen Tsung-yao in this matter in the first place.

Bogus Tax Receipts. The Health Officer forwards a specimen bogus receipt for a "sanitary tax", which appears to have been wrongfully levied in the Settlement. The matter has been placed in the hands of the Police.

The Destitute Insane. A note from the Senior Consul is read, desiring that the Council will make proposals, for approval by the Ratepayers, for the accommodation of destitute lunatics. This matter will have members' attention at an early date, former reports and correspondence on the subject to be circulated therewith.

Outside Roads. With reference to a Report by the Engineer, suggesting the acquisition of a new road from Jessfield Road to Siceawei Road, and continuation of Yuyuen Road to Brennan Road, the Council approves the acquisition of the necessary land if and when occasion serves, directing, however, that no expense be incurred in making up at present. A further plan, prepared as an inset to the Annual Report, showing the whole of the outside roads in the Western District, is submitted and approved.

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Land Commissioner. A note from Mr E.F. Mackay is read, indicating that he is unable to assume the duties of Land Commissioner. The Chairman states that Mr Moore would be willing to accept nomination for this post, should the Council so desire, but for the possibility that the appointment of a member of the Works Committee might be misinterpreted by Mr McBain, whose case is likely to be presented for settlement by the Commission. The Council defers decision in this matter until next meeting.



Parks Committee. A note from Mr Peebles is read, to the effect that, owing to his forthcoming departure for England, he is compelled to resign his seat on this Committee. In thanking Mr Peebles for his services, it is decided to accept his suggestion that he find a suitable substitute to perform the duties of Secretary to the Recreation Ground Committee during his absence.

Dollar Exchange. A petition signed by the whole of the Foreign Branch of the Police Force that their pay be issued at a fixed rate is submitted and considered. Mr Fidge points out that any concession by the Council in this respect must necessarily be applicable to the whole Service. He also states that, while it is probable that the tael as unit of currency will shortly disappear, there would be little risk in agreeing to a fixed rate of 75. The matter is referred for consideration by the Finance Committee.

Report of Ratepayers' Meeting. The Council assents to the suggestion that this Report appear as an ordinary number of the Municipal Gazette on the day following the Meeting instead of as a separate pamphlet as heretofore.

The Municipal Gazette for February 15 is submitted in proof, and with certain amendments, including the omission of two paragraphs in the Police Report for January, authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.55 p.m.


Chairman.

Secretary. X

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 28, 1912.

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C. E. Anton
 A. W. Burkill
 E. E. Clark
 E. J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 E. C. Peaboe
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: T. E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed with some modification, and signed by the Chairman.

Tramway Royalty. The figures unofficially submitted by Mr Wheelley have been circulated to members, and the Council is unanimous in the opinion that the improvement in the financial position of the Company during the past two years precludes the Council from supporting any renewed proposal for modification of the terms upon which the Royalty is paid. The Chairman undertakes to inform Mr Wheelley of this decision.

Soldiers Cemetery. The Chairman states that he has handed the plans containing the Engineer's suggestion on the subject of the preservation of this Cemetery to Mr Wen Tsung-yao, who will endeavour to arrange that the section of the city wall in question be left in position.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of February 16, circulated to members and taken as read, are confirmed. The Council is of opinion that at the next meeting Mr Shen Tun-ho's charges against one of the Assistant Masters should be investigated, Mr Shen being present.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 23, are read and confirmed. In regard to the North Szechuen Road Police Sub-Station, a letter from the Japanese Consul General is read, containing an undertaking to withdraw the Japanese watchmen on March 1, and thanking the Council in the name of the Japanese residents beyond limits for the steps which have been taken for policing the district in which they reside.

Mixed Court. Referring to the question of the Registrar's Report for January, and at the Chairman's suggestion, it is decided to make no proposal as regards the procedure for summonses and warrants at present, the Council endorsing the view that it would be undesirable to take any step which would alienate the sympathy of the better class Chinese residents.

Extradition of Prisoners. It is decided to reply to the Senior Consul's letter of January 18 in terms of the Committee's minute, and to forward to him copies of the two draft codes submitted by the Captain Superintendent.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 26 are read and confirmed. In regard to the question of Bankrupt Estates, the reply of the Official Receiver to the Committee's enquiry is read, undertaking to obtain a general decision from the Board of Trade on the subject of the preferential character of Municipal Rates.

Treasurer's Leave. A further Report by Mr Goodale is read, in allusion to the exceptionally heavy and exacting work which has devolved upon the Department, and to the strain which has been placed upon the constitutions of the staff. His application for 6 months' leave with effect from April 29, is approved.

Court of Foreign Consuls, Morey Case. Considerable discussion takes place as to the advisability of applying for a re-hearing of this case, in accordance with the recommendation of the Legal Adviser. Mr Burkill would prefer the publication of a statement of the facts, showing how very far wrong the Court has gone in seeking, outside the pleadings of Morey and his counsel, for reasons upon which to base a decision adverse to the Council. Mr Figge is firmly convinced that such an application would be without effect. The Chairman, however, is in favour of applying, so that the Consuls may have an opportunity of understanding the case more thoroughly, and so that nothing shall hereafter be published to which their attention has not been drawn. He also considers that when legal proceedings have been instituted, the recommendations of the Legal Adviser should be followed. These views are eventually endorsed by the Council, and it is decided to instruct Mr McNeill to embody the Memorandum which has been prepared for the Council's information, in the application for a re-hearing.

Genl. Third Block of Cells. The Captain Superintendent forwards correspondence between himself and the Health Officer, on the subject of the risk which the Council takes in permanently allowing the prisoners to be housed three in a cell. The Watch Committee points out that the exclusion of this block from the Budget for 1912 is solely because funds do not admit of its erection. It is decided that if during the course of the year the building becomes really necessary, the work will be undertaken in excess of the Budget.

The Destitute Insane. With regard to the Senior Constable's letter of February 13. on this subject, a Report by the Health Officer is submitted in allusion to the purely temporary character of the Mental Ward, which since its establishment has not been regarded as an asylum for the permanent segregation of lunatics. The Council is unanimous in the view that no modification of the rules laid down in 1907 is permissible, and it is decided to reply in this sense.

Poochow Road Widening. With regard to a dispute which has arisen with Mr Ambrose on the subject of the air space shown in his re-building plan for Cadastral Lot 422, the Legal Advisers write in support of the view taken by the Municipal Engineer, who in turn recommends that the case be submitted for arbitration. After inspection of the plan as last amended, and because considerable delay has already taken place in this matter, the Works Committee is of opinion that the case is not worth carrying further, particularly as Mr Ambrose has informed the Chairman that a large number of influential property experts, including Mr Lester, endorse his view. It is decided therefore to issue the permit without further delay.

Land Commission. The Chairman states that Mr A.M. Marshall is prepared to accept nomination as the Council's representative on the Commission for 1912/13. This appointment commends itself to the Council and it is accordingly recorded.

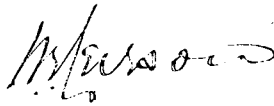
Public School, New Building. Plans showing the proposals respectively of the School Committee and the Municipal Engineer are submitted, and at the Chairman's suggestion the latter is adopted, excluding the suggested house for the Headmaster. The question of the land to be allotted for school purposes being now settled, the matter of the building reverts for consideration by the School Committee.

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Copper Coinage. The General Manager of the Tramway Company forwards for the Council's information correspondence between himself and Mr Chu Pao-san on this subject: the point raised, however, is not regarded as coming within the province of the Council.

The Municipal Gazette for February 29 is submitted in proof and with some amendment authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 6, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 R.J. Cornfoot
 H. Figge
 C. Selby Moore
 E.C. Pearce
 T.E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of March 1, are read and confirmed, and a further Report by the Captain Superintendent on the

Case of P.C. McColl is submitted, giving the result of his visit to H.M. Judge. Mr Burkill states that the man was dismissed on March 4 upon the strong advice of Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, who is of opinion, privately expressed, that the Court of Consuls' Judgment in the Morey Case is wrong. The Committee was further influenced by the statement of the Captain Superintendent that the Foreign Branch of the Force would very seriously resent the application of the King's Regulation outside the Indian Branch. The Chairman points out that this question will require very careful consideration at the hands of the Committee, when the result of the Council's application for a re-hearing in the Morey Case is known, for it would appear that the King's Regulation in the circumstances were better rescinded. As regards McColl, the Council considers that, as in former cases, payment of his passage to London third class is advisable, and the necessary arrangements to this end are authorised.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 2, already circulated to members, are taken as read, and confirmed. This involves the Council's approval of the Financial Statement, which is accordingly authorised to be printed and issued to the Ratepayers.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 4, are read and confirmed, with comment as follows:-

Victoria Nursing Home. The Committee has re-considered its decision in this matter in the light of a proposal to apply the Budget appropriation of \$5000 to the purchase of the whole of Lot 987, and to transfer the whole of the scheduled widening of the Woosung Road north of Range Road to the west side. Action in this matter is accordingly deferred pending a Report from the Engineer showing the effect of the proposal both on the ground and as a financial matter.

Nanking and Kiangse Roads. The question of the removal or transfer of the traffic island at the corner of these roads is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Kinchew Road. Mr Moore points out that the minute does not indicate the Committee's desire that the three alternative roads to Mr Mack's property be considered and the most suitable adopted.

Landing Accommodation. The Chairman regards this question of considerable importance, since if the frontage of Lot 2372 is lessened to the extent indicated by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's plan, it becomes seriously lessened in value to the Council, whose prospective purchase of the property is primarily to secure the water frontage for the public. It is therefore directed that the Engineer forward a Report and Plan illustrating the whole circumstances of the shenko dispute for the Council's information and guidance.

Budget 1912. Messrs E.I. Ezra, A.Hide, H.C. Gulland and A.R. Owen, members of the incoming Council, attend for the discussion of the Council's Budget proposals, a complete proof of which, with the introductory remarks, is submitted. Mr Owen points out that very little time has been allowed for perusal of these documents, and in reply the Chairman admits with regret that such is the case. At the same time, as it is desirable that the figures be in the Ratepayers hands as soon as possible, and he considers that it would be best for the Budget to be issued, there being yet two further meetings of Council at which the members may attend if further enquiry or discussion is desired.

The Chairman reads a paragraph to be inserted in the Introduction to indicate the Council's interpretation of the Ratepayers' decision on the subject of the maintenance of the tramway track.

Mr Burkill considers that the sentence on the subject of the relative size and cost of the Police Force, is in need of modification. Some discussion ensues, and it is decided to leave the matter in his hands for re-draft.

With these and some other small amendments Part II of the Annual Report and Budget is approved for issue.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of March 5,

are read and confirmed. In regard to the Headmaster's Salary, Messrs White-Cooper and Wilson have called upon the Chairman, who supports their view that, for the reason stated in the minute, the Council will be well advised to approve the higher rate of pay suggested, \$625 per mensem. The Council approves this rate, noting that the question of the maximum pay for this among other senior posts in the service, will shortly have the Finance Committee's attention.

Volunteer Corps, Chinese Company.

A Report by the Commandant is submitted, containing the proposal that the members of the Chinese Company be permitted to have custody of their rifles under certain stated conditions. Mr Truceman sets forth at some length reasons in favour of this step, pointing out that the care of rifles shown by Portuguese and other Foreign members of the Corps is not better than would be exercised by Chinese. In reply Mr Figge observes that the caution observed by the Council, in making restrictive arrangements at the time the Company was established, was not based on the view that the Chinese were unable to preserve their weapons, but that their use thereof at a time of crisis was open to doubt. After some discussion, the Commandant's proposal is lost upon a show of hands, Messrs Burkill and Truceman voting in the minority.

Fire Brigade, Chief Officer.

A telegram from Mr Pett at Singapore is read, indicating that he will arrive in Shanghai on or before March 20. The question of the terms to be offered to this new Chief Officer if appointed will be the subject of consideration by the Watch Committee.

Consular Registration of British Policemen.

The Captain Superintendent forwards a note from H.M. Consul General, pointing out that he finds no authority for the exemption from registration of the British members of the Force. It is understood that Mr Fraser has verbally undertaken to address the Secretary of State in the matter, but, in the meanwhile, it is decided to address an official letter to him pointing out that the Force as a whole has not heretofore registered, together with other facts warranting the view that no change in the present arrangement is desirable.

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Refuge for Chinese Slave Children. A note from the Honorary Secretary of the Refuge refers to a mistake in the Police Report giving the number of children sent to the Refuge during 1911, and desires reconsideration of the question of their increased grant. The Council unanimously supports the view of the Finance Committee that ~~no further~~ ^{it is} ~~increase is called for,~~ ^{inadvisable to reopen this matter again this year} although it may be possible to assist the Committee unofficially in securing additional Chinese subscriptions and donations.

North Szechuen Road Police Sub-Station. A letter from Mr Wen Tsung-yao is submitted, desiring that the Council will vacate this new Station, in reply to which it is decided to point out that, as an additional Police measure, the new Station was rendered necessary in the interests of the Foreign residents, and to cite the case of the Carter Road Station, which for many years operated outside the limits of the Settlement.

Public Recreation Ground Committee. A letter from the Secretary is read, indicating that Mr R.E. Stewardson will carry out his duties in his absence.

The question of filling the vacancy on this Committee caused by the death of the late Mr A. McLeod is left for consideration by the incoming Council.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. A draft of the official Resolutions to be proposed at the forthcoming Meeting is submitted and approved. They are of a routine character, except in regard to the proposed donation of \$5000 towards the scheme for erecting a statue of the late Sir Robert Hart. At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to include a further Resolution adopting the Report of the General Educational Committee, Parts I and II. He points out that, although this course is not actually necessary, it will afford an opportunity for the discussion of the various educational developments and proposals to which the Council will shortly be pledged.

The Municipal Gazette for March 7 is submitted in proof, and with some amendment authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

W. Stewardson

Secretary.

W. Stewardson
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 13, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

C.E. Anton

A.W. Burkill

E.E. Clark

E.J. Cornfoot

C. Selby Moore

E.C. Pearce

T.E. Trueman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figg

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed with some modification, and signed by the Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Light Horse. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant T.G. Drakeford, owing to his expected transfer to Hongkong, is accepted with regret.

"A" Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the commission of Lieutenant G.M. Jamson is authorised for renewal with effect from January 13.

Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the commission of Captain G.R. Wingrove is authorised for renewal with effect from March 10.

The resignation of Lieutenant C. Selby Moore, owing to increasing demands on his time, is accepted with regret as from December 8, 1911.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Order of the Court refusing the Council's application for a re-hearing of the Case of W.D. Morey is read, together with a letter from the Legal Adviser containing the strongest denunciation of the practice of the Court heretofore and in the present instance. Mr McNeill desires that publicity may be given to his letter, but the Council unanimously endorses the view expressed by the Chairman that the document cannot appear in the Municipal Gazette. Discussion ensues as to what course should be followed, during which it is suggested that the original Memorandum of the facts, upon which the Council's application for a re-hearing was based, should now be published. It is eventually decided to print no more than the official papers connected with the Case. The Council decides to carry out the Order, but is

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unanimously and strongly opposed to any modification of the Rules governing the Superannuation Fund, and Rule 9 in particular, which have received the Ratepayers approval. The Legal Adviser's proposal to refund the amounts deducted from the pay of the Staff and to close the Fund is negatived; while, in regard to the suggestion that the legal defence by the Council of suits before the Court of Foreign Consuls is unnecessary expenditure, the Council is not prepared to do other than defend the action brought by the Chapel Waterworks Co. in the usual manner.

Mixed Court, Medical Supervision. Applications from Dr Ransom, Medical Officer in charge of the Mixed Court, are submitted, forwarded through the Captain Superintendent of Police and through the Senior Consul, desiring that his pay may be increased from \$240 to £1000 per annum. In regard thereto the Council is of opinion that to suggest that this work be taken over by the Health Department would be calculated to provoke opposition. Finally, at Mr Moore's suggestion, it is decided to reply that it appears to the Council injudicious to make a change involving so large an addition to the Court's expenditure at the present time. The Chairman will take an opportunity of communicating the Council's views in the matter to the Senior Consul personally.

Proposed Eastern District Wharf. The Engineer reports that the title deed for the property on the east of Mr McBain's has been lost, and that the new deed which will include the shenko land has not yet been issued. Pending receipt of a further Report containing full details of the dispute as to the foreshore in this neighbourhood, it is decided to address the Senior Consul on the subject, pointing out that three Consular Land Offices are affected, and desiring that no steps be taken in the matter for the present.

Tramways, Nanking-Chekiang Road Crossing. The application of the Company to lay additional lines on the north-east corner of this crossing is submitted together with Reports in re by the Captain Superintendent and Engineer. It is understood that the Company desires these lines to enable cars to run to the Railway Station by a shorter circular route than the present one. The reason against the issue of the necessary permit is solely the already congested traffic at this point. The Chairman considers that the Company's request can only be based on a public demand for the accommodation, and he is therefore of opinion that the Council should comply. On a show of hands, however, it is decided to refer to the interference to traffic which the additional lines would involve, and to refuse the permit.

Public Band. A Report by the Conductor urges the appointment of three additional Foreign musicians in order that the Band may make further improvements in the public orchestral concerts. The Band Committee makes no recommendation in this matter, but suggests to the Council publication of Professor Buck's Report. The members see no objection to this course, which will accordingly be followed.

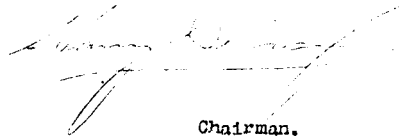
Public School Committee. The resignation of Mr A.S.P. White-Cooper of his seat on this Committee, owing to his departure for England on March 10, is accepted with regret.

The Municipal Gazette for March 14 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6 o'clock p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 20, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 C. E. Anton
 A. W. Burkill
 E. E. Clark
 E. J. Cornfoot
 C. Selby Moore
 H. C. Pearce
 T. E. Trueman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figg

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 8, are read and confirmed. In regard to the Cost of the Show Room, Mr Pearce assures the Council that, in the opinion of the Committee, the expenditure is incurred to the advantage of the Department.

Lighting Rate. The Chairman expresses the hope that the heavy reduction suggested may not prove too drastic.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 19, are read and confirmed. With respect to the Pay of Senior Employees, a further Report by the Treasurer is read, making reference to the speeches at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in 1909, and stating that his acceptance of the post which he occupies was upon the understanding that the pay attached thereto was the same as that of the Captain Superintendent of Police, Health Officer and Engineer.

Mr Pearce states that the maximum and minimum rates as proposed by the Committee for all the senior appointments in the service have been set out and signed by the members as a record of opinion for the guidance of the Council in the future. The Committee's view on the subject of the pay of the senior positions in the Finance Department is based upon the fact that a salary rising from £900 to £1350 per annum would prove attractive to a large number of experienced chartered accountants in London.

The Chairman alludes to the fact that reference to corresponding posts in the Hongkong Civil Service shows that, exclusive of pensions,

they are paid at very much lower rates throughout.

After discussion of the schedule in detail, the Council unanimously endorses the Committee's views and directs that the document be filed for record.

Volunteer Corps.

Annual Inspection. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant it is decided that the Annual Inspection of the Corps shall be held during the week ending April 20, the formal Inspection Parade being held on that date. Colonel Barnes has learnt unofficially that General Anderson will be unable to hold the Inspection in person this year; it is therefore decided to request that he will, as heretofore, appoint a Field Officer for the purpose.

Medical Staff. The Commission of Captain H.C. Patriok is authorised for renewal with effect from February 10.

12-Bore Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for re-issue to Mr W.S. Jackson.

Police Force, Assistant Superintendent (Sikhs). With regard to the question of the renewal of Captain Barrett's agreement, the Watch Committee is now prepared to recommend that the appointment be confirmed on the usual three year basis. Mr Burkill points out that by repeated warnings this officer has been made acquainted with the Council's opinion as to his work. He further expresses the hope that upon his return from leave Captain Barrett's control of the Sikh Branch will prove more satisfactory.

The Captain Superintendent will report further on the subject of the use to be made of Captain Barrett's quarters during his leave.

North Szechuen Road Police Sub-Station. A further reply from Mr Wen Tsung-yao is submitted, renewing his protest at the Council's establishment of this Station. Mr Wen's recent action has displayed considerable anti-Foreign bias and the Council is of opinion that no useful purpose would be served by continuing this correspondence.

Chinese Soldiers in the Settlement. A Report from the Captain Superintendent is submitted, in regard to recent applications for the passage of troops through the Settlement, and the Watch Committee's recommendation that the Consular Body be addressed on the subject is considered. The Chairman points out that in the first place no troops under arms have been admitted, and secondly that until the Republican Authorities are recognised officially, representations through the Consular Body cannot be made. It is therefore decided to do no more than repeat the instructions formerly conveyed to the

Captain Superintendent, that no armed bodies of men be allowed to pass the boundary without the written permit of the Senior Consul, while at the same time the Chairman will take an opportunity to see Mr Siffert and request that no such permit be issued.

Nanking-Kiangse Road Widening. The counter-petition of Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips to the Court of Consuls is submitted, and the Council is at the same time informed that the petitioner, Mr A.D. Sassoon, died on March 13. It is understood that his death abates these proceedings, and it is decided to direct the Legal Advisers to press forward without delay the original application to the Supreme Court. It is especially noted that these proceedings should not be deferred by reason of Mr McNeill's absence from Shanghai.

Eastern District Wharf. A comprehensive Report by the Engineer on the shenko dispute which has arisen in regard to Mr McBain's Wayside property is submitted, and ordered for transmission to the Consular Body in continuation of the Council's letter of March 15.

Tramways. Two letters from the Company are read, renewing their application for an additional turn-out at the crossing of the Nanking and Chekiang Roads, and applying for permission to add 10 motor and 15 trailer cars to the rolling stock. It is decided in reply to state that the turn-out is only permissible if the widening of the road at this corner can be arranged at the cost of the Company, while, in regard to trailer cars, the Council's decision, communicated to the Company on October 12, must stand.

Chief Detective Inspector. A note from the Treasurer points out in regard to Inspector Armstrong's forthcoming leave, that his Detective Branch extra pay is in lieu of uniform, and should therefore not be included in his leave pay. The case is exceptional, inasmuch as the rates of pay have been revised since the Terms of Service were originally drawn, and the Council considers that correct half pay in this case is \$137.50.

The Ratepayers' Meeting. For members' information the Chairman reads the important passages in the speeches which he proposes to make at the forthcoming meeting of Ratepayers, and some discussion and amendment ensues.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

M. W. Merson
Secretary.

W. H. Merson
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Friday, March 22, 1912, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
A.W. Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.J. Cornfoot
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
C. Selby Moore
A.R. Owen
E.G. Pearce
T.E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figge

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Tramways. Some discussion takes place as to the minute on this subject, and the Secretary is directed to circulate the Council's reply to the Company before despatch.

Nanking-Kiangse Road Widening. The Chairman states that, subsequently to the last meeting, the Legal Adviser has ascertained that the Council's application to the Supreme Court must remain in suspense until the formalities connected with the death of Mr A.D. Sassoon are fulfilled.

Council for 1911. With regard to the retiring members, Mr De Gray expresses the Council's appreciation of their public services during the past year, and, on their behalf, Mr Burkill thanks the Chairman for the invariable courtesy of his treatment of his colleagues during his term of office.

Messrs Burkill, Cornfoot, Moore and Trueman then withdraw.

Resignation of Member. Mr Anton states that owing to his forthcoming departure from Shanghai on March 31, he is under the necessity of resigning his seat on the Council.

Election of Office Bearers. Upon the proposal of Mr Clark, seconded by Mr Pearce, Mr De Gray is re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

With regard to the post of Vice-Chairman, Mr De Gray expresses the greatest regret at the loss of Mr Anton's services and his hope that Mr Anton may be in a position to re-join the Council at some future date. He understands that Mr Burkill would be willing to resume his seat, an arrangement which will make for continuity of control by the Watch Committee, notably in respect to the re-organisation of the Fire Brigade under a professional Chief. The members are unanimously in favour of conveying an official invitation to Mr Burkill in this sense, and, under these circumstances Mr Pearce proposes that Mr Burkill be also re-elected to the Vice Chair; this course is adopted nem. con.

Standing Committees. The Council resolves itself into Standing Committees as follows:-

Finance Committee: Messrs Ezra, Hide and Pearce.

Works Committee: Messrs De Gray, Gulland and Owen.

Watch Committee: Messrs Burkill, Clark and Figge.

In respect to the appointment of Sub-Committees, it is decided to request the present members to continue their services for another year, the Council's representatives thereon being arranged as follows:-

Band Committee: Mr Figge

Public School Committee: Mr Gulland

Chinese Educational Committee: Mr Ezra

Public Recreation Ground Committee: Mr Clark

Mr Gulland is further nominated by the Council to serve on the Permanent Educational Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 5 p.m.

M. Pearson
Secretary.

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Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 27, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

E.E. Clark

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

A.R. Owen

E.C. Pearce

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

E.I. Ezra

H. Figge

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman expresses the gratification of the members that Mr Burkill has found himself in a position to rejoin the Council.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 26, already circulated to members, are taken as read and confirmed.

Road Extensions and Widening, Official Plans for 1912. The various alterations and amendments approved by the Committee having been made, the Plans are signed by the Chairman and the usual annual Notification in re authorised for issue.

Casual Ward. Mr Burkill explains that his approval of the appointment of the Consular Gaoler to supervise the Ward was due to his personal knowledge that Mr Chandler was an exceptionally capable man. He would view with disfavour the post becoming a permanent means of supplementing the pay of the Consular Gaol staff. The Chairman considers that it should be possible to control the Ward from the Louza Station with such assistance as is necessary from the resident Public Works Inspector. The Committee's minute is confirmed subject to a further conference between Mr Burkill and the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Volunteer Corps.

"B" Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the Commission of Lieutenant J.D.D. Gordon is authorised for renewal with effect from January 13.

Shanghai Rifle Association. A letter from the Honorary Treasurer of this organisation is read, suggesting that the local Association be placed in direct touch with the National Rifle Association,

instead of forwarding their subscription and nominations through the Council. The Watch Committee approves this proposal as making for convenience, but directs that the grant of £80 per annum be charged to the Volunteer Corps as heretofore.

Fire Brigade, Chief Officer. Mr Pett having arrived in Shanghai, has had interviews with the Watch Committee and the Chairman, who are favourably impressed by his apparent knowledge of and keeness for his work; also by his reports on Fire matters in the Straits Settlements. The Committee will be prepared with a definite recommendation on this subject at the next meeting of Council, and in the meantime it is suggested that Mr Pett informally make the acquaintance of Mr Macphail and the other senior members of the Brigade. The Council confirms the maximum and minimum limit of pay for this post as suggested by the Watch Committee, £450 to £700 per mensem.

Armed Chinese on Municipal Roads. The Captain Superintendent reports incursions by native soldiers in the Haskell Road on March 23 and 24, and states that there is a likelihood of similar tactics being repeated in the North Szechuen Road. The Watch Committee considers that this matter is one which should be handled with discretion, but that in flagrant cases there is no course but to arrest the men and charge them at the Mixed Court. The Chairman has seen Mr Yu Yu-ching in this matter, and at his suggestion it is decided to allow the matter to stand over for three days, during which time Mr Yu Yu-ching will endeavour to arrange for a satisfactory undertaking that there shall be no recurrence of these incursions. The Chairman considers that arrests should be made only as a last resource.

Water Pressure at the Gaol. A Report by the Deputy Engineer is read, on the tests which have been made of the hydrants in the vicinity of the Gaol. It is understood that the Waterworks Co. is also addressing the Council on the subject, and it is decided to await receipt of their letter.

Plague Barrier. A letter from Messrs Platt & Teesdale is read, desiring on behalf of the beneficial owner of Lot 95 that the barrier may be removed or a gate made opposite his property. The Health Officer recommends that the barrier be removed at the end of April, and while the Council may approve this proposal in due course, it is decided for the present to reply in the same terms as to former applicants.

Victoria Nursing Home Extension. A Report by the Health Officer is read, indicating the desirability of acquiring Lot 987, and pointing out that the demolition of less than one half of the houses on the property is necessary at present, while for the remainder a monthly revenue of \$214 may be received. It is decided to ascertain from Messrs Christie & Johnson for what sum the property may be purchased.

Public School Committee. To fill the two vacancies at present existing on this Committee, and at the suggestion of the Chairman, it is decided to invite Dr Ivy to resume his seat, and to ask Mr Woodbridge to join the Committee. The latter appointment is in accordance with the opinion formerly recorded that it would be desirable to include in the membership the father of pupils at the School, or some one with knowledge of the views of parents on school matters.

Loan of 1912. The Council is prepared to receive offers for the new issue of debentures, which will be submitted to the Finance Committee as usual.

The Municipal Gazette for March 28, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6 o'clock p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 3, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 E.M. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figg
 H.C. Gulland
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. Hide

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of March 28, having been circulated to members, are taken as read and confirmed.

Tavern Licences for 1912. Letters from the Consul General for Russia and Messrs Ellis & Hays are submitted, anticipating the possible decision of the Council to refuse the re-issue of Mrs Katz' licence for the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Mr Burkill points out that the Council's letter of January 23 to the licensee had the nature of a warning that further disturbances in the establishment would involve cancellation of the licence, and because the Police recommendation on the subject was based on preceding offences, the Committee is now of opinion that the licence should be issued with a special proviso that in the event of any future complaint, the Watch Committee will very seriously consider cancellation.

The remainder of the Committee's Report is confirmed, and, with amendment in the foregoing sense, adopted for publication.

Burlington Hotel. In regard to this hotel, the Council is informed of its change of management, and of the undertaking of Messrs Ellis & Hays that a fire-proof staircase will be erected within one month. A provisional licence in the name of the new manager, Mr J. Loureiro, is authorised for issue.

Jessfield Road. The Chairman states that he has given considerable thought, and consulted a number of people, as to the proposal to erect a Police Box at Jessfield. He has arrived at the opinion that to follow the recent North Szechuen Road Police extension movement at so short an interval with similar development on the west of the Settlement, would unquestionably further antagonise the Chinese opponents of Foreign

municipal expansion. He considers it possible that the Post might be the subject of an attack, and its occupants exposed to assault before assistance could be rendered. In the debate which ensues, the members generally confirm this view, while recording the opinion that at a later date a Sub-Station at Jessfield will be necessary. Mr Burkill, on behalf of ^{Mr Clark and his wife,} ~~the Committee~~, maintains the recommendation that has been made, but defers to the opinion of the majority.

Case of Sergeant Lynch. The Chairman enquires whether it may not be possible that this man's treatment has been unduly harsh or unsympathetic, and, in reply, Mr Burkill states that he has personally discussed the case with the Captain Superintendent and formed the impression that the man's previous conduct justifies his reduction in rank.

Volunteer Corps, Artillery Ponies. The proposal of the Commandant, endorsed by the Watch Committee, is approved, whereby the contract with the Say Zoong Stables for the keep of these ponies will be cancelled, and the ponies stalled at the Dallas Livery Stables at a charge of \$4, while the feeding, clipping and shoeing will be undertaken by Su Fu-seng (archer) at a charge of \$12 per pony per mensem.

Fire Brigade, Chief Officer. Mr Burkill states that he has consulted Mr Macphail and other senior members of the Brigade and ascertained that, while admitting Mr Pett's competence as an Engineer and otherwise to perform the work of this post, a certain number of the men consider that he is not of the social standing required for the appointment. The point is the subject of discussion, and the Council is unanimous in the view that this alleged disability should receive no weight in the interests of the fire protection service. The possible result of the disaffection of a part of the Brigade is fully considered, and the Council resolves to offer the post to Mr Pett. As regards Pay, Mr Burkill is of opinion that he will accept \$500 per mensem, with unfurnished quarters over the Central Station, and with a motor car for service use; and it is decided to offer the appointment on these terms.

Policing beyond Limits. A Police Report is submitted on the subject of a large meeting of Chinese held in Chapei on March 31, in protest at the Council's policing of Haskell Road and establishment of the North Szechuen Road Sub-Station. The Chairman states that a copy of this document has been furnished for the information of the Consular Body. From general enquiries on the subject, the members consider it improbable that further aggressive action on the part of the Chapei

Police or Volunteers will ensue; but, in reply to the Captain Superintendent's request for explicit instructions, it is decided to state that any interference in the policing of either of the two roads must be resisted and the aggressors arrested and taken to the Mixed Court in the routine manner. It will be stipulated in respect to the Haskell Road, that should parties of soldiers come onto the road as on former occasions in the capacity of spectators, it would be unwise to interfere with them.

With regard to a remark of the Police Magistrate on April 1, during the Police prosecution of two Sikhs, that the Byelaws are inapplicable on roads outside the Settlement limits, the attention of the Council is drawn to the letter of the Senior Consul of September 7, 1905, definitely laying down a contrary ruling, and it is decided to address Mr King on the subject, forwarding a copy of the despatch in question.

Central Offices.

Re-construction Scheme. The Chairman reads a letter from Mr H.S. Little, desiring certain plans and other information on this subject, and states that one of the plans required has been mislaid in the Public Works Department. A Report by the Engineer furnishes re-produced sketches:

Mr De Gray is aware that Mr Little is working on a scheme in sequence with his action at the recent Ratepayers' Meeting and he is of opinion that it would be preferable that the Council should have the benefit of this work in connexion with the proposal formulated at last meeting as to the course which the Council should follow. He therefore proposes that a Committee be formed to consist of three members of Council and two outside representatives, to give the whole question full consideration, and report for the Council's guidance. The members generally concur in this view, and it is decided to nominate Messrs De Gray, Clark and Figge, and to invite Messrs H.S. Little and T.E. Truman to serve.

Use of Existing Buildings. An application from the Engineer is read, desiring permission to vacate the quarters which he now occupies. The Chairman expresses great dissatisfaction that this application should have been made within two days of the completion of the new arrangements for the accommodation of the Cadastral Office and Finance Department. It appears to the members possible that the Cadastral Office may work in the Engineer's present quarters, and that with the addition of two rooms on the upper storey, the present accommodation of the Finance Department would suffice without transfer to the Telephone Building.

It is therefore decided to permit Mr Godfrey to live outside the

Compound, provided he can make reasonable terms with the Telephone Company for the entire cancellation of the Council's lease.

Tramways.

Maintenance of Track. At the suggestion of the Engineer, it is decided to enquire whether the Tramway Company is prepared to enter into a contract with the Council for this work, on the lines in force before 1911. An enquiry is directed as to whether the price formerly obtaining is still applicable.

Nanking-Chekian Road Crossing. A further letter from the Company on this subject is submitted and ordered for circulation to the members with comment by the Engineer and Captain Superintendent of Police.

Great Western and Seymour Roads. Messrs Burkill and Gulland have visited the corner of these roads, and, at their suggestion, it is decided for the present to take no further action in regard to Mr Elias' wall, but to erect a danger post on the corner and metal the whole width of the Seymour Road south of Weihaiwei Road.

Municipal Gazette. The Chairman states that he has been approached by the Editor of the Shanghai Mercury on the subject of the unfair advantage which the North China Daily News has under the contract for the distribution of the Municipal Gazette. Discussion ensues as to whether or no it would be preferable that the Gazette be forwarded direct to Ratepayers, instead of, or in addition to, distribution by the newspapers. Attention is drawn to Notification No 1914, under which any Ratepayer desirous of receiving the Gazette may do so without fee. The recent discontinuance of the China Gazette leaves the Shanghai Mercury not only the senior but the sole evening paper, and it ^{is} therefore ~~appears reasonable to sanction~~ ^{suggested that} an evening issue of the Municipal Gazette through its agency ^{might meet the case}. It is decided in the first place to enquire what charge would be made by the North China Daily News for the necessary number of additional copies, *also on what terms the latter would undertake the distribution of the Gazette to the Ratepayers.*

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The Municipal Gazette for April 4, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

M. S. S. S.

Secretary.

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 10, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
E.I. Ezra
H. Figgo
H.C. Gulland
A.R. Owen
E.C. Pearce
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
A. Hide

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 4, having been circulated to members, are taken as read and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the following promotions, etc. are approved:-

Staff. Major T.E. Trueman to be Second-in-command.

"A" Company. Captain H.W. Pilcher to be Major, remaining in command of the Company. In this connexion the further recommendation is adopted that the appointment of Officer Commanding the Infantry Battalion be not continued.

American Company. The commission of Captain S.A. Ransom to be renewed from March 21.

Abduction Case. With regard to the two letters which have been addressed to the Consular Body in the course of the week, on the subject of the forcible abduction from the Settlement on April 3 of a Chinese ex-official, the Chairman states that he has learnt from a number of the Consuls that, while prepared to accede to the Council's suggestion in the matter, they consider that the return of the kidnapped man alters the situation. A telegram has been despatched to the Diplomatic Body in Peking, referring also to the case of the kidnapped banker Sung. Mr De Gray adds that in his opinion the Council may confidently leave the matter in the hands of the Consular Body, who are evidently alive to its importance and gravity.

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Policing of Outside Roads. The reply of H.M. Police Magistrate is read to the Council's letter on the subject of the enforcement of Bye-laws on roads outside the Settlement. Therein Mr King states that in his opinion they cannot be applied. The Chairman considers that no further action should be taken in this matter until a more serious case arises, and Mr Burkill, after some conversation with Mr King, is of the same opinion.

Central Offices. A note from the Engineer informs the Council that the Telephone Company, while not disposed to cancel the lease of rooms on the second floor of the Telephone Building, is prepared, bona fide, to endeavour to sub-let the rooms for the Council's account. From the view point of the Works Committee no objection is raised to the Engineer's proposal that he reside outside the Municipal compound, and the matter is therefore regarded as one for the Finance Committee's further consideration.

General Municipal Rate beyond Limits. A Report by the Overseer of Taxes is submitted, pointing out that he has now been requested by the Waterworks Company to refrain from collection of Rates from all the properties beyond the Settlement boundary. The Chairman undertakes to see Mr Wood in this matter.

Case of Nurse Raper. A further application from the husband of this lady is read, desiring the refund of her contributions to the Superannuation Fund. Mr Burkill is familiar with the circumstances of this case, and, at his suggestion, it is decided in reply to state that Nurse Raper was permitted to break her agreement upon certain conditions, which included the forfeiture of all claim upon the Fund.

New Roads beyond the Northern Boundary. The Chairman states that a number of Chinese have called upon him with reference to the recent meetings of protest in regard to the "Chapel" question. He did his best to explain to these men the reasonable character of the Council's recent measure, and undertook that during the next two or three months no active road making work would proceed, notably in respect to the road east of the Rifle Range.

The Municipal Gazette for April 11 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. Certain small amendments are made in the Police Report for March, and, after some discussion, it is decided to omit the letters to the Consular Body and enclosures relating to the abduction case fore-mentioned.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 17, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Acting Chairman)

E.I. Ezra

H. Figge

HC. Gulland

A.R. Owen

E.C. Pearce

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

E.E. Clark

HDe Gray.

A. Hide

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Policing of Outside Roads. The Captain Superintendent of Police attends, stating that a Sikh Constable has been attacked by the Chapei Police at the junction of the North Szechuen Road with a transverse alleyway; and his rifle seized. He further states that the Chapei Police have established a box within the line of the Darroch Road, and that it is at present guarded by two native constables. Mr Burkill expresses surprise at this aggressive action, in view of the recent assurances given to the Chairman of Council; while Mr Ezra observes that, in this as in other Chinese matters, one group purporting to be representative is in ignorance of, or oblivious to, the arrangements and conduct of another. A plan is submitted showing the position of the Police Box, and, after inspection of the surrender deed containing the Council's title to the site, the Captain Superintendent is directed to take what steps are necessary for the arrest of the men and for the removal of the box.

(At a later period in the meeting Colonel Bruce returned and stated that he had carried out the Council's instructions without meeting with any appreciable opposition)

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of April 12 are read and confirmed with the following comment:-

Finance Department Office Accommodation. The Council is informed that the Telephone Company requires payment for cancellation of the Council's lease as follows:- £1900 in respect of rents foregone to facilitate Municipal occupancy, plus one year's rent. In view of this heavy demand, it is decided to request the Company to sub-let the

three additional rooms as soon as possible; to allow the Municipal Engineer to vacate his quarters only so soon as the rooms occupied by the Cadastral Office can also be sub-let; and to authorise the augmentation of the Finance Department offices by the addition of the two rooms in the upper storey of the old Council Room.

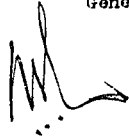
Loan of 1912. Mr Figge considers it improbable that the debenture market will be more favourable later in the year, and, after some discussion, it is decided to continue to accept money for the loan at 102, the Finance Committee to be kept informed as to the progress of the loan.

Instructions to Employes. Following up the minutes on this subject, the Council directs that this Code be re-printed to include the duties of the Commandant of Volunteers and of the Treasurer, proofs being distributed to members as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Agreement. Mr Pearce states that, at a lengthened interview with the Treasurer, his attention was drawn to certain previous reports and minutes on the subject of Mr Goodale's appointment. He has perused these with the greatest care, and found no reference therein to the salary attached to the post in comparison with that of the other Heads of Departments. He has consulted with Messrs Landale and Trueman, members of the Finance Committee of 1909, and reads their written replies which are to the same effect. He alludes to the pay drawn by Mr Pond, £600 per mensem, the issue of which was accompanied by a special note that it was in recognition of long service. Finally, a further Report from the Treasurer is read, desiring either that the Council's offer be raised to £900 per mensem, or that his existing agreement be extended for a further period of one year. The Finance Committee is unanimous in the opinion, not only that the maximum and minimum rates which have been fixed are reasonable, but also that the offer of renewal of Mr Goodale's agreement is a liberal one. The members unanimously endorse this view, Mr Burkill speaking also for Mr De Gray who is absent from the meeting, and it is therefore decided to renew the offer which has been made and to ask for its definite acceptance or refusal.

The Chairman expresses the Council's appreciation of the trouble which Mr Pearce has taken in investigating this matter.

Agreement Forms. At Mr Figgo's suggestion it is decided that the revised form of agreement shall be shown unofficially to H.M. Consul General, and his opinion thereon recorded.



Volunteer Corps.

Annual Inspection. A telegram from Hongkong informs the Council that Colonel C.W.R. St. John will conduct the Annual Inspection of the Corps on April 20.

Staff. A note from the Commandant informs the Council that the commission of Captain W.M. Dowdall has expired and that he does not desire that it be renewed. It is decided to permit him to retain his rank on the Retired List.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following promotions etc are authorised:-

Light Horse. Lieut. C.A. McLellan to be Captain.

Artillery. Captain L.E. Canning to proceed on leave from April 14 to October 31.

"A" Company Mounted Rifles. Lieut. R.I. Fearon to be Captain.

Medical Staff. The commission of Captain R.J. Marshall to be renewed with effect from June 1, 1911. Major G. Hanwell to proceed on leave from April 21 to October 21.

Fire Brigade. The reply of Mr Pett to the Council's offer of the post of Chief Officer is submitted, and the proposal of the Chairman, as recorded on the circular, is unanimously adopted, viz. that the rate of pay be increased to \$550 and that Mr Pett be informed that he will, upon appointment, be at liberty to make any reports or suggestions to the Council in regard to the work of the Brigade.

Police Force, Probationary Period for Recruits. A Report by the Captain Superintendent is read, in allusion to the resignation of four further constables upon the completion of their probationary period. Colonel Bruce now proposes that probation in respect to men recruited in England be discontinued, so that the men shall sign their agreements immediately upon arrival in Shanghai. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee this proposal is adopted.

The further question raised in the Report as to the payment of passages to Australia and Canada is referred for consideration by the Committee. Mr Burkill has learnt that the principal reasons which are actuating men to throw up their appointment after less than a year's work, are the present stagnation in promotion, and the absence of any social and domestic life for men off duty. These points are receiving attention and will be the subject of a Report and recommendation at an early date.

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Carrying Arms. A number of letters from certain gold dealers residing in the Peking Road and elsewhere are submitted, containing an application for permission to carry revolvers between their premises and the refining factories in the Ferry Road and beyond the Markham Road Bridge. The Captain Superintendent is opposed to granting such a permit, and the general opinion of members is that the request is not one which can be complied with.

Public Recreation Ground. With regard to the forthcoming Annual Inspection of the Volunteer Corps, the suggestion, transmitted through the Honorary Secretary of the Ground Committee, that the members of the Chinese Company be permitted to invite one guest to view the Inspection, is considered, and, after some discussion, it is decided to comply with the proposal. Mr Figge is opposed to the admission of Chinese to the Ground on principle, and records his dissent.

Electricity Department. Apprentices. The application of Mr O.A. Madar that his son be entered as an indentured apprentice in the Works is considered. The Electrical Engineer points out that the small repair shop does not afford proper facilities for an apprentice to learn the first elements of electrical engineering, and, upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, it is decided to reply that the proposal is one which cannot be entertained at present.

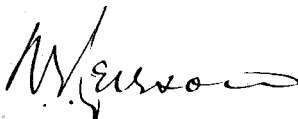
Wharfage Dues. In reply to the Council's request that the new tariff may be brought into force, the Commissioner of Customs writes to the effect that the Dues on Indian Opium will work out at \$2 per picul, which rate with the Council's approval he will also levy on Native Opium, the duty on which is not collected by the Customs under present arrangements.

Municipal Gazette. The Council is informed that Mr J.D. Clark, Editor of the "Shanghai Mercury" has admitted that the figure quoted to the Chairman as to the number of copies printed daily is in excess of the actual number. His promise to supply this figure accurately has not been complied with. On the other hand Mr Clark writes protesting against the suggested advertisement cover of the Gazette and declining in the event of its adoption to distribute with the "Mercury". Messrs Burkill, Ezra and Gulland concur in the view that advertising is not desirable, but it is decided in the first place to write definitely enquiring what number of copies would be necessary.

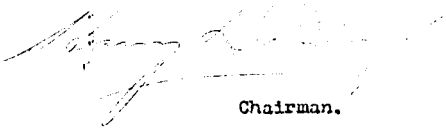
A note from the "North China Daily News" quotes the rate of \$1.50 per page for the supply of a sufficient number of copies of the Gazette to all Ratepayers not subscribers to that paper.

The Municipal Gazette of April 18 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. In regard to the tenders received for Lightning Arresters, a note from the Electrical Engineer points out that publication of the list in this instance is undesirable for reasons stated, and its exclusion is authorised. With regard to the Summary of Revenue for March, the inclusion of "Assessed Rentals of Municipal Quarters" takes away from the Return its value as a means of comparison with past years, and, as the item does not represent actual revenue but is purely a book entry, it is decided to omit it.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 24, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of April 19, already circulated to members, are taken as read and confirmed.

New Building. The Chairman draws attention to the fact that, in terms of his statement at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, the plan of the new School and the site plan will be submitted for consideration by the Permanent Educational Committee.

Staff. In reply to Mr Ezra, it is pointed out that Mr Barrow's application was necessarily submitted to the Public School Committee in the first place, and that it now remains for the Chinese Educational Committee to grant or withhold permission for his transfer.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of April 22, are read and confirmed.

Subscription Concerts. Mr Pearce points out that confusion may arise by dividing the booking arrangements between two firms. The matter will be one for consideration at a later date.

Solo Fees. In confirming the minute on this subject, the Council is not prepared to allow the ruling to act retrospectively with regard to 1911.

Conductor's Agreement. Mr Figge states the reasons which actuated the Committee's recommendation in regard to the Conductor's Pay, enumerating the outside earnings which are attached to the post. He considers the amount offered to be adequate, and the Council confirms the proposal which the Committee has made.

Police Terms of Service. A Report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted, containing proposals for modifying the Terms of Service with a view to meeting the present stagnation in promotion. It is directed that copies of the document be distributed to members, as a preliminary to its consideration by the Watch Committee.

Police Correspondence. The Captain Superintendent forwards copies of letters between himself and H.M. Consul General on the subject of liquor shops beyond limits, wherein Mr Fraser takes exception to the style of address adopted by Colonel Bruce. It is pointed out that correspondence with the Consular Body, in accordance with Standing Order ^{LXXXV} CXXXI, should be conducted in the Secretary's Office, the practice being for letters to be signed by the Chairman of Council, and it is decided to draw Colonel Bruce's attention to this arrangement.

Mixed Court. Two letters from the Senior Consul are read, relating to the Registrar's Report for March. It is noted that the suggestions in regard to the staff meet with the Consular Body's approval. In regard to the ~~transfer~~ of prisoners between the Court and the Chapel and Nantao Authorities, the Consular Body suggests that no prisoners be transferred until the outside Authorities agree to hand over defendants and witnesses required by the Mixed Court. This proposal meets with the Council's approval, and, in the special case of the six sentenced prisoners who were sent to Chapel for further trial for other offences and return on March 5, it is suggested that the Court insist upon the production of these men in the first place.

Tramways. With reference to the Tramway's Company's letter of April 2, renewing the application for a turn-out at the corner of the Nanking and Chekiang Roads, a Report and plan by the Engineer are submitted showing the effect of the proposal to diminish ^{the} curb. After some discussion it is decided to allow this turn-out upon condition that the Company defray the cost of setting back the curb, estimated at \$400, and undertake to hold the Council harmless in the event of a claim being made by the owner of Lot 508. In regard to the desired increase in the number of trailers, the Council adheres to its former ruling on the subject.

Accident at Wayside. With reference to the accident to three ladies, who fell into the sewer trench at Wayside, and to their renewed request for compensation, Messrs Gulland and Owen have visited the spot and formed the opinion that the lights and barrier were

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adequate and that reasonable care would have prevented the accident, particularly so if it is found that the neighbouring electric lamp was not out of order. It is therefore decided to uphold the former decision that the claim cannot be met.

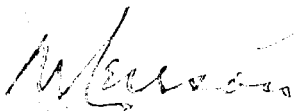
Electricity Department Motor Car Tenders. Twenty-three tenders are submitted in response to Specification No 30, and, upon the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer, endorsed by the Electricity Committee, it is decided to accept that of the Deasy Motor Car Manufacturing Co.Ld. for £402 c.i.f. Shanghai.

Treasurer's Agreement. Two letters from the Treasurer are submitted, (i) declining the Council's offer of renewal of his agreement, and (ii) accepting the offer provided that he may be permitted to substitute the title of Accountant for that of Treasurer. The members are unanimously opposed to this condition, compliance with which could not fail to be a matter of public comment, and it is decided, in the event of the terms proposed being still unacceptable, that his leave must be cancelled and the period of his present agreement completed.

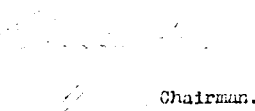
Loan of 1912. A Report by the Treasurer is read, recommending that subscriptions to the Loan cease when a total of £150000 is reached. Inasmuch as the Report assumes that two large land payments provided in the Budget will not be made, and as there is every prospect of their fulfilment during the summer, this proposal is not approved.

Municipal Gazette. The Council is informed that the total number of resident Ratepayers is 1308, of whom 683 are subscribers to the North China Daily News. A note from the Shanghai Mercury states that 1375 copies of the Gazette would be required in order to distribute through their agency. It is thus apparent that Mr Clakk's original statement to the Chairman was not correct, while his former letter indicates that he will render a service to the Council by such extra issue instead of the Council complying with his request. After considerable discussion, Mr Ezra's proposal is adopted to make no other change beyond issuing the Gazette to all Ratepayers, to be delivered through the North China Daily News so far as is possible, and otherwise through the local post. In regard to the suggested Advertisement Cover, upon a show of hands it is decided to drop the proposal. The Gazette for April 25 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 1, 1912, at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
E.B. Clark
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
A.R. Owen
E.C. Pearce
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of April 26, already circulated to members, are taken as read and confirmed.

In regard to the question of

Mr Kirk's Pay, Mr Ezra expresses the greatest sympathy with the position in which this employe finds himself, and supports the Committee's recommendation that he be given exceptional treatment. After some discussion of the case, the Chairman points out that such questions are customarily referred for the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and at his suggestion this course will be followed. Mr Clark points out that the Council may reasonably allow Mr Kirk to postpone re-payment of his advance until his circumstances improve.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 29, already circulated to members, are taken as read and confirmed. With regard to the

Casual Ward, the Engineer reports that he is placing District Inspector Field in the quarters adjoining the Ward with effect from this date. His proposal is approved that the remuneration be left until the amount of work involved is more evident.

West Soochow Road. Mr Burkill points out that land has changed hands in this neighbourhood at a higher price than that proposed. Lot 4715 is assessed at \$1000 per mow, and, upon a show of hands, it is decided to make the offer of sale at \$1500.

Iohang Road Metalling. A note from the Naigai Wata Kaisha is read, offering \$1000 towards the cost of this work, and the Council authorises its acceptance, noting that the metalling will extend to the Ferry on the Soochow Creek.

Letters from Messrs Platt, Teesdale & Macleod, and A.R. Burkill & Sons, and a Report by the Engineer are submitted, relating to the closing of a native footpath in this district by the Naigai Wata Kaisha. Mr Burkill points out that the plan furnished by the Engineer does not show the path in its original position, but along a new line recently laid down by the Japanese Company. It further appears that, in issuing the permit for the Company's new mill, a building has been sanctioned to cross the original path without permission of the adjoining owners, as stipulated by the Council in May last, while the wall of the building has been allowed over the scheduled road-line. Apart from these points, and in allusion to the Company's letter desiring permission to shut off the path altogether, reference is made to the fact that the Council's intervention in such matters is justified only to the extent of ensuring that the public

at the same time the unanimous opinion of the members is that no permit should be given to build a road a scheduled road line without the consent of the Council. Further that no permit should be given to build a road of Chinese the properties concerned. In the absence of explicit information, the public path will be closed of all interests for the Council is unable to decide this matter, and the Engineer will therefore be called upon for a further accurate and detailed Report, showing the extent to which the Consular plans support the contention that the path is a public one, and otherwise affording the Council full information on all of the points raised.

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requirements are met, and that proper access is provided for all of the properties concerned. In the absence of explicit information, the Council is unable to decide this matter, and the Engineer will therefore be called upon for a further accurate and detailed Report, showing the extent to which the Consular plans support the contention that the path is a public one, and otherwise affording the Council full information on all of the points raised.

Boulevard Edouard VII. The whole of the papers on this subject will be circulated for the Council's information.

Volunteer Corps, Customs Company. The resignation of Captain R.H.R. Wade, owing to his departure from Shanghai, is accepted with regret. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the promotion of Lieut. D.C. Disk to be Captain is authorised.

Mixed Court. With regard to the transfer of prisoners between the Mixed Court and the native authorities beyond limits, a further Police Report is read, describing the refusal of the Nantao Court to hand over three men accused of kidnapping a child from the Canton Radd. A draft letter to the Consular Body on the subject of the case reported last week and including the present case, is approved and signed for despatch.

Policing beyond Limits. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding a communication from the Diplomatic Body in which information is desired on the subject of the new Police Station in the North Szechuen Road and the Haskell Road drainage question. It is decided to furnish a full report on this subject, and at Mr Burkill's suggestion an explanatory plan will accompany the Report, showing the whole of the Foreign interests in this locality.

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Tramways, Trailer Cars. In continuation of the debate on this subject at last week's meeting, the attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the Company's offer is to increase the number of motor cars to the limit fixed by the Council, viz. 80, while at the same time increasing the number of trailers from 30 to 45. The members consider that, provided the additional motors are put into commission in the first place, 10 additional trailers may be allowed. This will have the effect of establishing a proportion of one trailer for every two motors, and it is decided to state that this proportion must be maintained. At Mr Ezra's suggestion it is also decided to call for a monthly statement of the number of each in commission.

Electricity Department. Eight tenders have been submitted in response to Specification No 34, for six 60 h.p. 3-phase Induction Motors, and upon the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer, supported by the Electricity Committee, the lowest, that of the Siemens Electrical Engineering Co. for £492 is authorised for acceptance.

Superannuation Fund. A letter from Messrs Fleming & Rice is submitted, claiming payment on behalf of ex-Sergeant Lynch of one third of the sum standing to his credit in the Fund. The letter points out that the case is on all fours with that of Morey. The Council is unanimous in the opinion that this claim must be resisted, but decides to submit the letter for legal advice. It is pointed out that Lynch's long period of good service entitles him to some consideration, as for instance his passage home, and, at the Council's request, Mr Burkill undertakes to see the man in the first place.

The Municipal Gazette for May 2, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

North Szechuen Road. The Chairman states that he has had two interviews with the Senior Consul, who states that, in the opinion of himself and his colleagues of the Court of Consuls, the Chinese have a right of way across this road at the old Woosung Road. The suggestion that the Council allow the Chapei Police to cross the road is considered, the Chairman giving his opinion that such action at the present time could not fail to prejudice the case before the Court of Consuls. Judgment in which is still reserved. Mr Burkill expresses himself in favour of making this concession, but the Council generally decides to take no step at all events until judgment is delivered.

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

May 15'12. 69.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday May 15, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
E.H. Clark
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
A.R. Owen
E.C. Pearce
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read. That in relation to the:-

Iohang and West Soochow Roads is amended by the addition of a paragraph to the effect that it is the unanimous opinion of members that no permit shall be given to build across a scheduled road line without the consent of the Council, and further that no permit shall be given to build over the line of a Chinese path until the consent of all interested parties has first been obtained. With this change the minutes are confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 13, already circulated to members, are confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 13, already circulated to members, are confirmed. With regard to that under the heading:-

Mixed Court, Locomotion Allowance for Assessors, Mr Burkill alludes to the fact that about \$600 per mensem is being received in Filing and Hearing Fees, from which sum it appears reasonable that the cost of locomotion of Assessors attending Chinese civil cases may suitably be drawn. In the course of further discussion it appears that certain of the Assessors use their own vehicles, and that in consequence the proposal of the Watch Committee does not meet requirements. At the suggestion of the Chairman it is finally decided to issue Compradore Orders in accordance with the copy of the note from Mr Hers to Mr Garstin a copy of which was brought in by the Senior Consul.

The amounts named are as follows:-

British Assessor in Police cases	\$72 per mensem
American " " " "	48 " "
German " " " "	24 " "
Three Assessors in Chinese civil cases at \$21 each	<u>63 " "</u>
Total	<u>\$207</u>

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of May 14,

are read and confirmed. With regard to the:-

New School Building, the Council unanimously endorses the view that a public road on the east of the building would be undesirable, and the question of access to the Rifle Range is referred for consideration by the Works Committee.

On the subject of the building itself the Council considers that the total cost is higher than is justified. Mr Ezra expresses the view that for a Foreign school for 250 boys no more than \$60000 should be spent. In this opinion the members of Council concur, and the Chairman points out that in the first place the advice and opinion of the Permanent Educational Committee will be sought, in accordance with his undertaking to the ^{Ratepayers at} ~~Rev. A.J. Walker previous to~~ ^{in March last.} ~~the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.~~

Policing beyond Limits. Draft reply to the Senior Consul, on the subject of the Diplomatic Body's enquiry as to the North Szechuen Road Police Station and the Haskell Road drainage, is read and signed for despatch.

Eastern District Wharf. The reply of the Consular Body is submitted to the Council's letter setting out the position in regard to shenko on Lot 2372 and adjoining properties. The finding therein entirely supports the view of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and involves therefore acceptance by the Council of Mr McBain's lot with reduced water frontage. The Chairman considers this decision utterly inequitable, but points out that the Council has no other course but to acquiesce. It is decided therefore to take over the property at the price fixed so soon as may be convenient to Mr McBain, and to issue the permit which the Nippon Yusen Kaisha desires for the wall which will form the western boundary of the Ewo Road in its new position.

Avenue Edouard VII. Having reviewed the former correspondence and Reports on this subject, the Council approves the proposal that the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Electrical Engineer, and the Superintendent of Parks, after consultation with the corresponding

officials of the French Settlement, make joint proposals as to the laying out of this new thoroughfare.

Iohang and West Soochow Roads. Discussion of the question of the path connecting these two roads is continued in the light of a further Report by the Engineer in which he demonstrates from copies of the official plans submitted that the projected building of the Naigai Wata Kaisha will not cross the line of the path. The Council directs that steps be taken to ascertain the bund line of the West Soochow Road without delay, and that the portion of the Municipal Depot scheduled for road purposes be stoned off and levelled forthwith. As regards the closing of that portion of the path which separates the two properties, the Chairman considers that it is incumbent upon the concerned to obtain the consent of Messrs A.R. Burkill & Sons, Messrs ~~Stokes~~ ^{and Keck} Platt & Teesdale and other interested parties in the first place.

Tramways. Copies of the reply of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ltd. on the subject of trailer cars are in members hands, and, in the discussion which ensues, it appears that the Council is not disposed to recede from the attitude taken up. At the Chairman's suggestion, however, it is decided to place the correspondence before the Legal Adviser for his opinion as to the Council's right to restrict the number of trailers.

It appears from the letter that the Company has misunderstood the condition which the Council laid down in regard to the turnout at the corner of the Nanking and Chekiang Roads, and it is decided to reply to this portion of the letter without delay.

General Municipal Rate beyond Limits. A Report from the Acting Overseer of Taxes sets out the difficulty and uncertainty which attaches to the collection of this Rate from Chinese in the North Szechuen Road district. The Chairman relates the incidents and negotiations with the Waterworks Company which have led to the present position, and, upon his proposal, it is now definitely decided to abandon the collection of Native Municipal Rate west of the North Szechuen Road.

Fire Arms Licence. With regard to the application for this licence by a Chinese who enjoys French citizenship, a note from the French Consul General points out that he is not in a position to do other than countersign the document. Mr Figge points out that compliance may lead to abuses, citing the case of Chinese registered in the past as Cubans, etc. It is decided to ascertain through the Police the antecedents of the present applicant.

The Municipal Gazette for May 16 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

Mr Burkill draws attention to a paragraph in the Police Report for April reflecting upon the inaction of H.M. Consul General in regard to the detention in Chapel of a British subject. It is understood that Mr Fraser has threatened, if a subsequent occasion arises, that he will recover the man concerned by force, but in any circumstances it is decided to delete the passage in question.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 23, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m. there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
E.E. Clark
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hido
A.R. Owen
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
E.C. Pearce

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are, with one amendment, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mixed Court, Locomotion Allowance for Assessors. A further memorandum brought in by the Senior Consul sets down the total sum which the Assessors require at \$255 per mensem, and the Council agrees to pay this slightly larger sum.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 20, already circulated to members, are, with one amendment, confirmed. In the matter of the

Ichang and West Socoohow Roads, the attention of the Council is drawn to the letter of the Naigai Wata Kaisha of November 25, 1910, in which, complaining of the action of the owner of Lot 4970 in setting a fence across the path at present in dispute, they write that the path has been in existence for a very long time, and that the owner of the adjoining land has no right to block it up.

A draft reply to Messrs Platt, Teesdale & Macleod is read, and with some amendment approved. Therein it is suggested that the stoning-off of the West Socoohow Road, ex Lots 4931, 4934 and 4965 and the intervening unregistered land, will provide their property with the necessary access from the east, irrespective of the path in dispute.

Pingchiao Quarry. In modification of this minute the Chairman emphasises the Committee's desire not that H.M. Consul General shall protest against the removal of the Chinese military guard, but that he will ask for the guard to be retained.

Boys Scouts. A letter from Mr Paul H. Kigg on behalf of the Shanghai Boys Scouts desires the Council's assent to the establishment of a special rank of "Municipal Scout" with a badge to bear the Council's Seal. There appears to be no objection to this proposal, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, compliance is authorised.

Fire Brigade, Chief Officer. A telegram from Mr Pett in Singapore accepts the Council's offer of this position, and desires permission to take up the work on December 1. This arrangement is sanctioned, and it is noted that Mr Pett will concern himself with the Brigade's plant requirements while on leave in England.

North Szechuen Road, Overhanging Matshades. With regard to the refusal of the residents in this road to take out permits for matshades, and to the further refusal of the Chinese Authorities to countersign summonses or warrants for persons guilty of such failure, the Chairman has seen the Senior Consul, at whose suggestion it is decided to take no further steps for the present and until Mr Siffert has had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs.

Court of Foreign Consuls. Draft Statement of Defence in the Lynch Case, forwarded by the Legal Adviser, is submitted and approved. Mr Figge points out that the document fails to traduce the argument embodied in the Morey Judgment, and the Council directs that the attention of the Legal Adviser be drawn to this matter with a view either to further clauses in the Statement or to ensuring that these points are made in his opening speech.

Mixed Court. A Police Report is submitted, drawing attention to the repeated refusal of the Italian Consulate to countersign summonses or warrants for Chinese in Italian employ without an assurance that the case will be heard before the Italian Assessor. The attention of the Consular Body was drawn to this matter in a letter of September 5, 1911, to which no reply has yet been received. It is therefore decided to lay this further case before the Senior Consul and to ask that a definite ruling be obtained for the guidance of the Police.

Public Lighting. A Report by the Engineer recommends the conversion of the present 227 enclosed arc lamps to metallic filament cluster lamps, a change calculated to effect an annual saving of more than \$10000. The Works Committee has approved this proposal, but Mr Hide draws attention to the fact that the Gas Company's scheme for converting the whole of the Central District lighting to high pressure gas is entitled to consideration in the first place. The

matter is therefore referred for further consideration by the Works Committee.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. The Engineer forwards an offer of B.C. Lot 716 Pac. of an area of Mow 0.531, adjoining the northern boundary of the Ground, at \$2000 per mow. It is pointed out that the Budget appropriation for the extension of the Ground is short-spent to the extent of \$1280, while the advisability of securing that the Ground be enclosed by a perimeter of roads has been previously recorded. The Council is of opinion that the price quoted is high, and it is decided to decline the offer.

Water Supply. A letter from Mr A.S.Fobes is submitted, enclosing copy of correspondence between himself and the Waterworks Company in regard to the rate to be charged for his office premises in the Siking Road. After some discussion of the clauses of the Concessiann Agreement which bear on this point, the Council is of opinion that the Company is strictly speaking entitled to charge up to a maximum of \$5 per mensem, being 4 per cent on the assessed rental of the premises. At the Chairman's suggestion, however, it is decided in the first place, to submit the correspondence for the opinion of the Legal Adviser.

Electricity Department.

Weather-proof Wire. The proposal to call for tenders for 33 miles of this wire is approved, the date for the receipt of tenders being extended to July 15, so that ample time may be provided for obtaining quotations from America.

Staff. With regard to the Engineer's proposal to engage the services of a Foreign draughtsman, notes from the Treasurer and Municipal Engineer are submitted bearing upon the salary to be offered. Provided a properly qualified candidate presents himself, the Council is of opinion that the rates of \$230, \$240 and \$250 per mensem during the first three years service are not unreasonable, and it is decided to issue a Notification accordingly.

Fete at Chang Su Ho's Garden. The Council approves the proposal to establish a small electrical exhibition at this forthcoming fete for purposes of advertisement. With regard to the Engineer's suggestion that no charge be made for current consumed at the fete, the members are of opinion that wastage would probably result. It is decided, however, to charge no more than the low rate allowed to the largest consumer.

M.L.

Public Band. Noting the application of the Fete Committee for the services of the Band, amongst other times, on Saturday and Monday afternoon next, Mr Figge points out that it is not the custom to forego public performances in favour of any private engagements. At his suggestion, however, it is decided to make an exception for Monday afternoon only, in recognition of the fact that the fete will be of a public character. It is understood that the Band will not play at the fete unless the outstanding account for its services in February last upon a similar occasion is paid in full.

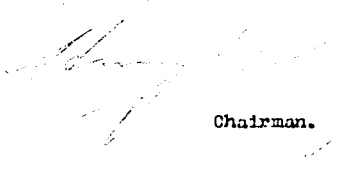
Shanghai Library. A letter from Sir Havilland de Sausmarez is read, embodying the proposals of the Committee of the Library for transfer of custody of the books to the Council. The Chairman desires to see Sir Havilland and Mr Bondfield in this matter with a view to a clear perception of their intentions before the Council finally accepts the proposal.

The Municipal Gazette for May 22 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the Electrical Engineer's Report for February and March, it is decided to exclude reference to the profits for the first quarter, noting that they are no index of the year's profit by reason of the reduction in rates sanctioned with effect from April 1.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 29, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H.De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
 E.C. Pearce

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Japanese Company. The resignation of Captain S. Koaze on his departure for Tokio, forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted with regret.

Ammunition. A Report from the Commandant is read, with respect to the ammunition on charge for the 9-pounder guns formerly in possession of the Corps. His proposal that this be transferred to the Police or otherwise disposed of is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Annual Inspection. The Report of the General Officer Commanding in Hongkong on the recent inspection of the Corps is read and ordered for publication.

North Szechuen Road, Overhanging Matshades. The Chairman has seen the Senior Consul in this matter, who showed him a copy of a despatch from the Diplomatic Body to the Wai Chiao Pu, in which the Council's right to police roads leading out of the Settlement is emphasised. This being the case, and in view of the utterly confused state of local Chinese authority, Mr Siffert is of opinion that little good will result in pressing this minor matter. In this view the Council concurs. In reply to two letters which have been forwarded on the subject from Mr Ivan Chen, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, who is stated to be about to resign, it is considered advisable to set out the facts in the matter for purposes of record.

Police Recruits.

Medical Examination. With regard to the forthcoming change of Medical Examiner, the Council is informed that the Health Officer considers it possible that a new doctor's work may be inferior to that of Dr Henderson, whose examinations ^{in his opinion} are conducted with care. A note from Dr Stanley reviews the cases of ex-Constables Jones and Fox, whose defects were such as should more readily have been detected by the Recruiting Officer than by a doctor. The members are, however, averse to rescinding the decision of their predecessors, which was largely due to the statement of Dr Macleod that, owing to Dr Henderson's deafness, there is opportunity for misunderstanding and mistakes in filling up his reports. The Selection Board will accordingly be requested to engage the services of Dr Leo (the second candidate mentioned by Mr Mayne) for the examination of the autumn draft.

Passages. A note in the Treasurer's Report accompanying the Statement of Account to March 31, points out that the cost of recruits via Siberia has worked out at £48 per head, against £35:12s via Suez. To the latter, however, may be added the extra three weeks half pay on the voyage. The Captain Superintendent's recommendation on the subject is based on the fact that Siberia offers less opportunity to men to go adrift as at Port Said, Singapore, and elsewhere. In adopting the Siberian route for the draft under discussion, the Council directs that the subsistence money en route be reduced to £6, and that the London Agents endeavour to obtain discount terms, in view of the fact that 18 passages will be required.

Native Pawnshops. An application on behalf of certain native pawnbrokers for cancellation of Condition 6 attached to licences, is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Water Supply. The Legal Adviser's opinion is submitted on the case of Mr Fobes. Mr Loftus Jones confirms the view of the Council, that water supplied to an office is, under the Concession Agreement, liable to a rate not exceeding 4 per cent on the rental. It is therefore decided to reply to Mr Fobes accordingly. With regard to the request for publication of the correspondence, the Council does not consider the case one of sufficient public importance to warrant this course. At Mr Figge's suggestion, therefore, no reference will be made to this point in the Council's reply.

Tramways, Trailer Cars. A note from the Legal Adviser is submitted confirming the view that the Council has the right under the Concession Agreement to limit the number of these cars in service. Further discussion finds the members still unaltered in the view that the new motor cars and trailers should be put into service simultaneously, and the reply to the Company's letter of May 21 will be in these terms.

As regards the projected turn-out at the corner of the Nanking and Chekiang Roads, the Chairman states that Mr Lester has made proposals under which the curve will be modified to avoid damaging his property, and new plans will be submitted for the Council's consideration at an early date.

Shanghai Library. The Chairman has ascertained that the Library Committee makes the sole condition in regard to the projected handing over of the books, that they be held in trust for the use of the Foreign Community. After some further discussion it is decided to accept the proposal, subject to confirmation at the next Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Mixed Court. A note from the Senior Consul forwards a proclamation for the Council's seal with respect to proceedings between British landlords and Chinese tenants. It is pointed out that the international status of the Council and of the Mixed Court renders the sealing of this document irregular. The matter is referred for investigation by the Watch Committee, and Mr Figge undertakes to ascertain the views of the other Foreign Assessors.

General Municipal Rate beyond Limits. The Collector in charge of this work desires explicit instructions in the event of his being molested by the Chapel Police while in the execution of his duties. In reply the Council directs that Collector Mellows be informed that in such a case he is expected to take all circumstances into consideration and use discretion.

Electricity Supply. A Report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted, pointing out with regard to the free supply of electricity to the Famine Fete, that correspondence had already taken place as a result of telephonic communication between himself and the Electricity Committee. The Chairman points out that such communications were contrary to the Standing Orders, and the Council re-affirms its decision against free supply.

The Municipal Gazette for May 30 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. Certain parts of the Mixed Court Registrar's Report are deleted. Mr Figge refers to the important question of policing outside roads, which matter will therefore have the attention of the Watch Committee, with a view to setting out the views which Mr Martin expresses in a letter to the Consular Body.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 5, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
E. E. Clark
E. I. Ezra
H. Figge
H. C. Gulland
A. Hide
A. R. Owen
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. W. Burkill
E. C. Pearce

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, already circulated to members, are taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Police Recruits, Passages. A further note from the Treasurer discloses the fact that the net cost of recruits from London by P. & O. Intermediate Steamer is £29, and the Council's decision with regard to the route to be taken by the autumn draft is referred for re-consideration by the Watch Committee.

Water Supply. The attention of the Council is drawn to the text of the original agreement with the Waterworks Company presented to the Ratepayers in 1905, Clauses 4 and 6 whereof if operative would have settled the recent dispute between the Company and Mr A. S. Fobes in favour of the latter. The Chairman points out that the Council has been called upon to interpret the actual agreement which was signed and not an earlier draft thereof. The documents are ordered for circulation to members.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of May 30, already circulated to members, are confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 3, already circulated to members, are confirmed without comment.

Volunteer Corps.

Instructor in Signalling. A note from the Commandant recommends the promotion of Lieut. Carlsen to be Captain. Mr Figge is not satisfied as to the desirability of this promotion, and will see the Commandant on the subject.

Assault by Chinese soldiers. The Commandant reports the case of Private Oldenburg of the German Company, who was assaulted in the

North Honan Road and his rifle taken from him. It is understood that the German Consul General is protesting against this outrage, but the members consider that a further protest should be made by the Council on behalf of the Volunteer Corps at the insult offered.

Mixed Court, Political Offenders. The Senior Consul forwards two letters from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs with regard to certain convicts serving various terms of imprisonment, whose crimes are now alleged to have been political in character. A Police Report will be furnished giving the details of the cases in question.

Mohawk Road Extension. A note from Mr Landale forwards the claims of the various parties to the forthcoming Arbitration, for further reply on the part of the Council if desired. The details of this matter will be considered by the Works Committee.

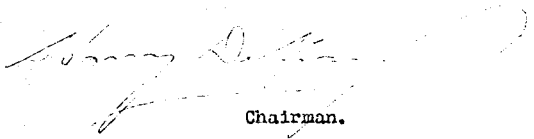
Tramways, Trailer Cars. A note from the Company is read, acquiescing in the Council's decision in regard to simultaneous increase in the number of motors and trailers in service.

Motor Car Licences. The suggestion of the Captain Superintendent of Police is approved that Condition No 9 be amended to read that the driver's permit be also produced for Police inspection when required, and, in accordance with his further suggestion, it is decided to approach the French Council with a view to the adoption of the same amended conditions.

The Municipal Gazette for June 6 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. The inclusion of the letters to the Senior Consul with regard to Chinese in Italian employ is deferred.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 12, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E. E. Clark
 E. I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H. C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A. R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. W. Burkill
 E. C. Pearce

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of June 4
and of the Watch Committee of June 10 are duly confirmed.

Volunteers.

Staff. The Commandant has explained to Mr Figge that the promotion of Lieutenant Carlsen was recommended in appreciation of the hard work which he has done as Instructor in Signalling, and in the knowledge that he is shortly to leave Shanghai. Mr Figge maintains the view that instruction of this character should not be the work of a man of Captain's rank, but, with his assent, the Council authorises the issue of the proposed commission.

Maxim Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant H. B. Emerson owing to pressure of business, is accepted with regret.

"A" Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant W. K. Stanion owing to pressure of business, is accepted with regret.

German Company. The Commandant reports upon the proposal of the Captain of this Company to promote Private Gerngross to be 2nd Lieutenant and Medical Officer to the Company. Colonel Barnes makes the countersuggestion that the matter be treated as an ordinary appointment to the Medical Staff. Setting aside the arguments which are urged in this connexion, the Council understands that the difference of opinion is as to whether or no the officer in question shall wear the special uniform of the German Company or that of the existing Medical Staff. It is decided to ask for an expression of the Commandant's views on this point, whereafter the correspondence will be circulated for members' information.

Seymour Road Creek. A petition is submitted extensively signed by the residents adjoining this creek desiring that it be culverted. The Engineer's estimate of the cost of the work is \$4700. In reply it is decided to state that the Council will execute the work provided contributions amounting to one half of the cost are made by the concerned. As it has been stated that the work can probably be carried out for a much less sum than that mentioned, the Council would assent to the work being performed by an outside contractor, provided it is carried out to the satisfaction of the Municipal Engineer.

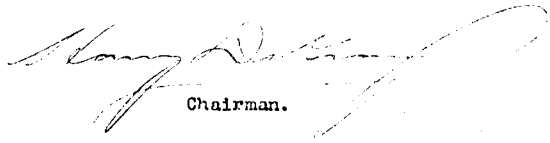
Court of Foreign Consuls. A note from the Legal Adviser forwards a communication from the Court enclosing an undertaking by the Chapel Waterworks ~~framed in accordance with the recent judgment,~~ and desiring that the Council's permit be forwarded to the Court. The Shanghai Waterworks Company submits two letters received from the Chapel Authorities declining their application to instal water service to certain houses east of the North Szechuen Road. The second of these documents is dated June 11, i.e. five days after the date of the above undertaking. It is pointed out that as, under the judgment, the Council has not the right to withhold its assent to the opening of the North Szechuen Road at the point where it crosses the old Woosung Road, the Council's permit to execute this work has no meaning. Mr Ezra strongly advocates the issue of the permit on the grounds that the necessity for its issue may be cited in similar cases in the future. After considerable discussion it is decided, in reply to the Court's letter, (a) to point out that the Council cannot be made a party to an agreement as to water supply with which it has no direct concern and which there are no means of enforcing; (b) to forward copies of the documents received from the Shanghai Waterworks Co., alluding to the evident breach of faith involved; and (c) to enclose the required permit while drawing attention to its peculiar nature.

Electricity Department. Tenders received in response to Specifications Nos 35 and 36 for Radiators and Poles are submitted, together with the recommendation of the Electricity Committee that the lowest received, those of Messrs Inmiss & Riddle and Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd. be accepted. These recommendations are duly approved.

Motor Car Licences. The suggestion of the Captain Superintendent is submitted ^{and approved} that in Condition No 4 the number plate be made subject to the Council's approval, instead of requiring only the plate is by the Council to be affixed.

The Municipal Gazette for June 13 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With respect to the specially drawn minute on Taxation beyond Limits, some discussion takes place as to whether or no it is advisable to make any such announcement at present. The minute aims at no more than correcting a misunderstanding of the Council's part in the Chapel Water Case, and after some amendment and upon a show of hands, it is decided to include it.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the Special Meeting of the Council held on June 14, 1912,

at 12 o'clock noon, there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
E.E. Clark
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
A.R. Owen
D. McNeill (Legal Adviser) and
The Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
H. Figge
E.C. Pearce

Chapai Water Case. This meeting has been convened by the Chairman, who has learnt that the Chapai Company has expressed the intention of laying their proposed main across the North Szechuen Road with or without the Council's permit. The permit is in the hands of the Court of Consuls, who, in the light of the information furnished by the Council, will decide this afternoon whether to withhold it or no. He has further learnt that the evidence of the intention of the Chapai Authorities to give the Company a monopoly of the water supply north of the Settlement boundary is regarded by two members of the Court as sufficient grounds for a re-hearing, and suggests an application in this sense.

Mr Ezra points out that the permit being in the hands of the Court, it is within the Court's power to withhold it as a result of the information in their possession.

In reply, Mr McNeill states that, in accordance with the Judgment, the Chapai Company having complied with the stipulation as to giving an undertaking, the Court cannot do otherwise than forward the permit.

Draft application for re-hearing is then read and unanimously approved, to be sent in ~~forthwith~~ when the Council learns that the Court of Consuls have decided to withhold the permit.

The meeting adjourns at 12.25 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 19, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figg
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
 E.C. Pearce

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last regular meeting are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

The minutes of the special meeting of June 14 are submitted, and the last
 paragraph amended in respect to the application for re-hearing in the
Chapel Water Case, which was to be sent in "when the Council learns
 that the Court of Consuls have decided to withhold the permit."
 The Chairman states that on the afternoon of the day of the meeting
 he learnt from the Court that it had been decided to notify the
 solicitors to the Chapel Company that they had received evidence of
 the existence of a monopoly, and that the permit would accordingly
 be withheld until an assurance was received that the monopoly would
 be cancelled and discontinued. The Court intimated that it would be
 well if the Council did not apply for a re-hearing, and accordingly
 no application was made.

A letter from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Oppe is submitted,
 enquiring whether the Council will allow the pipes of the Chapel
 Company to be laid within the Settlement. Mr Ezra is of opinion that
 no reply should be made to this communication, at all events for
 the present. After considerable discussion it is decided to furnish
 a copy of the letter to the Legal Adviser, with an enquiry as to
 what course he would recommend in re.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 17 are read and
 confirmed. In regard to the question of the line of the West Sookhow
 Road, at Mr Gulland's suggestion it is decided to record the Council's
 decision that no responsibility will be accepted for maintaining the
 Sookhow Creek at its present or any other width.

In the matter of the unregistered land in the Kiukiang Road, the
 general question of the Taxation of Chinese-owned Land is referred for
 consideration by the Finance Committee.

Volunteer Corps.

German Company. A further note from the Commandant is read, in reference to the proposed appointment of Private Gerngross to be Lieutenant, Medical Staff. The Commandant's objections to the course proposed appear to the members unreasonable, and the commission is authorised for issue "for duty with the German Company and with permission to wear the uniform of that Unit".

A commission as Lieutenant is also authorised for issue to Dr J.P. Ziervogel.

Reserve Company. A commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr J.C. Bosustow.

Police Force, Foreign Terms of Service. A note from the Captain Superintendent points out that the Pay fixed for senior 1st Class Constables is the same as that for Acting Sergeants. He suggests raising the latter to £90 per mensem. He also desires to inaugurate the new rank as soon as possible without extra pay until next year. The Watch Committee having discussed this matter fully at two consecutive meetings, at both of which Colonel Bruce agreed with the Committee's conclusions, Mr Figge is now unwilling to consider any further change, nor indeed do the facts to which Colonel Bruce draws attention call, in the Committee's opinion, for any alteration.

Shanghai General Hospital. A letter from the Secretary of the Hospital is submitted, forwarding correspondence which has taken place with the Charitable Sisterhood in Paris indicating that the supply of sisters for duty in the Hospital may shortly cease, and enquiring whether the Council will supply a nursing staff. Some discussion takes place, during which Mr Figge declares himself opposed to the substitution of Japanese nurses. The whole question will be one for consideration by the Watch Committee when the report and recommendation by the Health Officer on the subject are received.

Tramways, Nanking and Chekiang Road Turn-out. The Council is informed that Mr Lester whose alternative rail curve has been accepted by the Company, declines to make any written statement as to his attitude as owner of Lot 508 towards the present proposal. The Council therefore awaits a further communication from the Company on the subject.

Electricity Department, 3-Phase Transformers. The recommendation of the Electrical Engineer is submitted that tenders be invited locally for four of these transformers. He has made arrangements whereby the British Electric Transformer Co. who are not represented in Shanghai may forward a tender by telegram. This recommendation has

the support of the Committee, but the Council is of opinion that in matters of this description there should be no appearance of preference, that all suppliers should have equal notice, and that, if tenders are called for locally, it should be left to the initiative of private firms to communicate with suppliers in Europe and America.

Charity Organisation. A letter from the Rev. A.J. Walker is submitted, containing nine proposals relating to the appointment by the Council of a Relief Board to undertake certain work connected with the charitable payments of local Societies. It is not clear to the Chairman what the duties of the proposed Board will comprise, nor as to the nature of the part which it is desired that the Council play in the matter. Regarded as a first step towards the Council's assuming responsibility for charitable payments, he considers the proposal a mistaken one. The matter is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee to whom the former minutes of the Council in re will be circulated.

The attention of members is drawn to the fact that Mr Walker's letter confuses the question of education with that of casual relief. So far as education is concerned the policy of the Council during the past three years is directed towards providing education for all children in the Settlement, and the intervention of an additional Board in the work performed by the various School Committees appears unnecessary. The association of the Thomas Hanbury School with the term "beachcomber" continues to cause offence and pain to the School management and to the parents of the children, and is in every way undesirable. The Council approves the proposal that Mr Walker be asked to re-write his letter, omitting any reference to this institution.

The Municipal Gazette for June 20, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 26, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
E. E. Clark
E. I. Ezra
H. Figge
H. C. Gulland
A. R. Owen
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. W. Burkill
A. Hild
E. C. Pearce

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of June 21, are taken
as read and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of June 24, are
taken as read, and confirmed with the exception of that relating to
the proposed

Contribution to Municipal Income. With regard to this recommendation
Messrs Clark and Figge retain the view that the contribution should
take the form of 6 per cent interest on the balance of Net Revenue
account which consists of former profits re-invested in the undertaking.
The Chairman has seen Mr Burkill in this matter, and arranged with him
that the Committee re-consider it later in the year. He considers
that it would be preferable if possible to find a course in regard to
which the Council is unanimous, pointing out that the Gas Company is a
concern in which a large amount of local capital is invested, and that
it is in the general interests of the Community that its profit
earning capacity be not throttled.

Volunteer Corps.

Staff. The resignation of Captain G. G. Calsen, Instructor in
Signalling, owing to his departure from Shanghai, is accepted with
regret.

"A" Company. A Commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue
to Mr J. E. Needham.

German Company. The promotion of 2nd Lieutenant H. Steen to be
Lieutenant is authorised.

Japanese Company. The promotion of Lieutenant Teuchi Asano to be
Captain is authorised.

Mixed Court.

Transfer of Prisoners. A Police Report is submitted, in allusion to the refusal by the City Authorities to hand over two women for whose arrest a warrant has been issued. The reply received is to the effect that the Municipal Police have similarly refused three weeks ago to hand over a man required in the City. Before addressing the Senior Consul in this case, it is decided to enquire the details of the case in question.

Stray Children. A second Police Report recounts certain preliminary negotiations between the Captain Superintendent and Miss Bonnell of the Door of Hope with regard to the establishment of a small home for children found in the streets by the Police. The latter is prepared to co-operate in a manner which is satisfactory to the Watch Committee, but the Council considers that the home should preferably be a branch of this charitable institution, the Council's responsibility being a financial one only. It is decided to ascertain therefore if the Committee of the Door of Hope will agree to such a proposition.

Hongkew Market Extension. A letter from Messrs Probst, Hanbuay & Co.Ld., is read, offering to hand over possession of Lot 1069 forthwith, and in advance of formal transfer of the lot, which awaits receipt of the requisite power of attorney from England. It is decided to pay the agreed price on this basis, and to place the property in the hands of Mr Algar for management on the Council's account with effect from June 29.

Hongkew Creek Bunding. Eight tenders for this work in response to Specification No 42 are submitted, and the lowest, that of Chun Ming Kee, \$16500, is authorised for acceptance. A note from this contractor states that he has omitted the cost of the two jetties from his tender, and desires to add \$350 to the amount. The Council regards this application with considerable dissatisfaction, in view of the difficulties of a similar character experienced last year. Nevertheless even with this addition Chun Ming Kee's tender is the lowest, and compliance is authorised, if considered necessary by the Engineer.

Tramways, Nanking and Chekiang Road Turn-out. The Council is informed that the Company has been advised not to give the guarantee demanded in this matter, and some discussion ensues as to whether a direct application to Mr Lester or public notice of the proposal would meet the case. Mr Ezra considers that it is for the Company either to obtain the assent of the frontage owner concerned or to undertake responsibility for the consequences. This view is endorsed by the members, and it is decided to address the Company again on the subject.

Electricity Department, Detention of Lorry. A Police Report describes how on June 22 the motor lorry and a number of Chinese employes attendant thereon, were arrested by the Native Authorities in the North Honan Road, while engaged in repairing the installation at the Commercial Press. After considerable negotiation their liberation was effected on the following day, and it is now decided to communicate the facts to the Consular Body with the request that for the future the Electricity Department be protected from molestation in the execution of their duties in this district.

Chapel Water Case. A note from the Legal Adviser suggests a form of reply to the enquiry by Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Oppe on the subject of water supply within Settlement limits, but the Chairman, actuated by the desire not to embarrass the Court of Consuls in the matter of the North Szechuen Road permit, recommends that no reply be sent at present, and, after some discussion, this proposal receives the Council's assent.

Court of Consuls. A note from the Legal Adviser is submitted, suggesting that, with a view to the re-constitution of the Court, the Council obtain eminent counsel's opinion in regard to the recent Judgments in the Morey and Lynch Cases. He suggests application to Sir R. Finlay. The Council is not sanguine that an amendment of Land Regulation XXVII such as Mr McNeill suggests is feasible, but considers that the first step suggested is one which would be in the interests of the local Administration. It is decided therefore to instruct Mr McNeill accordingly.

Shanghai Library. A letter from the Committee of this Institution forwards the minutes of the recent Special Meeting of Subscribers, which have already appeared in the local Press. The suggestion of the Committee as to a more central site for the Library will receive the attention of the Municipal Buildings Committee now sitting.

Status to Sir Robert Hart. In accordance with the request of Mr Merrill, Commissioner of Customs, Mr Gulland is deputed to serve on the Special Committee being appointed for discussion of the details of this scheme.

Casual Ward. A letter from H.M. Consul General is read, in allusion to the delay which has taken place in completing the lease for this property, and the Council is informed that the plan furnished by the Office of Works on March 30, has unfortunately been mislaid. A duplicate is now in course of preparation, and it is decided to express regret for the delay, directions being given to expedite completion of the lease.

The Municipal Gazette for June 27 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. Certain portions of the Electrical Engineer's Report for April, which have the nature of advertisement, are deleted.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

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Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 3, 1912.

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E. E. Clark
 E. I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H. C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A. R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. W. Burkill
 E. C. Pearce

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Reserve Company. A Report from the Commandant is submitted, containing a proposal that this Unit be divided into a Reserve and Supplementary Reserve, the latter to comprise men who fail to qualify as reservists but desire to remain on the roll. The Watch Committee is opposed to this suggestion, upon the grounds that the Company itself would be very much reduced and that there would be no useful membership in a Supplementary Reserve. The Council generally endorses the view that the Reserve Company should not be strictly organised nor perform duty except as a Company in reserve for special emergency.

German Reserve. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the commission of Captain Stepharius is authorised for renewal with effect from May 15, 1910.

Chinese Proclamations. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, forwarding a proclamation on the subject of the special mark adopted for a certain brand of tobacco. The attention of the Council is drawn to the correspondence on the subject of proclamations which took place between May 1907 and April 1908. Therein it was agreed between the Council and the Consular Body that the use of proclamations for trivial announcements of this character should ^{be discouraged} ~~be discouraged~~ and the members generally are in favour of adhering to the former Council's decision. The Chairman has, however, seen the Senior Consul in the matter, who states that the change of status of the Mixed Court and the fact that Foreign Assessors sit in Chinese civil cases has some bearing on the question. He also points out that inasmuch as

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the Senior Consul's stamp has been placed upon the document, it is questionable whether the Council should go the length of refusing to post it, for so unimportant a document would not justify the inevitable high feeling which would result. Certain members of the Consular Body are already incensed at the delay of one week which has taken place. Mr Figge remarks that in these circumstances it would be preferable for such proclamations to be forwarded for the Council's opinion before the Senior Consul's seal is placed upon them. After considerable discussion it is decided to stamp and post the proclamation, thereafter addressing a letter to the Consular Body deprecating its issue.

Veterinary Surgeons' Retainer. A note from Messrs Keylock & Pratt draws attention to the fact that their retaining fee of £100 per annum has not been paid since 1907. Reference to various files on this subject has disclosed the fact that the item was omitted without comment from the Budget of 1908 and since. A note from the Health Officer is read, in which he points out that no actual work is done in respect of this fee, and the members generally consider that it should be discontinued. In the meanwhile a certain obligation falls upon the Council for the five years during which the fee has not been paid, and payment is accordingly authorised. Dr Stanley's suggestion that a fee of £1 be paid for each case of animal infectious disease reported will be the subject of further consideration by the Watch Committee.

Seymour Road Creek. Further letters from Mr R.E. Toeg are read, in regard to the question of the cost of culverting this creek, and some discussion ensues as to the amount expended by the Council in the past on the Seymour Road. An enquiry is directed as to whether any undertaking to make the road 40 feet in width was given, and as to the probable cost of repair of the wooden bunding during the next few years. But the Council is unanimous that as a matter of precedent no more than half of the cost of the work can be paid out of public funds.

Japanese Wharf, North Yangtze Road. The ^{question}~~question~~ of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for permission to construct a waiting room for passengers on this jetty is submitted and sanctioned upon the condition, suggested by the Engineer, that the details of construction be approved in his office.

Shanghai Club Carriage Stand. A petition signed by 59 Ratepayers is read, desiring that the Council will erect a shed for vehicles on the foreshore opposite the Shanghai Club. The Engineer estimates the cost of the work at £5000, and the Council considers that so large a sum cannot be expended without the necessary appropriation in the

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Budget. The Engineer also points out that similar applications might follow with respect to the vehicle stands opposite the principal hotels.

Public School, New Building. With regard to the revised plans and estimates about to be submitted to the School Committee, the Council is of opinion that not more than \$60000 to \$65000 should be expended thereon, since the cost of the two Chinese Schools for 400 boys each has been respectively \$55000 and \$46000. The impression obtains that work of this kind could be carried out upon more economical lines than are at present in vogue in the Public Works Department, and the Council records that it would not be averse to employing the services of an outside architect if necessary. Mr Gulland undertakes to communicate the Council's views on the subject of this building to his colleagues on the School Committee.

Shanghai Library. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that while the Chairman of the Library Committee stipulated that the books be held in trust by the Council for the use of Foreigners, yet in his published speech he stated that they would be "within the reach of every intelligent Foreigner and Chinese". The Council considers that to leave the matter as it now stands may give rise to dispute in the future, and the Chairman undertakes to see Sir Havilland de Sausmarez on the subject before the Council's final reply is despatched.

The Municipal Gazette for July 4 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.
The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 10, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., these are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
 E.C. Pearce

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Shanghai Library. The Chairman has communicated with Sir Havilland de Sausmarez on the subject of the admission of Chinese to the Library, and he will address the Council further on the subject.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 8, are confirmed with the following comment:-

Rifle Range Extension Drainage. A note from the "Chapel Board of Control" states that a reply to the Council's letter will be sent in a few days. The Chairman will see the Senior Consul on this subject before the laying of the culvert actually begins.

Land Assessment, Riverine Frontage Lots. The Chairman explains this matter at length, and refers to the fact that the taxation of unutilised land is in Canada and elsewhere heavier than that of developed property, a fact which tends to confirm the opinion expressed in the Committee's minute.

Staff. The concluding minute relating to the renewal of the Engineer's agreement is read and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Reserve Company. A further Report from the Commandant on the subject of the proposed re-organisation of this Unit is submitted, containing an expression of the view of the Officer Commanding the Company, Captain Wingrove. Mr Figge is not disposed to alter the decision which the Council has recorded in this case, but the matter is referred for discussion by the Watch Committee.

Mixed Court.

Fines. A note from the Registrar draws attention to the fact that the fines received for the first half of the year amount to ¥18600 against an estimate of ¥20000 for the year.

Ho An School. The Captain Superintendent reports the unwillingness of the School authorities to accept the subscription of \$400 offered last February, which has accordingly reverted to the public funds.

Repairs to Buildings. The Engineer reports leakage in the roof of the Court, which may be repaired as an urgent matter at a cost of ¥300. The further cost of painting and varnishing etc ¥700, will, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, be carried out next year after due appropriation in the Budget.

Occasional Allowances for Auditors. The Finance Council has again approached the Chairman in this matter regarding the Council's usual control. This is agreed to.

Shanghai General Hospital. A letter from the Secretary of the Hospital is submitted, informing the Council that arrangements will be made with an institute in Rome for the supply of the necessary number of sisters for carrying on the work of the Hospital at the conclusion of the present arrangement with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Tramways, Nanking-Chekiang Road Turn-out. A further appeal by the Company is read, that the permit be issued for this work without the guarantee for which the Council has asked. The members are still unwilling to alter the conditions which have been laid down, and reply to this effect is authorised.

Electricity Department, Tenders for Transformers. Six tenders are submitted in response to Specification No 39, together with the Electrical Engineer's recommendation that that of Messrs Samuel & Co. Ltd. for \$1604 be accepted. This recommendation is based on the fact that early delivery is guaranteed, and Mr Figge enquires whether in the case of the lower tender of Messrs Siemens China Electrical Engineering Co. a similar opportunity was afforded to amend the time of delivery. The recommendation is endorsed, subject to satisfactory reply on this point.

Telephone Building. A note from the General Manager of the Telephone Company enquires whether the Council will sub-let two of the rooms at the rate of ¥85 per mensem. After some discussion it is decided not to accept less for any of the leased rooms than the figure which the Council is paying.

Recess. In the convenience of members the recess is fixed for the month of September.

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The Municipal Gazette for July 11 is submitted in proof and authorised
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The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 17, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
E.E. Clark
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
A.R. Owen
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of July 11,
are submitted and confirmed, the Council expressing satisfaction
that plans of a new school have been drawn such as to satisfy the
Committee, while in regard to cost the estimate is within the figure
which has been laid down.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of July 15, are read
and confirmed, with the following comment:-

Volunteer Corps, Medical Staff. A note from the Commandant is read,
on the subject of the uniform to be worn by Lieutenant Gerngross, and
the Council sees no objection to the adoption of the proposal of the
Officer commanding the German Company.

Customs Company. Considerable discussion ensues as to Captain
Dick's claim for the allowance in respect of his P.S. Certificate.
Mr Ezra dissents from the view of the Watch Committee on the grounds
that, apart from the strict wording of the Regulation, it is the
Council's duty to encourage officers to acquire this qualification,
while refusal in the present case may have a tendency to general
dissatisfaction. At the Council's request Mr Clark undertakes to
see Captain Dick and explain to him the light in which the Committee
views his application. If he still presses the point the Council is
prepared to ^{consider the matter again,} ~~re-consider the issue of the amount.~~

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Chinese Lodging Houses. With regard to the minute directing that
licences for these institutions be issued in the name of the proprietor
or manager, the Council assents to a proposal that confirmation be
deferred pending receipt of a Report from the Overseer of Taxes on the
subject.

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Motor Cars. Mr Figge states that since the Committee met he has ascertained that the notices to car owners have in many instances miscarried or that they were not sent out with due care. He is therefore of opinion that second notices should be sent to those owners who have not complied with the Police requirements, and this view meets with the Council's approval.

Superannuation Fund. With regard to the application of Messrs Fleming & Rice on behalf of ex-Constable Henry, a note from the Legal Adviser recommends that the Council reply paying the claim in the absence of any means of reviewing the recent decisions of the Court of Consuls. On the other hand the Chairman has ascertained that one at least of the Judges of the Court would not assent to the revival of a claim which after six years should be considered to have lapsed. It is therefore decided to decline the application and in the event of a petition being filed in the Court of Consuls to send a brief rejoinder in the foregoing sense, but without legal argument.

Gratuities: The Council considers that the issue of the gratuity recommended could not fail to be a costly precedent in view of the large number of interpreters and other indoor native employes in the Police Force. It is decided therefore to refuse the application. If, however, the family of the deceased is in destitute circumstance the case will be re-considered.

Volunteer Corps.

Light Horse. A commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr W.J. Ralphs.

Maxim Company. Commissions as 2nd Lieutenants are authorised for issue to Messrs H.E. Middleton and I.R. Wheen.

Portuguese Company. The promotion of 2nd Lieutenant A.M. Diniz to be Lieutenant is authorised.

Chinese Proclamations. A further letter from the Consular Body on this subject is submitted, referring to former correspondence and pointing out that the infringement of trade marks is not a trivial matter. In reply it is decided to express the Council's concurrence in this view, but to state that adequate registration at the Mixed Court would be a preferable alternative to the issue of proclamations in each case, with the added advantage of adhering to the arrangement at which the Consular Body and the Council arrived in 1908, reserving the use of proclamations for important announcements bearing on the local administration.

Soldiers Cemetery. A note from the Health Officer is read to the effect that the work of demolishing the City Wall has now reached the cemetery, that a portion of the section in the rear of the cemetery has been torn down and that debris has been thrown into the enclosure. The Chairman undertakes to communicate these facts to H.M. Consul General.

Foochow Road Widening. A Report by the Engineer is submitted, recommending a give-and-take arrangement with respect to the northern frontage of Cadastral Lot 539. His proposal involves rectification of the line in such a manner as to provide a road not less than 40 feet in width, and obviates any payment in respect of the present scheduled widening. Upon the recommendation of the Works Committee the arrangement is approved.

Recreation Ground Committee. To fill the vacancies on this Committee caused by the death of Mr McLeod and the departure from Shanghai of Messrs Hunter and Macgregor, it is decided to request Messrs D.Landale W.S. Jackson and A.G. Stephen to serve.

Mr Lanning. A letter from Mr Lanning is submitted, stating that by oversight he misinformed a former Council as to the term of his Insurance Policy. Without further investigation, and recognising that Mr Lanning's present salary has the nature of a pension, the Council authorises its continued issue at the rate of £275 per annum for the present without agreement.

The Municipal Gazette for July 18 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. Certain passages in the Police Report for June, bearing on the release of prisoners from the City and on the Council's reason for deferring the erection of the third block of cells at the Gaol, are deleted.

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 24, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Volunteer Corps, Customs Company. Mr Clark has seen Captain Dick in regard to his application for the Allowance under Regulation XII. Captain Dick has explained that he went on leave with an understanding that he would upon his return be promoted. Owing, however, to the change of Commandant, which took place at the end of 1908, and to the fact that there was no record of the arrangement, Lieutenant Lay was promoted in his stead. He was, however, permitted to remain on the Roll of Officers of the Corps. Captain Dick feels so strongly on the subject of this Allowance that in the event of final refusal of his application he will resign from the Corps.

The Watch Committee finds that the irregularity involved in Captain Dick's having been allowed to remain a member of the Corps while not re-joining his Company, brings him technically within the provisions of the Regulation, and, upon the Committee's recommendation the Council sanctions payment of the amount.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of July 19, are submitted and confirmed, with the exception of that relating to the appointment of the

Chinese Head Teacher. In regard to the Committee's recommendation on this subject, Mr Ezra states that Mr Handley-Derry has seen his nominee, Mr Chin, and finds that his appointment with the Sin Wan Pao is not that of Editor, but has the nature rather of Supervising Director. He is prepared to attend the school during regular hours. The Committee regards Mr Chin as a man of exceptional attainments, while his standing in Chinese circles renders him peculiarly fitted for the post. His appointment is accordingly recommended. Mr Hide points out that an examination having been held at which a large

number of candidates presented themselves, the appointment of an outside applicant who did not present himself for the examination, would not have the appearance of fair dealing. It is also pointed out that the Headmaster has gone on leave under the impression that Mr Chin will not be appointed unless he is prepared to sever his connexion with the Sin Wan Pao. Allusion is made to the difficulties which have been experienced in the past by reason of the Chinese staff failing to recognise the complete responsible authority of the Headmaster. Mr Ezra states that the Committee is prepared to engage the candidates who passed first and second in the examination as Assistant Masters; adding that it is not recommended that the appointment of Mr Chin be under agreement: his services may be dispensed with should he prove unsatisfactory. After considerable discussion the matter is referred for re-consideration by the Committee, Mr Ezra undertaking to lay the views of the Council before his colleagues.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 22, are submitted and confirmed with the following comment:-

Chapel Waterworks. The Chairman has seen a member of the Court of Consuls on this subject, and informed him of the application; also of the fact that the premises which it is sought to connect with the Chapel main are the property of Mr Vizeninovich, an Austrian subject. He has been advised to reply to the effect that until the question of laying the main across the North Szechuen Road at the old Woosung Road is settled, the Council is not willing to consider the present application. Mr Ezra states that as the Council is determined not to issue the permit, it might be well to make this clear in the first place. It is also pointed out that a fair inference from the proposed reply would be that the Council will hereafter consider the matter and possibly allow the service pipe to be laid, while, so far as the Council is concerned officially, the question lately submitted to the Court of Consuls is settled. The Chairman is of opinion that the Council's first aim in this matter is to prevent the pipes of the Chapel Company from being laid east of the North Szechuen Road, and as Mr Fraser's efforts are being directed to this end, it becomes the Council's duty to take no step calculated to embarrass his negotiations. He therefore urges that the Council make the reply proposed, to which course the members unanimously assent.

Shanghaiwan Road Bridge. A further explanatory plan has been submitted to the Committee, showing a graded alignment for this road and bridge, and upon re-consideration it is adopted, the Chairman

noting that the information formerly furnished on the subject of the bridges at the Avenue and Burkill Roads was not strictly correct.

Volunteer Corps.

Headquarters' Staff. A telegram from the G.O.C. in Hongkong is submitted, suggesting the appointment of a suitable Colour Sergeant of the Yorkshire Light Infantry, who is married and has a family. In view of the possibility indicated by the Commandant that the small pay attaching to the post of Staff Sergeant will prove insufficient for a married man's requirements, and that in consequence the man would be dissatisfied, the Council considers it preferable to state that he would be unsuitable.

Japanese Company. The proposal of the Commandant to substitute a forage cap made in Japan for the Colonial hat and khaki cap worn by this Unit is, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, adopted. Colonel Barnes indicates an economy of about \$2.50 per head.

Mixed Court. A note from the Senior Consul informs the Council of the appointment of Mr Sun Tiao Ying, formerly Assistant Magistrate, to be 3rd Assistant Magistrate.

Chapel Boundary Matters. Four letters from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, forwarded by the Senior Consul, on the subject of recent cases of disputed authority, are submitted and ordered to be circulated for members' information.

Firearms. With reference to a Police Report on the issue by the Acting American Consul General of a permit to carry a revolver, contrary to Article XXXVII of the Land Regulations, the Chairman has learnt that Mr Dorsey acted under wrong information and is taking steps to recall the document.

Lithofalt Paving. The Engineer certifies that the experimental paving in the Szechuen Road is wearing satisfactorily, and proposes payment of 50 per cent of the cost of the blocks. It is decided, however, to wait until the expiry of the full year from the date on which the work was completed.

Tramway. A letter from the Company resumes the discussion of the turn-out at the corner of the Nanking and Chekiang Roads. The Chairman states that further information will be forthcoming in the course of a few days and the point is deferred for consideration at next meeting.

Alhambra. A letter from Mr Mordhorst is read, stating that a complaint has been lodged with the U.S. District Attorney on the subject of the nuisance due to noise at this establishment which not unusually

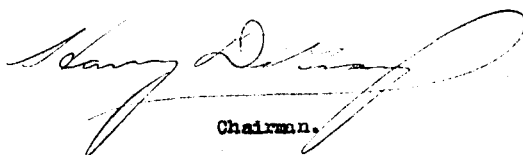
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continues until 4 a.m. At his suggestion it is decided to address a letter to the management, stating the Council's desire that it close at midnight, the closing hour of similar establishments within the limits of the Settlement. In the event of refusal, the supply of light to the Alhambra will be cut off at that hour.

The Municipal Gazette for July 25 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. The paragraph in the Engineer's Report for June, relating to night work on the Bubbling Well Road repairs, is deleted pending discussion of the matter by the Works Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 31, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
E. E. Clark
E. I. Ezra
H. Figge
H. C. Gulland
A. Hide
A. R. Owen
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. W. Burkill
E. C. Pearce

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of July

23 are submitted. In regard to the

Shanghai Public School, the Chairman enumerates the arguments for and against the new site which have been the subject of discussion during the past three years, and the Council is unanimously of opinion that the present proposal will meet with general public approval. It is thereupon decided to proceed with the building scheme.

Grants-in-aid. The Committee's recommendations on this subject are adopted, and it is decided to communicate accordingly with the beneficiary schools.

Mixed Court.

Assistant Magistrate. With reference to the recent appointment of Mr Sun Tiao-ting, a Police Report is submitted containing considerable evidence of his unsuitability. On the other hand the Chairman has ascertained from the Senior Consul that the choice is restricted, that the man is at least independent of Magistrate Kwan Chun, and that the appointment is recommended by the Assessors. In these circumstances it is decided to make no official protest unless Mr Sun affords evidence of incompetence or is guilty of indiscretion.

Stray Children. The reply of the Committee of the Door of Hope to the Council's proposals on this subject is read, and the Council is informed that the greatest difficulty is being experienced in finding suitable premises in which to house these waifs. A sustained effort will, however, be made to secure one or two houses on the outskirts of the Settlement.


Notice of Vacation. At the suggestion of the Senior Consul, and because the present status of the Court is being challenged by the Chinese Authorities, the Council directs the issue of a notification on this subject without authoritative signature.


Presentation to the Captain Superintendent of Police. A note from General Zung Chi-mei is read, announcing his intention of donating a gold shield to the Captain Superintendent. In the discussion which ensues Messrs Ezra and Figge see no objection to permitting this expression of appreciation on the part of the retiring Tutuh. The Chairman alludes to the precedent of 1909 when Inspector McDowell was not permitted to accept a silver cup while serving in the Police Force. Mr Gulland also alludes to the ambiguous position occupied by General Zung, who is being assailed generally in the local press. The Chairman considers that such a gift to the Captain Superintendent must be unacceptable, in view of his past and possible future duties in the Settlement, and for these and other reasons it is decided upon a show of hands to maintain the practice hitherto obtaining that no Municipal servant may accept gifts of any description so long as he remains in the Council's employ.

Tramways, Nanking-Chokiang Road Turn-out. After considerable discussion as to the position in which the Council finds itself in this matter, the suggestion is adopted that the Engineer be directed to set the curb back to the proposed new position, whereupon the Council will await during a period of two months any protest or claim which may be presented. If at the end of this period no such communication is received, the Council will grant the permit which the Company desires. Mr Ezra advocates addressing the Company officially in this sense, and publishing the correspondence. His view, however, is not supported the members being of opinion that no further correspondence should take place until expiry of the period named. Mr Figge considers that the Council should adhere to its original decision, but the foregoing proposal is carried by 5 votes to 2.

The Municipal Gazette for August 1 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.


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 Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 7, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

E. E. Clark

E. I. Ezra

H. Figge

H. C. Gulland

A. Hide

A. R. Owen

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

A. W. Burkill

E. C. Pearce

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of August 2,
are confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of August 5, are also
confirmed after some discussion, Mr Figge explaining the various points
which have occupied the Committee's attention.

Settlement Extension. A memorandum is submitted, setting forth the
history of this movement during the past ten years, the Chairman
stating that its compilation is due to the fact that certain members
of the Diplomatic Corps in Peking are not aware of the reasons under-
lying the request for extension, nor of the necessity for a settlement
of the question in order that the local administration may proceed
without friction with the local Chinese Authorities. The Council
directs that the document be printed and a sufficient number of copies
forwarded for the information of the Diplomatic and Local Consular
Bodies.

The Alhambra. A letter from Mr J. C. E. Douglas is read, written on behalf
of the Chinese lessee of this establishment, and protesting against the
Council's action in disconnecting the electricity supply at midnight.
The letter refers to the consumer's acceptance of the conditions of
Supply as "the Council's contract to supply". A note from the
Electrical Engineer states that the proprietors are about to instal an
oil-driven engine for the manufacture of their own electricity.
Uninfluenced by these announcements the Council directs that the supply
continue to be cut off at midnight.

Stray Children. A note from the Captain Superintendent informs the Council that the Doer of Hope has succeeded in renting a house suitable for the accommodation of stray children within a short distance of the Mixed Court, and at a rental of £45 per mensem. The Watch Committee's acceptance of this arrangement is accompanied by an instruction to the Force that no child is to be sent to the house until a careful attempt has been made to discover its parents or guardians by the Inspector or Sub-Inspector of the District in which it is found.

Ishang and West Seochow Roads. A note from Messrs A.R. Burkill & Sons draws attention to the fact that the Naigai Wata Kaisha is again partially closing the path which was under discussion earlier in the year, and, at Mr Hide's suggestion, it is decided to remind the Company that, until the assent of all the adjoining owners is obtained to the contrary, the path, which comprises a public right of way, must remain unobstructed.

Riverine Frontage Lots. The reply of Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co.Ld. is submitted to the Council's letter on the subject of the taxation of the property of the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co.Ld., containing an offer to pay one quarter assessment on the additional land shenkoed but at present under water. The Council unanimously supports the view formerly recorded that such land is not entitled to exceptional treatment. Inasmuch however as the arguments adduced by Messrs Jardine Matheson are based on the opinion of Mr McNeill, the Council desires a further legal opinion on the subject, and it is decided to submit the point for consideration by Messrs Platt, Teesdale & Macleod.

Public Band. A note from the Conductor, on leave in Europe, informs the Council that he has engaged one violinist and one harpist, the latter at a salary of £160 per mensem. Professor Buck suggests in these circumstances that the third authorised musician be not appointed, but that two Manilamen be engaged for the ensuing winter. This proposal does not commend itself to the members of the Band Committee, who consider it desirable that three additional men be obtained, as authorised at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, and instructions in this sense will be issued accordingly.

The Municipal Gazette for August 8, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.20 p.m.

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Chairman.

Wesson

Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 14, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

E.E. Clark

E.I. Ezra

H. Figge

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

A.R. Owen

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

A.W. Burkill

E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meetings of the Works Committee of August 12, and of
the Band Committee of the same day, are confirmed without comment.

Volunteer Corps.

Japanese Company. A commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised
for issue to Mr Toshitsugu Imada.

Maxim Company. With regard to the recent resignation of 2nd
Lieutenant Emerson, the Commandant reports proposing that a new
commission be issued to him for duty with the Maxim Company Reserve,
an auxiliary unit for which Colonel Barnes anticipates a membership
of about 15, whose services would be of value to the battery at a
time of mobilisation. This proposal meets with the approval of the
Watch Committee and is accordingly endorsed.

Path to Rifle Range. A letter from the Commandant is submitted,
renewing the proposal that a 12 foot path to provide access to the
Range be left on the east of the site allocated to the Shanghai
Public School. Reference to the plan of the site indicates that
the alleged inconvenience to Volunteers making use of the Range by
means of a new gate north of the Swimming Bath is small, and the
Council, after some discussion, unanimously confirms its former
decision on the point.

Tenders for Khaki Serge and Bedford Cord. The proposals of
Mr W.B.O. Middleton in regard to the tenders received in response
to Specifications Nos 1 and 2 are read, and his recommendations
adopted. While not recommending the lowest of the tenders received,
Mr Middleton gives adequate reasons for the opinions he expresses.

Police Force, Tenders for Khaki Drill, Khaki Cord and Camlet.

Similar proposals in respect to Police Tenders Nos 7, 8 and 9 are
submitted and approved.

The Alhambra. A Police Report is submitted, notifying the Council of further complaints in respect to the nuisance due to noise during the night at this establishment and at the Maxim Gardens. Colonel Bruce suggests that, after further official letters of warning, the road access to these resorts be cut off. The Chairman has formed the impression that the Council may be going too far in the interests of the residents in this locality, whose contributions to the public funds are of a very insignificant character. After some discussion it is decided to enquire from Mr R.W. Shaw whether the nuisance due to the Alhambra is actually as serious as has been stated, and to invoke the assistance of the French Consul General in controlling the management of Maxim Gardens.

With regard to a second letter from Mr Douglas protesting at the discontinuance of the electricity supply after midnight at the Alhambra, Mr Figge is of opinion that the Council should not enter into any correspondence on the subject. Mr Ezra, however, proposes that a reply be sent indicating that the Council is not conscious of having broken any contract to supply light, but has made a new condition of supply, that, in the case of houses of public entertainment beyond Settlement limits which do not close at midnight, the supply of electricity will be discontinued at that hour. This suggestion is adopted.

Land Commission. The resignation of Mr J.R. Patterson of his office of Commissioner is submitted and accepted with regret. It is decided to take the necessary steps for filling the vacancy so created.

Ichang and West Soochow Roads. The reply of Messrs the Naigai Wata Kaisha to the Council's letter on the subject of the path adjoining these roads is submitted, desiring permission to close the path at night during their building operations. In reply it is decided to state that such permission is beyond the Council's power to grant, except with the assent of the adjoining owners.

Tramways. A note from the Tramway Company indicates readiness to inaugurate through running during next week. The Council sanctions this step in accordance with the conditions already recorded.

The Municipal Gazette for August 15 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. It is decided to postpone publication of the correspondence on the subject of Charity Organisation, the Chairman stating that Mr Walker is desirous of meeting the Watch Committee for further discussion of the subject, at which meeting he also will be present.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 21, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figgo
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
 E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of August 16,
 are submitted and confirmed with the exception of those under the
 headings Cooking Load, Astor House and Chinese Brothels. In regard
 to these three minutes, two of which involve specially reduced rates
 for particular consumers, the Chairman has seen Mr Burkill and
 arranged with him that the Council's sanction of the proposed
 arrangements shall be deferred until the return of Mr Pearce, whose
 intimate knowledge of the working of the Department will be of
 advantage to the Council in deciding whether or no the discount
 rates are not being stretched to an unprofitable limit. He has
 consented to Mr Aldridge's request that, if hereafter his proposals
 are adopted, the ruling shall ^{in the case of Shu Kee} be made retrospective. The Council
 generally confirms the Chairman's view, and the minutes are
 confirmed with the foregoing reservation.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of August 19 are
 submitted and confirmed.

Public Gambling. Letters have been received from the Consul General for
 Denmark and the Senior Consul, and the replies, as despatched and
 prepared for publication, meet with the members' unanimous approval.
 The Chairman states that arguments similar to those used by Mr
 Raaschou are contained in private letters received by himself from
 H.M. Consul General. These with his reply are read. The Chairman
 also states that he has been reproached by the Consul General for
 Austria-Hungary on the grounds that "Mount Pleasant Hotel", the
 first established roulette house, is lighted by electricity from
 the Council's mains. Mr Ezra points out that, were the supply
 discontinued, the proprietors would have no difficulty in obtaining

light from the Chapel Company, but, after some discussion, it is decided to disconnect the house forthwith.

2nd Assistant Superintendent Fenton. A Report by the Captain

Superintendent is read announcing this officer's return to Shanghai without medical certificate and in a condition utterly unfit to resume duty. A letter from Dr Marshall is also read confirming this view of Mr Fenton's state of health. While expressing regret at this abrupt termination of a promising career in the Police Force, the Council considers that there is no alternative but to invalid Mr Fenton from the Service, which is accordingly directed. Some discussion takes place as to financial arrangements, and the question of issuing a gratuity is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee. In this respect the Council would be more favourably disposed towards the case were it not obvious that Mr Fenton was aware of his condition and failed to present himself, as instructed, for examination by Dr Billingham before his departure from England.

Victoria Nursing Home. The Health Officer's proposal to convert No 9

Range Road, at present occupied as Nurses' quarters, into a Maternity Ward is submitted for consideration. Mr Figge, after a personal visit of inspection, reports favourably upon the scheme. Final decision is deferred pending estimates by the Engineer of the cost of the alterations involved, ^{and by the Health Officer of the annual cost of maintenance.} In connexion with this arrangement and with the proposal to utilise the top floor of the Home as an additional ward, the Council sanctions the lease of two additional houses on Mr Goodfellow's lot. It is noted that the proprietor declines to make any contribution to the cost of alterations and repairs, £820.

The suggestion of Dr Nield that the main entrance gate of the Home be widened is adopted. At Mr Figge's suggestion it is also decided to erect a covered way between the Home and the new quarters.

Plague Barrier. At the suggestion of the Health Officer, and after reference to a former minute on the subject, it is decided to remove this barrier, which is falling into a state of disrepair.

Riverine Frontage Lots. The opinion of Messrs Platt Teesdale & Macleod on the point raised by Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co.Ld. is read, and it is decided to reply in accordance with the suggestion therein contained. The Council is unanimous that this claim for reduced taxation must be resisted to the uttermost.

Trust Funds Investment. Messrs A.L. Anderson & Co. write resenting the Treasurer's treatment of certain offers of debentures, alleged to have been made by them about three weeks ago. A note from the Treasurer denies the principal allegation in respect to French Municipal Debentures, stated to have been offered at £102. Messrs Anderson's letter appears to Mr Gulland to be entitled to no reply, but it is decided, after a preliminary enquiry as to facts, to furnish a brief acknowledgment, declining payment of brokerage as requested.

Statue of Sir Robert Hart. Mr Gulland submits the minutes of a recent meeting of the Committee in charge of this matter, with a model of the statue which it is proposed to erect. It is noted that the Committee will address the Council later on the subject of the site.

Wild Animals. An offer by Mr F.E. Schnorr of certain animals for exhibition in one of the Recreation Grounds is submitted and declined with thanks.

The Municipal Gazette for August 22, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to a note in the Report of the Superintendent of Parks on the subject of Quinsan Square the Council confirms the view of Mr Ambrose that the gates should be closed at midnight, and directions are given accordingly.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 28, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E. E. Clark
 E. I. Ezra
 H. C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A. R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. W. Burkill
 H. Figge
 E. C. Pearce

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of August 22 are
 submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of
Charity Organisation, at Mr Walker's suggestion a second letter
 has been addressed to him setting forth the conclusions at which
 the Committee arrived, and the whole correspondence is now complete
 for publication.

Mr Fenton. The Chairman after an interview with Mr Selby Moore,
 is disposed to take a more lenient view of this officer's conduct
 in regard to his return to Shanghai. Some discussion ensues as to
 the amount of the gratuity recommended by the Committee, and the
 members generally are favourable to its increase to \$4000. With
 regard to Mr Fenton's movements and to the investment of his funds,
 the Council is not prepared to take any action officially. The
 cost of his passage to England will be included in the cheque handed
 to him, upon the assumption that he will return to England.

Case of P. C. Aitkenhead. The Captain Superintendent forwards a
 further letter from this constable, renewing his application for
 leave. The Council is unwilling to grant him any special terms
 as regards his passage, and his ticket will be procured for him in
 the usual way. The question of the return of this constable's wife
 to Shanghai is a matter within his own discretion.

Polytechnic School Lease. Draft of this document submitted by the Legal
 Advisers is approved. The Chairman points out that the undertaking
 in Clause 7 that the whole of the income derived from the premises
 shall be used for the objects and purposes mentioned in the lease,
 may hamper the Council in the future as regards the school fee
 schedule. On the other hand it is pointed out that surplus funds

may be applied to the building, to the development of the library, and to the determination of the successive sub-leases so that the whole site may be cleared for school use.

American Consular Gaol. A Report by the Captain Superintendent points out that the gaol arrangements are so faulty that it is unfair to impose any responsibility in respect of the Indian constables hired as watchmen. He suggests communication to the Consul General in this sense. The Chairman points out that the responsibility rests entirely with the Consulate, the Council's only duty being to provide intelligent and disciplined watchmen. The Council concurs in the view that it would be inadvisable to address the Consul General in the matter, but the Chairman undertakes to see Mr Dorsey with a view to improved gaol arrangements, unless such have already been made.

Victoria Nursing Home Maternity Ward. From estimates submitted it appears that the cost of converting No 9 Range Road to this purpose will be £2845; while the annual maintenance, including interest on the original cost of the property, will amount to £3355 per annum. The Council is conscious that the Ward will not improbably be used largely by residents beyond limits and from outports; at the same time it is generally regarded as a local necessity, and the fee schedule is already as high as it can reasonably be made. It is therefore decided that no course remains but to adopt the Health Officer's proposals, which are accordingly authorised.

Ordure Collection. A proposal by certain Japanese is submitted, to take over this work for a period of 10 years, the ordure to be treated chemically instead of being used for agricultural purposes as at present. Generally speaking the Council is opposed to any such change, but the suggestion of the Health Officer is adopted that, as the current contract expires at the end of this year, tenders be invited forthwith, when Mr Kutami will be able to submit his proposals for comparison with others received. In any case the Council is unwilling to make a contract for a longer period than three years.

Trust Funds Investment. A second letter from Messrs A.L. Anderson & Co. suggests that the question of brokerage on their offer of French Municipal debentures be submitted to arbitration. The Finance Committee has arrived at the conclusion that the Acting treasurer was at fault in submitting an offer at 103 without mention of the previous offer, however small, at a lower rate. As regards Messrs Anderson's proposal, it is decided to reply briefly declining.

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Land Commission. The Council notes that only one nomination for the vacant Commissionership has been received, that of Mr H.A.J. Macray, who thus becomes Commissioner for the remainder of the Municipal year.

The Bund. A letter from the Shanghai Club is submitted, informing the Council that the request of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Id. to set forward their new building, has been declined. The Council maintains the decision in this matter formerly recorded, to leave the onus of preventing the proposed encroachment upon the Club, and otherwise to take no part in the discussion.

Foreign Building Rules. A letter from the Shanghai Fire Insurance Association is read, in reference to the question of party walls. From a Report by the Engineer in re it appears that the rules sufficiently cover the points raised by the Association. A reply is authorised in this sense, after the documents have been circulated for members perusal.


Cholera. Mr Owen enquires whether the Council can take any action in respect to the quarantine restrictions imposed at Nagasaki, and it is decided to call for a Report from the Health Officer on the subject.

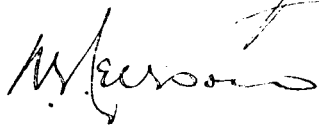
In this connexion the Captain Superintendent draws attention to a false and misleading paragraph which has appeared in the "China Press" on the subject of the condition of the Police messes, which, he points out, undergo adequate supervision. Mr Gulland undertakes to secure that this paragraph be contradicted.

Arrest of Chartered Bank Compradore. A Police Report upon this incident, together with a letter of complaint from the Manager is submitted, and the Chairman points out that, in the first place, the two constables concerned, upon their own admission, were in the wrong when they informed the compradore that if he desired their numbers he should come to the Station. Their denial that they seized him by the arm goes for nothing in the face of the evidence of Mr Toledano. They were further wrong in preventing the use of the foreshore by Mr Livingston's dog coolie. It is decided that the men shall be punished and the Captain Superintendent will be requested to make proposals to this end. Further evidence is also required as to whether the incident with the compradore took place on the foreshore as alleged or on the public approach to the Nanking Road jetty.

The Municipal Gazette for August 29 is submitted in proof and authorised
for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 24, 1912,
at 12 o'clock noon, there are present:

Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 The Captain Superintendent of Police and
 The Secretary

Absent:
 A.W. Burkill
 H. Figge
 E.C. Pearce

Gambling beyond Limits. The Chairman states that this Special Meeting has been convened for the consideration of three letters received from H.M. Consul General, on the subject of the paragraph in the Police Report for August relating to this matter. The first of the letters was a private one addressed to and answered by himself, the second was addressed to the Captain Superintendent of Police who replied after consultation, and the third is addressed officially to the Council. The members present then peruse the whole of the correspondence. The Chairman explains that when his reply was sent to Sir E. Fraser he wrote an expression of thanks in the chit book, and he (Mr De Gray) therefore regarded the matter as closed.

The expression to which Sir E. Fraser objects reads:- "in part due to the timely co-operation of the Consular Authorities concerned and Chinese Police outside limits."

After consultation with the Captain Superintendent, the Chairman proposes a reply making no allusion to the unusual and unwarranted heat of the Consul General's despatch, but stating that the Council sees no more in the words than a simple and accurate statement of fact, adding that other Consulates took some share in the work of suppression.

A draft in this sense was in process of circulation for members' approval when Mr Hide had an ^{and private} unofficial conversation with H.M. Vice Consul, Mr Phillips, as to whether some steps could not be taken to prevent the matter going further. Mr Phillips has suggested that the Captain Superintendent report again to the Council on the subject of the part played by the British Consular Authorities in the matter, ~~but the terms of his draft are such as make it impossible for Colonel Bruce to subscribe to them.~~

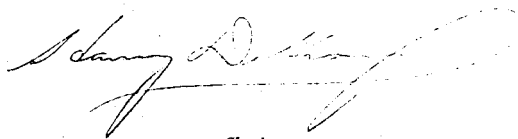
In the discussion which ensues Mr Ezra points out that so far as he is aware the language used by Sir E. Fraser is unprecedented, while the paragraph in the Police Report in question is in fact true and contains no ulterior meaning. The Chairman was under the impression that the letter was intended for publication in the Municipal Gazette, since its only ostensible reason is to correct an alleged wrong impression which the Chinese may have formed as to the Consul General's good faith, when he repudiated any connexion with the Municipal Police in respect to the expedition beyond the limits of the Settlement. Such publication Mr De Gray would regard with regret, as being calculated to bring to light the unpleasant relations which exist, and damage ^{Council and the} the position of the Consul General in the Community.

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The Council is unanimous that the words used cannot be allowed to stand on record unchallenged, for the sake of the dignity of the ^{generally} Council and in the interests of the staff concerned. The draft reply, after some verbal modification, is accordingly approved for despatch; while it is agreed that, if Sir E. Fraser's official letter, as well as his semi-official communication to the Captain Superintendent, are withdrawn, the matter may be considered closed. Whereupon a Report will be forwarded by the Captain Superintendent of Police and included in the Municipal Gazette, along the lines of Mr ^{Hicks} Phillips' draft but with certain necessary changes.

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The meeting adjourns at 1 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

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At a Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday, September 26, 1912,
at 12 o'clock noon, there are present:

Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen and
 The Secretary

Absent:
 A.W. Burkill
 H. Figg
 E.C. Pearce

Gambling beyond Limits. The Chairman states that following the Special Meeting on Tuesday, the Captain Superintendent of Police received a further personal letter from H.M. Consul General explanatory of his former note. This letter Colonel Bruce regards as an apology and as satisfactory so far as he himself is concerned. Whereupon Mr Phillips called upon the Chairman and stated that he would endeavour to secure the Withdrawal of Sir E. Fraser's official letter to the Council. At a subsequent interview he said that he was unable to do this, and expressed the hope that the Council would meet the Consul General half way by replying to his despatch, expressing readiness to receive an assurance that the final paragraph of the letter was not meant to impute wilful misrepresentation on the part of those responsible for the publication of the Police Report for August. Mr Phillips further intimated that if the Council settled the matter on these lines he would hold himself at all times ready to act as intermediary in the settlement of future similar cases.

To this account the Chairman adds that if the Council is unwilling to adopt this course, he foresees continued strained relations with H.M. Consul General and consequent inconvenience.

The proposed reply having been read, Mr Ezra expresses the view that the Council's best course lies in sending the letter as proposed, a view with which Mr Gulland concurs.

The Chairman, after reference to previous sources of dispute in which he has personally done his best to secure co-operative action with the British Consulate, states that while he will find it a humiliating task, he is nevertheless prepared to sign the letter if approved by his colleagues. After some further discussion the draft is approved.

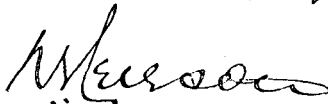
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Mr Ezra considers that Mr Hide is entitled to the Council's thanks for his negotiations in this matter, a view which is unanimously endorsed.

The meeting adjourns at 12.30 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 2, 1912,

at 4:30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
 E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the last Regular Meeting and of the Special Meetings of September 24 and 26 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of September 30 are submitted and confirmed with the following comment:-

Hongkew Recreation Ground. The plan showing the proposed small extension is examined by the Council, and the members generally are of opinion that no more than \$750 should be paid for the Lot, No. 716 Pao.

Public School Site. A note from Mr T.E. Trueman re-opens the question of the path access to the Range on the east of the property; the members undertake to inspect the site personally during the ensuing week.

Custodian of the Town Hall. The circumstances connected with the dismissal of ex-Sergeant Danson having been circulated to the Committee, some discussion ensues as to whether or no his re-engagement is desirable. The Council's decision, upon a show of hands, is in the negative, and the engagement of A. Scougall is approved in consequence.

Volunteer Corps.

German Company. The Commandant submits the resignation of Lieutenant H.A.F. Henniger, owing to his departure from Shanghai, which is accepted with regret.

Electricity Department.

Supply to Chapel. With regard to the request of the Chapel Water & Electricity Company to be supplied with electricity in bulk, the Council is not averse to giving the proposal consideration, the Chairman, however, pointing out that it would be inadvisable to take

any step calculated to embarrass the negotiations for Settlement Extension. The subject may possibly be more ripe for discussion in two weeks time, and in the meanwhile it is decided to ascertain the number and class of consumers in Chapei already supplied from the Council's mains.

Advertising on Standards. The application of the Oriental Advertising Co.Ld. to erect lighted box advertisements on the standards throughout the Settlement is submitted, but the members are unanimously opposed to the project, being of opinion that the disfigurement of the streets would not be justified by the small receipts from current consumed.

Cholera. Mr Owen draws attention to the hardship involved in the Japanese quarantine regulations against the Port of Shanghai, and the Health Officer will be directed to see the Japanese Consul General again with a view to their discontinuance or mitigation.

The meeting adjourns at 5.15 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 9, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill
 E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Visit of Sir Ian Hamilton. The Commandant reports the forthcoming arrival of this officer, and his proposal that a Parade and Inspection of the Corps be held on October 29 is adopted.

American Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the promotion of Lieutenant Sauer to be Captain is approved.

Transfer of Rifle Range. The Chairman and Watch Committee, accompanied by the Commandant and Major Trueman, have visited the Range and, upon their recommendation, it is decided to leave a 12-foot path on the east of the Public School Site, provisionally open. The question of its permanence will be left for decision hereafter. It is pointed out that the Public School Committee stipulated that the building should be not less than 75 feet from the boundary, and that if there is any possibility of this being materially reduced it would be preferable to erect the new building further to the west. The Council thereupon agrees that the whole of the land as far as the North Szechuen Road on the west shall be allotted to the School, and that the building may be placed in the middle of the lot should the Committee so direct.

As regards the Corps sheds it appears that they may conveniently be placed within the Range itself since for such firing as is probable at 900 and 1000 yards 6 targets suffice. Plans will therefore be prepared showing alternative positions on the east and west for the Council's selection.

A complaint by the Commandant is submitted that throughout he has not been consulted in regard to the transfer of the Range. The matter is referred to the Watch Committee for investigation.

Police Force.

Case of Warder Doowra. A Police Report is read enumerating repeated instances of drunkenness and insubordination on the part of Warder Doowra, and recommending his dismissal. As this employe's agreement has less than three months to run it is suggested that his punishment take the form of non-renewal, but the Council considers that the discipline of the Force as a whole calls for the penalty customary in such cases.

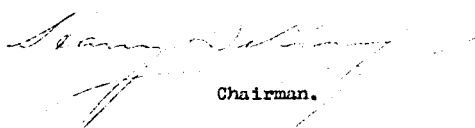
The Yangkingpang. Acting on reports by the Health Officer and the Engineer, it is decided to approach the French Council officially with a view to joint action in the matter of dredging this waterway the condition of which urgently calls for such treatment.


Messrs Sassoon's Land Cases. The Legal Adviser forwards a communication from Messrs Drummonds containing the proposal that the Nanking & Kiangse and the Dixwell Road cases be referred again to the Land Commission. The Council is not averse to this course provided the new Awards are accepted as final and that the firm defrays the legal costs already incurred. As regards the demand, suggested by Mr McNeill that the defendants consent to judgment, the members are of opinion that the point should not be pressed.

Electricity Department. Reports by the Electrical Engineer and the Captain Superintendent of Police are submitted proposing the engagement of 3 additional Sikh watchmen at the Riverside Station, until such time as occupation of the European quarters begins. This proposal, also that the men be armed, is recommended by the Electricity Committee and is accordingly approved.

Quarantine. The Health Officer reports to the effect that the Japanese Consulate has undertaken to communicate with the Authorities with a view to discontinuance of quarantine against vessels from Shanghai.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 16, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

E.E. Clark

H. Figge

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

A.R. Owen

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

A.W. Burkill

E.I. Ezra

E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of October 14 are
submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of
October 15 are submitted and confirmed. This Committee now takes its
place as an ordinary Sub-Committee of the Council, and its members
will in the future be nominated by the Council annually.

Volunteer Corps.

Customs Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a
commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr H.S.
Sweeting.

Transfer of Rifle Range. A Report and Plan by the Engineer are
submitted showing three suggested alternative positions for the S.V.C.
Huts. No one of these sites is that suggested by Colonel Barnes and
Major Trueman to the Watch Committee on the ground, and it is decided
to call for a further plan, to be compiled by the Engineer after
consultation with the Commandant.

With regard to the question as to whether the huts shall be on
the east or the west side, it is clear to the Watch Committee that the
predilection of the Volunteer Officers for the former is due to a
determination to preserve the path on the east of the school site, and
not to real consideration of the convenience of those making use of
the huts.

Policing the Jessfield Road. A Police Report forwards an official despatch
from the "District Court" in Jessfield village announcing certain
changes in organization. As it is probable that this move will be
followed by an attempt to police and control the high-road, the members

consider it advisable to forward a copy of the despatch to the Consular Body with a request that the Senior Consul will notify the Chinese Authorities that the road must continue to be maintained and patrolled by the Council.

Port Health Work. A letter from Dr Patrick is submitted, applying for the appointment of Deputy Port Health Officer, together with a Report from the Health Officer on the subject generally. The Council sees little or no advantage to be gained by adopting the proposal that the port sanitary work be transferred to the Municipal Health Office, but, on the other hand, would not be adverse to Dr Stanley discussing the matter further with the Commissioner of Customs. In reply to Dr. Patrick, it is decided to point out that the position for which he applies is already occupied, and that if he desires the appointment of Port Health Officer, vacated by the resignation of Dr Cox, his application should be addressed to the Commissioner.

Messrs Burkill's Waste Silk Mill. With reference to the letter of the Japanese Consul General on the subject of this mill as a source of infection and a nuisance, the Health Officer reports substantially to the effect that no cause for the Council's intervention has been shown. It is decided to reply in terms of Dr Stanley's letter.

Riverine Frontage Lots. A letter from the Shanghai & Hongkei Wharf Co.Ltd. is submitted, assenting to pay Land Tax in full for the current year under protest, intimating also that they will co-operate with other owners similarly situated in future. It is decided to publish the whole of the correspondence for general information.

Traveways. Marking-Chokiang Road Turn-out. The period of two months having elapsed since the footpath at this corner was set back, and in the absence of any evidence as to inconvenience having been caused thereby, it is decided to issue the permit for the turn-out for which the Company applied.

Public School. A Report by the Engineer is submitted urgently recommending the substitution of steel for wooden casements in the new building, at an additional cost of £5275. Mr Clark points out that the elimination of steel casements was one of the methods adopted to bring the original estimate within the Council's limit of £65000 for the building, and in his opinion, also in that of Mr Rigge, it appears inadvisable, now that the contract has been signed, to approve this large sum as an extra. After some further discussion it is decided that the casements shall be of teak.

Mixed Court. A note from the American Assessor discusses the Pay and duties of Dr Ransom in connexion with the Court, and the matter is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

A letter from the Senior Consul enquires as to the health of a prisoner of the name of Wan Fu-hua for whose release a petition has been received. A Police Report on the case will be submitted in the course of a few days.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

Chairman.

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 23, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

E.E. Clark

E.I. Ezma

H. Figge

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

A.R. Owen

E.C. Pearce

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of October 15 are submitted and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of October 17 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of Unregistered Land Mr Pearce is of opinion that the publication of the Council's conclusions may result in instigating some form of taxation by the Chinese Authorities. The Chairman has no misgivings on this point in the assurance that any such attempt would be promptly checked. On the other hand, he would prefer to discuss the matter informally with the Senior Consul in the first place, and this course is accordingly approved.

Municipal Loans. At the suggestion of Mr Hide it is decided to insert a clause recording the Committee's opinion that brokerage on the sale of Race Club debentures was not properly payable. The Chairman and Mr Figge are of opinion that such debentures should not strictly speaking be found amongst the Council's Trust Funds, and they accordingly regard this sale with satisfaction.

Volunteer Corps.

Transfer of Rifle Range. A further Report by the Engineer is read indicating the views of Colonel Barnes and Major Trueman on the subject of the new site for the Ruts. It is decided to obtain a written report from the Commandant on this subject, and in particular an explanation of his reasons for regarding Sites I and II, in the former plans, as impossible.

German Company. With the approval of the Watch Committee a commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr W. Kupper.

Police Force, Foreign Branch. The Captain Superintendent forwards the resignations of Constables Appleton and Freer who have completed nine months probation. The Watch Committee approves their acceptance. This, together with the signature of his agreement by Constable Porter, terminates the system of probationary periods for constables enlisted in England, the introduction of which has been fruitful of so much difficulty and expense, and which has resulted in the loss of 16 men during the current year.

Russian Exhibition at Bijou Theatre. A Report by the Health Officer is submitted on the "Panopticon" Exhibition now open to the public. The circumstances under which this show was licensed are stated, and the Council is unanimously of opinion that steps should be taken to close the anatomical section. At the Chairman's request Mr Figge undertakes to see the Russian Consul General in the matter with a view to this end.

Mixed Court. A letter from the Magistrate is read on the subject of the proposed demolition of the Chinese house situated between the Women's Gaol and the Court Building. Mr Kwan is desirous of superintending this work himself, under the mistaken impression that the proceeds of the old materials will exceed the cost of the wall which it is desired to erect across the site. The Engineer is obtaining tenders which will be handed informally, upon their receipt, to the Senior Consul, to whom the Magistrate has also addressed himself in the matter.

Port Health Work. A letter from the Commissioner of Customs is read informing the Council of the nomination of Dr C. Bennett to the post of Port Health Officer vice Dr R. Cox resigned. The members endorse the view expressed by Mr Owen that the Council, as one of the chief contributors to the cost of the Woosung Station, should have been consulted before this appointment was finally arranged, and it is decided, in acknowledging Mr Merrill's letter, to place this aspect of the matter before him.

Ordure Contract. A Report from the Health Officer forwards the tenders received in response to the Health Department Specification No. 1, together with the results of his enquiries into the standing of the four highest tenderers. After some discussion Dr Stanley's recommendation is endorsed that the contract be given to Wong Yong Kee, the highest tenderer, upon the understanding that his deposit will be, as in previous years, in cash.

Messrs Sassoon's Land Cases. A letter from the Legal Adviser is submitted forwarding correspondence with Messrs Drummond White-Cooper & Oppe on the subject of the proposed re-reference of these cases to the Land Commission. It appears possible to the Chairman that direct discussion with Messrs Sassoon might more readily lead to settlement, and Mr Ezra, who has already had some conversation with Mr Nissim on the subject, undertakes, at the Council's request, to go further into the matter. There appears to be no doubt that both parties are prepared to accept the Land Commission's new awards as final and binding without reference to the Arbitration Act, and upon withdrawal by the Council from the proceedings in the Supreme Court, and by Messrs David Sassoon & Co.Ld. in the Court of Consuls, the only remaining question is that of costs. The Chairman states that, as a matter of principle, the Council must insist upon payment.

Electricity Department, 3-phase Sub-Station. A note from the Rev. Brother Mouly expresses readiness to sell to the Council the strip required ex Lot 472, Chokiang Road, for the sum of £4500. Upon the recommendation of the Works Committee it is decided to accept the offer.


Water Supply beyond Limits. A note from the Court of Consuls refers to the fact that the deposit of £2000 has been refunded to the Chapel Water Company, and accordingly returns the permit issued by the Council to lay their mains under the North Szechuen Road.

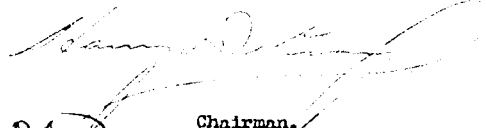
Yangtzepoo Market Site. With reference to the sites submitted by the Engineer in September of last year, the Council approves further negotiation and enquiry in regard to that marked (B). This lot, situated at the corner of the Yangtzepoo and Quetta Roads, is regarded as more suitable than that scheduled in the official plans.

The Municipal Gazette for October 24 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. As regards the

Mixed Court Report it is decided to omit the whole of the section relating to criminal cases, the Council being of opinion that, unless such cases involve a point of principle or procedure calling for attention, no useful purpose is served by their inclusion.

The meeting adjourns at 5.35 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 30, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.W. Burkill

The minutes of the last meeting are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of October 21, are
 submitted and confirmed. With reference to the question of the
 land added to the

Hongkew Recreation Ground, the Chairman considers that its remote
 situation renders it less suitable as a flower garden than an
 equivalent area at the south end of the Ground. The Council notes
 that no action will be taken in the matter for the present.

Volunteer Corps. Transfer of Rifle Range. After some discussions the
 Council unanimously decides upon Position No V for the Corps Huts,
 upon the very definite understanding that the path on the east of the
 Range is a temporary measure only, to be removed when the tram-line
 is extended to the west. This position, between the 800 and 900 yards
 firing mounds, will allow of a carriage stand on its south, and the
 Council therefore considers that the existing width of 12 feet for the
 path is sufficient.

Survey of the Soochow Creek. A letter from the Engineer-in-chief of the
 Conservancy Board informs the Council that this Creek is about to be
 surveyed and desires the necessary permission with respect to the
 section traversing the Settlement. The Council considers that such
 would be a general convenience and a reply is directed giving the
 necessary assent.

Shanghai Library. A further letter from the Honorary Secretary of the
 Library clears up the matter of the admission of Chinese by leaving
 it in the Council's hands, an arrangement which the members consider
 satisfactory.

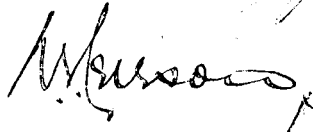
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Boy Scouts. The suggestion of the Chairman of the Boy Scouts' Council that his office be vested in a member of the Municipal Council is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Secretariat. An application by the Secretary for two months' leave from December 2 is approved.

The Municipal Gazette of October 31 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.5 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 6, 1912.

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
A.R. Owen
E.G. Pearce
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of November 1 are submitted and confirmed, with the exception of that under the heading

Financial Statement. In this matter the Chairman expresses himself strongly opposed to the augmentation of the Department's capital by the amount of pay issued to employes engaged on the new construction work. Mr De Gray's arguments against the Committee's decision meet with almost unanimous confirmation at the hands of the Council, and the minute is accordingly reversed.

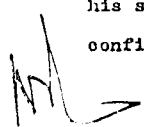
As regards the special rates granted to Shun Kee and the Astor House Hotel, Mr Pearce undertakes to take these matters up at the next meeting of the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 4 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the suggested small Public Garden at

The Point, the Chairman states that the suggestion emanated rather from the Municipal Engineer than from the Waterworks Company; the wording of the Committee's minute is thus based on a misconception.

Street Advertising. After some discussion as to Mr Hayter's application, it is decided, upon a show of hands, to decline issue of the permit desired.

Fire Brigade. The Acting Chief Officer notifies the resignation of Mr D.H. Cooke, Foreman of the Victoria Company. The appointment of his successor, Mr A.G. Mossop, on election by the Company, is confirmed by the Council.



Policing beyond Limits. A Police Report on the arrest of P.C. Hall by the Chapel Police, is submitted, and Hall's account of the incident is read. In further explanation the Chairman recounts the part he played in the matter. Mr Ezra has information to the effect that the man was set at liberty probably as a result of the intervention of Ivan Chen, though he has little doubt that the prompt appearance of the large body of Police expedited matters. It is decided to forward the substance of Hall's narrative for the information of the Consular Body, adding that, upon first receipt of the report of the arrest, instructions were given to the Captain Superintendent to secure the man's return.

Public Gambling. A Police Report is submitted to the effect that public roulette has been resumed at Mount Pleasant. Noting that the property has been transferred to the name of Mr S. Fessenden, an American citizen, information has been laid before the United States District Attorney. As, however, Mr Hinckley has left Shanghai, the Chairman undertakes to discuss the matter further with the American Consul General.

Plague. The Health Officer reports one human case of plague in the Chili Road, and six suspects. It does not appear that any action is called for at present, but the Council desires to be informed daily as to the development of the outbreak, and as to the steps which the Health Department is taking for its suppression.

Sassoon Land Cases. The Legal Adviser forwards a letter from Messrs Drummond White-Cooper & Oppe still declining to pay the Council's law costs in these cases. Mr Ezra has been unable up to the present to induce the firm to concede this point, but the Chairman considers that as a matter of principle an undertaking to pay all costs must precede the stay of proceedings. A reply in this sense is directed.

Boy Scouts. With regard to the suggestion of the Chairman of the Boy Scouts' Council, that his office be vested in a member of the Municipal Council, the Watch Committee endorses the view that acceptance of the proposal would court complication as regards the Baden Powell Boy Scouts. For this and other reasons, it is decided to reply declining the proposal.


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Public Band. The Chairman is in receipt of a note from Sir H. de Sausmarcz requiring the Town Hall on November 17 and 18 for the Annual Show of the Horticultural Society. Compliance with this request will further postpone the opening performance of the Band to November 24. After some discussion, it is decided to acquiesce in the Society's request.

Electricity Supply beyond Limits. With regard to the interference by the Chapei Police with the Electricity Department in making connexions on a large estate of the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. on the west of the North Szechuen Road, it is decided to communicate the facts to the Consular Body with a request for the necessary representations in the matter. A letter in this sense is read and signed for despatch.

The Municipal Gazette of November 7 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 20, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., these are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figgé
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting are submitted, confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 15 are
 submitted and confirmed with the following notes:-

Victoria Nursing Home, Maternity Ward. A note from the Engineer
 points out that the hot water installation will actually cost £450,
 but the Council regards the work as necessary and sanctions the
 increased estimate.

Markets. The Chairman will request Mrs Merriman to note and report
 in future any specific case of cruelty, which will at once be
 investigated under the Committee's instructions.

Case of Mr Paterson's Riasha. The Chairman states that his attention
 has been drawn to this case by Mr Phillips, H.M. Vice-Consul, adding
 that if further allusion is made to the matter he will re-introduce
 it for discussion.

Mixed Court, Medical Attendance. The Chairman states that Dr
 Ransom's remuneration is under discussion between the Senior and
 American Consuls. In these circumstances it is decided to take no
 action in the matter for the present.

Junior Officers. The Chairman and Mr Pearce dissent from the
 suggestion that Mr Martin be transferred from the Mixed Court where
 his work has earned the appreciation of the public, and in particular
 of the Consular Officials interested. Any change of the present
 scheme of work at the Court would in the Chairman's opinion militate
 against the successful retention by the Council of Police control.

The question of appointing another Cadet is considered to be
 closely associated with the more important one of the headship of
 the Force. The Council therefore defers its discussion until later.

Case of Mr Springfield. The wording of this minute is amended at Mr Durkill's request.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of November 19 are read and confirmed without comment.

Volunteer Corps, Staff. The extension of the leave granted to Major Hanwell to January 23, 1913, is, upon the recommendation of the Commandant, approved.

Public Gambling. The reply of the Italian Consul General to the Council's letter on the subject of the resumption of gambling at 'Mount Pleasant' is submitted, and further Police investigations are directed with a view to ascertaining whether Mr Soelsi's prohibition has proved effective.

Captain Superintendent of Police. Two semi-official notes from Colonel Bruce to the Chairman are submitted, indicating his desire to be relieved from duty at some convenient date during next summer. With regard to the appointment of his successor, the Council unanimously adopts the recommendation of the Chairman that no decision be arrived at or recorded until shortly before the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, when the Council's proposals may be simultaneously recorded and published.

In anticipation that he will not be present when this question is debated, Mr De Gray records his own view appreciative of the good work performed by the Deputy Superintendent and Senior Assistant Superintendent. In fairness to these two officers he considers that, upon the headship of the Force falling vacant, they should receive the promotion for which they are entitled to look. Mr Figge alludes to the question of military rank necessary if the Council desires that the Captain Superintendent shall take charge of the Defence Forces of the Settlement in the event of riot. The whole question is however deferred for consideration in February next.

Electrical Engineer. Noting the expiry of Mr Aldridge's agreement in April next, the Electricity Committee recommends that it be renewed with pay at the maximum rate recently fixed for the post, viz. £1100 per mensem, inclusive of all Allowances. This recommendation has the endorsement of the Finance Committee and of the Council; it is therefore decided to offer Mr Aldridge renewal upon these terms.

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Ellis Kadoorie Public School for Chinese. The inauguration ceremony having been fixed for Monday next, November 25, the Council approves the proposal to invite Mr Tsen Chuan-hsüan to address the assembled boys and visitors.

Fire Brigade. With regard to the proposed display by the Fire Brigade on the Bund on December 7, which has received the approval of the Watch Committee, a letter from Mr Teesdale, Chairman of the Parks Committee, is read protesting in the strongest terms against such use of the Foreshore. The Council is aware that this display is calculated to gratify the members of the Brigade, and in these circumstances overrides the objection. Mr Burkill undertakes to communicate with Mr Teesdale in the matter.

Electricity Department. Specifications Nos 54/7 for cable and motors are authorised to be advertised, tenders to be received by January 6.

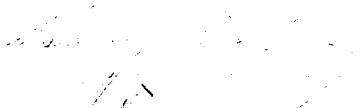
Municipal Buildings Committee. The Chairman recounts the progress which this Committee has made, stating that the examination of Departmental Schedules has been completed, and that the Committee is now approaching ^{the} report stage. In view of his approaching departure from Shanghai on January 10, and of the necessity that the Chairman of this Committee should be in intimate concurrence with its ultimate recommendations, he suggests that at the conclusion of the meeting next ensuing he should resign, and his place be taken by the Chairman of Council elect. With the members' approval, therefore he will make a statement to this effect at the next meeting of the Committee, and the matter will receive the attention of the Council next week.

Sassoon Land Cases. A note from the Legal Advisers is read forwarding correspondence with Messrs Drummonds confirming the proposed terms of settlement, viz. that the costs on both sides shall be paid by Messrs Sassoon and that the two cases shall be again referred for consideration by the Land Commission.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 27, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Medical Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the commission of Lieutenant C.N. Davis is authorised for renewal with effect from November 17.

Commandant's Application for Leave. A further letter from Colonel Barnes on this subject is read, in which he bases his claim for leave on the Council's Standing Orders, and on the precedent established in the case of his predecessor. The Watch Committee considers that the Standing Order in question does not apply to a seconded officer whose service with the Council has a maximum period of five years. As regards the terms under which Colonel Watson's leave was granted, it is directed that the whole of the correspondence in re be circulated for the Committee's information, who will make a recommendation on the subject at the next meeting of the Council.

Gambling beyond Limits. A Police Report is submitted relating to the electrically charged roulette wheel, of which a demonstration was recently made at H.M. Consular Gaol. It is decided to forward a copy of the descriptive note on this wheel to H.M. Consul General and, thereafter, with his permission, to publish the correspondence, so that the character of the device may become generally known.

A further Police Report intimates that gambling is still proceeding at "Mount Pleasant" nightly, the arrangements being in the hands of the same group of operators as heretofore. It is decided to transmit this statement to the Consul General for Italy in evidence that his prohibition order is being ignored. The Captain Superintendent also refers to the connexion of the American Pricce with the establishment, and to the fact that British subjects are

employed as gatemen and otherwise. It is directed that the evidence on these two heads be communicated by Colonel Bruce respectively to the United States District Attorney and H.M. Crown Advocate. If these measures do not prove successful, it will be necessary to address the Senior Consul again on the matter.

Chapei Board of Control and Police. The attention of the Council is drawn to the notice appearing in this morning's newspapers in which the Chapei 'Board of Control' announces the levy of a general municipal rate of 20 % per annum on shops etc., and 7 % on dwelling houses. The legality of this unprecedented levy as regards Foreign registered properties is open to question, but the Chairman would prefer that protest come rather from the large land-owners interested than from the Council. He considers it probable that the intervention of the Council in the matter would be associated with the demand for the extension of the Settlement, and undertakes to have an interview with the Senior Consul on the subject in the first place, so that he may ascertain what view the Consular Body holds on the subject.

Mr Figge has drawn attention to the persistency with which bodies of Chapei Police and Volunteers, under arms, are crossing the North Szechuen Road, and he advocates some steps for stopping the practice. The Chairman points out that the Council's former letter to the Consular Body on the subject, written at the time when the Waterworks dispute was at its height, is still unanswered; he will mention this matter also to the Senior Consul.

Nursing Staff. A Report by the Health Officer is submitted, forwarding a communication from the Colonial Nursing Association on the subject of the standard of nurses who have recently come out, and their pay. Mr Burkill concurs in the view which the Health Officer expresses on this subject, while Mr Figge points out that the Association considers the present scale of pay fairly good and adequate.

The Council is informed that a request for improved terms of service has been received from the Assistant Mistresses of the Public School, and, after some discussion, these two correlated questions are referred for general consideration by the Finance Committee.

Yangkingsang. In compliance with the request of the French Council, it is decided to furnish particulars as to the probable cost of dredging this Creek, and as to the manner in which this work will proceed.

Rifle Range. A Report by the Engineer describes the procedure which he proposes to follow in destroying the old Butt and bringing the new

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Range into use. With the approval of the Watch and Works Committees, this Report is adopted.


Tramways, Loops in Seward Road. With regard to the Company's application for three additional loops to provide a to-and-fro service in this road, the Engineer and the Captain Superintendent report adversely. Nevertheless it appears to Mr. Clark that the Company would not apply unless there were a demand on the part of the travelling public for the facilities in question. Mr. Ezra points out that the loops will be a less impediment to traffic if placed symmetrically in the middle of the road, and the Council sanctions the issue of the necessary permit if the plan be altered in this way.

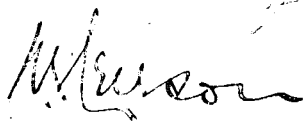
Trust Funds Investment. The Treasurer reports that the Trust Funds requiring investment at the end of the year will amount to about \$200000, and, as the Finance Committee has experienced difficulty in purchasing local debentures at reasonable rates, it is decided to deposit this amount for one year in the Hongkong Bank at 5 % interest.

Municipal Buildings Committee. Mr. Clark proposes that the vacancy in this Committee, due to the forthcoming retirement of the Chairman, be filled by the appointment of Mr. Burkill, and his proposal is unanimously adopted. Mr. Burkill points out that he is about to retire from the Council at the end of the present Municipal year; he nevertheless assents to serve.

The Municipal Gazette of November 28 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 4, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

E.F. Clark

E.I. Ezra

H. Figge

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

A.R. Owen

E.C. Pearoe

The Acting Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting are submitted, confirmed and signed by
the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of November 28 are
submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 2 are
submitted and confirmed with the following notes:-

Hongkew Market. The provision of additional passages at right angles
to the stalls is a suggestion rather than a direction.

Boundary Stone "A". With reference to the very small estimated cost,
it is directed that information be submitted to the Works Committee
hereafter showing the expenditure actually incurred.

Architectural Branch. Mr Owen having re-perused the Engineer's
reports, suggests that the submission of plans for the Central
Offices by competition may involve less demands upon the Architectural
Office during 1913 than the Engineer appears to anticipate. Pending
further report by him on this point, final sanction of the engagement
of an additional Architectural Assistant is deferred.

Volunteer Corps.

Headquarters' Staff. The General Officer Commanding in Hongkong
notifies the appointment by the War Office of Sergeant J.R. Taylor
1st Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment to the vacancy in the
Headquarters Staff.

Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant and
with the approval of the Watch Committee, six months leave of absence
is granted to 2nd Lieutenant K.D. Stewart, with effect from December
15.

Commandant's Application for Leave. The Watch Committee has perused the correspondence in this connexion.

Under the terms of the letter from the War Office relating to Colonel Barnes' appointment, the Council disposes of his services until completion of 5 years; thus if leave is granted it should properly be granted by the War Office, which will thereafter not improbably request reimbursement of the six months pay involved.

No stipulation as to leave was made in Colonel Barnes' case; the wording of the official communication from the War Office as to his appointment leaves the Council an unfettered option on the point. So far as his service with the Council is concerned he is thus in no way entitled to the leave for which he applies.

In Mr Figge's opinion, in recognition of the fact that Colonel Barnes has apparently been under the erroneous impression that he would receive this advantage; and with a view to the avoidance of any possible difficulty subsequently with the War Office, he might be granted three months leave by way of compromise; and in this proposal the Watch Committee concurs.

After some discussion Mr Ezra expresses his doubt that a compromise of this kind would prove satisfactory, and it is decided that the preferable course is to grant the leave for which application is made, ^{from} with a date six months prior to the expiry of the five years period of service. In order that this decision may not hereafter be cited as establishing a precedent for the treatment of future Commandants it is directed that the Council's views be explained to Colonel Barnes in an official communication, showing clearly that it is based only upon the fact that he has misunderstood the conditions of his service by reason of the exceptional indulgence sanctioned in the case of Colonel Watson.

In view of a generally expressed desire, to which Mr Burkill refers, that the Corps shall not be left for any period without a professional officer in command, correspondence with the War Office as to the appointment of a successor will proceed immediately.

Fire Brigade Motor Plant. The recommendations of Mr Pett upon the tenders received for new motor plant for the Brigade at an aggregate cost, including freight, of £3,300 are submitted, and, with the approval of the Watch Committee, effect will be given thereto forthwith.

Acting Chief Officer. Mr Burkill states that Mr Maophall has expressed his feeling that he should receive some gratuity in recognition of his services as Chief Officer or should at least be reimbursed the expenditure incurred in assisting Mr Pett to obtain

acquaintance with the Brigade and its needs during his visit. Mr Burkill points out that if his request for a gratuity were entertained a similar claim might follow from Mr Bidwell who served as Chief Engineer during seventeen years and this could under such circumstances hardly be refused.

Reference is made to the large expenditure on the Brigade motor car which has been in the constant private use of Mr Macphail and his friends, and the Chairman states that this has also come to his personal notice. Mr Burkill undertakes to mention these points and to that end he will be furnished with the details of expenditure on locomotion in the Brigade and the Police Force which have recently been inspected by the Finance Committee.

Gambling beyond Limits. Further investigations have shown that the Italian Consul General's prohibition has not proved effective. The property is still registered in his Consulate: he states that the owner is unable to dispose of it to the prospective purchasers, who are the tenants, until he can produce a title deed: that the nature of the agreement of tenancy is such that the owner is precluded from entry into the premises, or intervention as to the use to which they are put; and that the tenants are, he believes, of Spanish nationality.

A second communication has been addressed to him, again requesting him to bring pressure to bear upon the owner, with a view to the ejection of the tenants who are using the premises for the illegal purpose in question.

Policing beyond Limits. With reference to the incident in connexion with the arrest of P.C. Hall a lengthy despatch from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs is forwarded by the Consular Body with a request for the Council's reply. There can be little to add to the former communication on this subject, but the reply will be deferred pending submission of the usual Police comment.

Yangkingpang. Particulars of the estimated cost, £3300, and the method of dredging this Creek, are submitted with a Report by the Health Officer suggesting that, as the best season for the work has almost elapsed, it will be advisable to postpone it until the corresponding time next year. Before decision upon this point the definite assent of the French Council to co-operate will be sought.

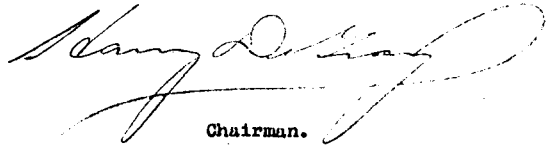
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As regards the correspondence with the Dutch Consular Authorities on the subject of the recent

Disturbances among Sailors, it is decided, after some discussion, to omit its publication. A portion of the correspondence relating to Public Gambling which has taken place with the Italian Consul General, is omitted until conclusion of the question at issue.

At Mr Pearce's suggestion the Note with reference to the faked roulette appliance will appear subjoined to the reply of H.M. Consul General, and not to the Council's communication with which it was enclosed.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.


Chairman.


Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 11, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Commandant's Application for Leave. The decision on this subject recorded^d
 at the last meeting is again discussed, and Mr Burkill states that
 Colonel Barnes would willingly accept an arrangement whereunder he
 would receive four months leave only from the first week in June 1913
 in consideration of his misunderstanding that leave was part of the
 conditions of his service. The members are unanimously of opinion
 that no precedent will be established by granting this indulgence,
 and that under the circumstances it is the best course to pursue,
 and it is accordingly directed that the Council's decision be
 communicated to him in this sense.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 6,
 are submitted and confirmed with the following exceptions:-

Electric Automobiles. Mr Burkill questions the statement that
 electrical contractors are not in a position to undertake the
 maintenance of the automobile batteries and electrical equipment,
 and is confident that this is not the case. Any appa^orant interference
 with electrical contractors' work might lead to an agitation on
 their part, on the ground that this is beyond the proper sphere of
 the Department's activities. Further consideration of the proposal
 is therefore postponed pending investigations as to the ability and
 willingness of contractors to do what is necessary themselves.

Heating and Cooking Rates. The proposed reduction occasions lengthy
 discussion, in the course of which the Chairman states that about the
 time of the Council's meeting of June 26 last, when he pointed out
 that it is in the general interest of the community that the profit-
 earning capacity of the Gas Company be not throttled, he ascertained

the views of the members, generally to the effect that the Chairman of the Gas Company might be assured that it was not the Council's intention that this should result. He is of opinion that this notable reduction in the heating and cooking rate would act as a contradiction of that assurance for it would give the Gas Company the impression that it is the Council's intention to proceed without hesitation to the furthest limits of competition. Mr Burkill is in favour of the proposed reductions, pointing out that it is a natural and proper development of the undertaking to reduce tariff rates with a view to increase of profits; and that the possible inability of the Gas Company to make headway against legitimate competition such as this, is traceable rather to lack of initiative, and shortcomings in the direction of its finances in the past, than to a policy on the Council's part in any respect at variance with that of efficient Municipal electrical undertakings at home. At this stage of the discussion Mr Hide withdraws. Mr Figge maintains that the reductions are reasonable so long as the rates do not underbid coal. Mr Ezra approves of them because the development of cheap electrical heating will undoubtedly prove a great convenience which, when financially warranted, the Council would not be justified in withholding from the public; and he points out that the section of the Community interested in the prosperity of the Gas Company is but a small section; but the correct aim of a Municipal authority in such matters must be the benefit of the greatest number.

Considerable further reference is made to the question of the Department's contribution to Municipal income previously considered, and now pending the Electricity Committee's recommendation. Finally the Chairman reiterates his view already expressed, and, upon a show of hands, the suggestion of Messrs Figge and Clark is approved that the proposed reduction be deferred until after the opportunity afforded by the Annual Meeting, of ascertaining the Ratepayers' views as to this and similar progressive reductions in the Tariff rates.

The Chairman of the Watch Committee refers to the fact that a report by the Electrical Engineer is required as to whether the installation of radiators in the Police Stations can be effected in such a manner as to bring about an economy in the large coal consumption.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of December 9, are submitted and confirmed with the following notes:

Gaol. The Chairman of the Watch Committee has interviewed the British Assessor as to the possibility of introducing punishment by the cat for robbery with violence, and learns that all the Assessors

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are in favour of this proposal. It is probable that this will tend considerably to reduce the congestion in the cells.

With regard to the Reformatory, ^{with be shown the plans for an expansion of prison} the Assessors will be invited by the Captain Superintendent of Police to communicate to him their views, which have already been informally expressed, as to the separation of first offenders.

Junior Officers. Mr. Burkill has also ascertained from the British Assessor his opinion as to the proposed removal of Mr Martin from the Mixed Court and the substitution of Mr Springfield; and it is not unfavourable, provided Mr Springfield is on duty at the Court for a few months with Mr Martin in order to obtain a grasp of what is necessary under the changed conditions of the Court. *Mr Figge has held an interview with the German Assessor in the same court.*
The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of December 10, are

submitted and confirmed with the following note:-

Uniform. In order to ensure that the musicians shall be clothed in the same way it is decided to supply them with one suit of winter clothing annually, and the same amount of summer suiting ^{annually} as before, to be supplied by the same tailor, and to be identical in all respects.

Volunteer Corps.

Artillery Company. The commission of Captain L.E. Canning is authorised for renewal with effect from December 1.

French Lottery. A Police Report on the subject of an undertaking styled the International Savings Society, cites the opinion of the Police Legal Assistant pointing to the fact that it is a lottery within the meaning of Byelaw XXXIV and that the arrangement between the Council, the Consular Body and the Chinese Authorities in 1902 is therefore applicable. The legal opinion has apparently not been expressed in definite terms, and therefore it is open to question whether the sale of tickets in the Settlement must be prohibited. Moreover the organisation is registered in the French Consulate General, and thus apparently has the sanction of the French Authorities. The Council's action is to some extent dependent upon their views. In the first place, Mr Figge undertakes to interview one of the Directors with whom he is acquainted and the French Consul General, in order to ascertain the status of the organisation from the French legal and official standpoint before definite Police instructions are issued.

Mixed Court.

Female Convicts' Clothing. In response to the Council's recent communication a despatch from the Consular Body is submitted to the effect that it is in principle in agreement with the introduction of this improvement, but is of opinion that it should be carried out progressively and should for the present apply to new prisoners only.

Release of Wan Fu-hua. It is noted from a Police Report that this prisoner, whose proposed release was the subject of recent correspondence between the Council and the Consular Body, was brought before the Mixed Court on December 7 whereupon the whole of the remaining 12 years of his sentence was remitted, and he was ordered to be expelled from the Settlement. The Captain Superintendent in a note submitted calls attention to the severe blow to Gaol discipline inflicted by this decision.

The members have held interviews with the Consular Authorities on this subject, and Mr Fidge has ascertained the opinion of the German Assessor who inflicted the original sentence, and pronounced the decision of release. While it is evident that further protests on the Council's part would be fruitless, he explains that the Assessor in pronouncing his decision endeavoured to frame it in such a way as to safeguard as far as possible the authority of the Police in its custody of prisoners under sentence.

Tramways. Loops in Seward Road. A communication from the Tramway Company intimates acquiescence in the Council's directions as to the position of the loops in the middle of the road.

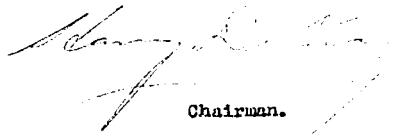
Outside Roads. A Report by the Engineer is submitted recommending that in view of a favourable opportunity the land required for the new road connecting the Brennan and Hungjao Roads be acquired at a cost of £4000, and for the extension of the Yuyuen to the Brennan Road at a cost of £3000, with further minor fees and gratifications to the natives concerned. It is recalled that this purchase was authorised in 1909, provided the levelling, ditching etc. be for the time being deferred, and the recommendations are accordingly approved.

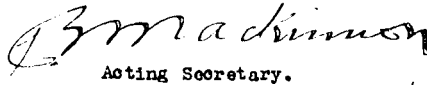
Architectural Branch. In view of a further Report on this subject the proposals submitted to the Works Committee, including the engagement of an additional Architectural Assistant, are sanctioned.

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The Municipal Gazette of December 12 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication with the omission of the paragraph relating to the alleged French Lottery, and of particulars with reference to payment for the Chinese-owned land required for the Batavia Road to which the recent correspondence with Dr Farnham referred.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.


Chairman.


Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 18, 1912,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

With regard to the Council's addendum to the Watch Committee's minute on the subject of

Junior Officers, in view of further information and of a note submitted, it is decided to defer recording any definite direction on this subject pending the outcome of a conference between the German and British Assessors which Mr Figge states to be about to take place.

With regard to the

International Savings Society, Mr Figge states the result of his interview with the French Consul General, from which it is observed that the point which differentiates this organization from a lottery is that the contributors are repaid their contributions, and that such organizations are permitted in France under the surveillance of an official supervisor. The French Consul General has communicated with his Government on the subject and has received instructions not to interfere with the Society's operations. He offers to appoint a fit person to supervise them on the Council's behalf, but such a measure is not found to be suited to the circumstances.

It is accordingly decided to take no action in the matter, and the sale of tickets in the Settlement will not be prohibited; but the Police will remain in touch with the operations of the Society, and report if any further evidence or complaint arises tending to show that it is a lottery.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of
 December 17 are read and confirmed without comment.

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Volunteer Corps.

Light Horse. The resignation of Captain C.A. McLellan owing to his departure from Shanghai is accepted with regret.

"B" Company. The Commission of Captain H.R.H. Thomas is authorised for renewal with effect from November 14.

Commandant's Application for Leave. The communication to Colonel Barnes of the Council's decision on this subject is submitted read and approved.

With reference to the terms of application to the War Office for the seconding of an Officer to replace Colonel Barnes, the Chairman draws attention to the fact that in applying for the appointment of an Officer to succeed Colonel Watson a letter dated July 21, 1908, placed on record a very high sense of appreciation of the character of Colonel Watson's services. In his opinion the Council should write of Colonel Barnes on this occasion in the same tone. Mr Burkill states that Colonel Barnes' work has been more efficient than that of Colonel Watson, and the members are unanimous in this view. It is accordingly directed that the application for a successor to Colonel Barnes shall contain a similar expression of appreciation of his services.

Gambling Raid on a Chinese Club. The Chairman informs the members of certain grave charges of bribery and theft which appear to lie against Detective Sub-Inspector Roche and certain Chinese Detectives the treatment of which has necessarily so far remained at a strictly confidential stage, lest the concerned should obtain warning of the probability of proceedings being taken against them and seek to evade justice. For these reasons the Captain Superintendent has placed his evidence directly in the hands of the Legal Adviser.

Some question apparently appears to have arisen as to whether such further action as may be necessary should be taken by the Crown Advocate or by the Legal Adviser. As the Watch Committee is not yet conversant with the facts, this question will receive its attention at a special meeting to be held after the Council adjourns but the view is generally expressed that there seems to be no valid objection to approaching the Crown Advocate at the present juncture. As in the event of failure of the proceedings there is believed to be some possibility of subsequent action against the Council before the Court of Consuls by the Foreign member of the Force, for malicious prosecution, it is thought advisable to afford the Crown Advocate the opportunity of judging of the evidence, and stating whether he holds that the prosecution should be conducted by himself: in any event, this is a precautionary step which may be found useful in forestalling misinformed public criticism.

Murder of the Jemadar. The Chairman acquaints the members that when he learnt of the murder of the Jemadar on the evening of December 14 after consultation with the Chairman of the Watch Committee, he authorised, as a matter of emergency under Standing Order No. X, the publication of a reward of ₹1000 for evidence leading to the conviction of the culprit. Approval of this measure is expressed.

Mixed Court.

Robbery with Violence. In connexion with informal discussion between the Chairman of the Watch Committee and the British Assessor, a communication has been addressed to the Consular Body requesting his consideration of a proposal to introduce punishment by the cat for crimes of robbery with violence; and from informal assurances which the Senior Consul has made, there is ground for confidence that the proposal will have his support.

Medical Attendance. With reference to the minute on this question dated November 20, a letter from the Consular Body suggests the increase of Dr Ransom's remuneration from \$20 to \$50 per mensem, and this is approved with effect from the end of the current month.

Accounts. The Senior Consul has stated verbally that the monthly Statement of Account of the income and expenditure of the Court is awaited by the Consular Body, and he has shown the Chairman in draft an official request that these accounts be prepared and forwarded as formerly submitted at the beginning of the Council's financial supervision. A statement for the nine months ending September 30 has been drawn up by the Treasurer, and it is understood that this will meet the Consular Body's requirements for the present. The Chairman will hereafter enquire of Mr Siffert whether a quarterly instead of a monthly statement would not be equally satisfactory.

Release of Wan Fu-hua. From a Police Report submitted it is noted that this ex-criminal has been making speeches outside the Settlement referring in provocative terms to the ill-treatment of prisoners at the Municipal Gaol. Mr Figge is of opinion that their substance should be brought to the notice of the Consular Body, and this suggestion is adopted.

Land Commission. The Commissioners' Awards in the re-hearing of Cases Nos. LXXXII LXXXIII and in Cases LXXXIV LXXXV are submitted and the Engineer's notes thereon will receive the Works Committee's attention in the near future.

Bubbling Well Temple Land.

The judgment in the recent Mixed Court case, as published in the press, is noted and it is decided forthwith to support the defendants in an appeal against a decision which is for several reasons undoubtedly wrong. In the meantime the Council will retain the road-land until, or unless, it is ultimately dispossessed as the result of further litigation. A Report by the Engineer commenting upon certain points in connexion with the judgment will be communicated to the Council's Legal Adviser for his information.

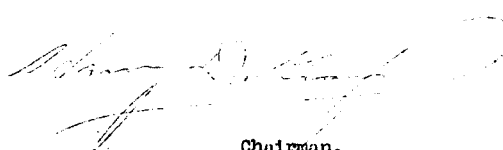
Public Holidays.

As Christmas Day will fall on next Wednesday, the next meeting will be deferred until Friday, December 27, and no further meeting will be held thereafter until Wednesday January 8, as in the year 1908.

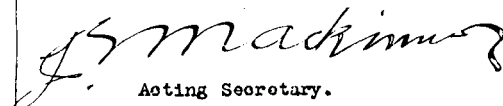
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of December 19 is submitted in draft and authorised for publication with the omission of certain paragraphs in the Report of the Electrical Engineer.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Friday, December 27, 1912,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

With further reference to the subject of
Junior Officers in the Police Force, the Chairman of the Watch
 Committee states that Mr Garstin does not disfavour the transfer
 of Mr Martin provided Mr Springfield acts with him for a few months
 at the Court in the first place to gain experience of the duties of
 Registrar; and Mr Figge states that a conference has taken place
 between the German and British Assessors, and that from a personal
 interview he has learnt that the German Assessor has a good opinion
 of Mr Springfield's former work at the Court. Messrs Burkill and
 Figge are strongly of opinion that Mr Springfield should be at the
 Mixed Court with Mr Martin for a few months in order to enable him
 to obtain a grasp of the work as it is conducted under the changed
 conditions, and that Mr Martin should thereafter be placed in charge
 of the Chinese Branch of the Force. The Council defers to this
 expression of the Watch Committee's views, and it is understood that
 the change will take effect from January 1.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of December 18,
 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 23 are
 submitted and confirmed with the following exceptions:

Hongkew Recreation Ground Surplus Land. After inspection of the
 plan in connexion with the building scheme in question the view is
 formed that it is preferable to retain complete control of the whole
 of this frontage land and that it will prove of such value hereafter
 that its sale as suggested would not be justifiable; and accordingly
 the proposal is not entertained.

Statement of Expenditure. In connexion with the monthly Statement
 of the Engineer and Treasurer showing expenditure to November 30 on
 land for road widenings and extensions, \$89,000 for the construction

of new roads, £69,000, the Budget appropriations are £120,000 and £60,000 respectively. A report by the Engineer has been submitted as a result of previous comment by the Finance Committee, showing that of the apparent excess over the estimate for construction, £2000 will be made good by contributions due from the land owners concerned, and the remainder of the excess is traceable to unforeseen works arising from development of private properties.

Paoing Road, Lot 2285. The Committee's approval of the recommendation to make payment of the Proclamation rate of £250 per mow for the additional land required for the proposed deviation, is subject to the necessary arrangements for surrender being made by Mr Ariyoshi with the owner of the requisite land.

Volunteer Corps.

German Reserve Company. A Commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr K. Blickle.

American Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant R.C. Morton owing to his departure from Shanghai is accepted with regret.

Commandant's Leave. A further communication from Colonel Barnes on this subject is submitted. Its meaning is in many respects not clear to the Watch Committee. Mr Burkill refers to the understanding between himself and Colonel Barnes which he remembers to have been quite definite that he would assent to the proposal which has been made to him.

In particular his apparent objection to his services terminating before expiry of his period of service is difficult to understand, because it is at variance with the indifference on this point which is clearly implied in his letter of November 6, by the enquiry whether the Council wished him to leave six months prior to the expiry of the period of his service, or thereafter. His letter is believed to have been drafted with legal assistance. The Watch Committee expresses willingness to interview Colonel Barnes personally at its next meeting in order more clearly to ascertain his meaning.

Fire Brigade. A note from the Acting Chief Officer states that he has handed over charge of the Brigade to Mr Pett on his arrival on December 24, and it is understood that Mr Pett will take an early opportunity of visiting the Chairman of the Watch Committee, and will be present at its next meeting. An expression of the Council's appreciation of Mr Macphail's volunteer services as Acting Chief Officer will be communicated to him forthwith.

Public Gambling. In connexion with the Council's letter of December 3 to the Italian Consul General which is still without reply on the subject of the ownership of "Mount Pleasant" by an Italian subject,

it is directed that a communication be addressed to the Spanish Consul informing him that the Council has learnt of the existence of a lease by the owner to the tenant who is believed to be a Spanish subject; and requesting that the necessary action be taken to put a stop to the gambling which is known to take place therein, at the same time placing the services of the Municipal Police at his disposal for the purpose.

Bubbling Well Temple Land. The Chairman states that he has been informed by the Solicitors for the plaintiffs in the recent Mixed Court action, that this case may be disposed of without further litigation if compensation is paid to the plaintiffs for the road land which the Council has acquired from the defendants. A communication has been received from the defendants making a claim on the Council of \$57000 and \$10,000 as compensation under the deed of Indemnity, owing to cancellation of the lease. The designation of the Court of Consuls as the Court of Appeal, and other special features of the matter tend to indicate that it may prove advisable to dispose of the case as suggested provided this can be effected without unreasonable expense, and therefore an offer, through the Legal Advisers, to the plaintiffs of a sum of \$5000, without prejudice, is authorised to this end.

Chapei Water Main. Reports by the Engineer inform the Council that the North Szechuen Road has been crossed by a main of the Chapei Waterworks either through or by the side of a culvert formerly constructed by the Council. The Chairman has interviewed H.M. Consul General who tentatively expressed the view that if the main is laid within the culvert the Council would be within its rights in disturbing it. It is directed that further enquiries be made as to the exact position of this main.

Educational Grants. In connexion with a minute of the Permanent Educational Committee as to the necessity of considering the whole question of grants-in-aid before the issue of the Budget for 1913, a draft Notification is submitted calling upon the present recipients of grants, and recipients expecting additional grants, to forward an application accompanied by their Financial Statements. As a public notice of this kind is held to be likely to encourage a tendency to invoke aid from the public funds for educational purposes, it is directed that the controlling bodies of educational institutions receiving grants-in-aid be requested by letter, to furnish the financial particulars required for the information of the Permanent Educational Committee.

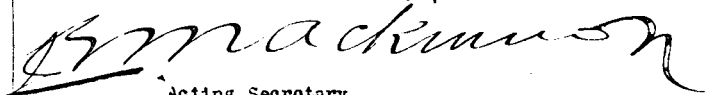
Council for 1913. The despatch of the usual communication to the Consular Body suggesting Thursday, and Friday, January 23 and 24 for the election of Councillors, in accordance with Article IX of the Land Regulations, and of the Land Commissioner as provided under Article VIA is approved.

The Municipal Gazette of December 28 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication with a minor modification of the paragraph referring to the absence of the Consul General for Belgium.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 8, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. De Gray (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
E.E. Clark
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
A.R. Owen
E.C. Pearce
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting of the Works Committee of December 24 are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of January 3 are read and confirmed, with the exception that the scale of pay of Assistant Mistresses will await a final recommendation by the Finance Committee which will discuss it in connexion with the proposal as to an increase in the initial rates of pay of nurses recently submitted to the Watch Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of January 6 are read and confirmed. On the subject of the

Fire Brigade Staff, Mr Ezra remarks that Cohen is not a Filipino as stated by the Acting Chief Officer and therefore this matter will be re-considered.

Commandant. Mr Figge has now been approached by this officer, with a statement to the effect that Colonel Watson was the subject of a recommendation by the Council to the War Office asking that he be given the Brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. It is directed that the previous records on the subject of Colonel Watson be submitted with a view to ascertaining precisely to what Colonel Barnes is referring.

Jemadar Dewa Singh. The Chairman of the Watch Committee refers to the opinion of the Captain Superintendent that although the Jemadar did not meet his death while actually engaged in Police work the occupant of such a post is in a sense at all times on duty. The evidence so far given in Court tends to show that the crime may have resulted from the performance of his duties of control of the Sikh Branch. Thus the circumstances are exceptional and in order to foster good feeling in this Branch of the Force it is, after full discussion

and at Mr Figge's suggestion, decided that the Council's Indian Agents shall be authorised to issue a sum of Rs 1000 to the widow on her return home, in addition to the other monies which she is entitled to receive; this amount being fixed with a view to providing a reasonable small income for people of this class in India.

Volunteer Corps.

Japanese Company. A Commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to 2nd Lieutenant Toshisada Yamauchi.

Medical Staff. Six months' leave of absence is granted to Lieutenant J. Elliot Murray with effect from January 14, and to Dr C. Noel Davis with effect from March 21.

Charitable Raffle. An application by the Compradore of the Russo-Asiatic Bank for permission to hold a Raffle of curios and scrolls in aid of an Institute for Destitute children is submitted. The Police recommendation is adverse, but in view of the instances in the past of permission given to such undertakings where no prizes of money or of large realizable value are offered, and in particular in view of the permission given to the Chinese Famine Fund in August 1911, there seems to be little ground for objection in this case. The Police will accordingly be instructed not to intervene.

Public Gambling. Attention is drawn to the fact that the Council's communication to the Italian Consul General has received no written reply, while the more recent letter to the Spanish Consul also remains unanswered, and it is suggested that publication should now follow in order to show clearly that the Council has taken all the preventive measures which are in its power. The Chairman refers to the verbal reply which has been made by the Italian Consul General requesting that definite proof of gambling be produced and is of opinion that unless the Police succeed in doing this no further action should be taken. In this view the members concur.

Bubbling Well Temple Land

The parties in the recent Mixed Court action have again been summoned before the Court on this date for consideration of the question as to whether execution shall be stayed, and as to the amount of security to be given. The Chairman has approached H.M. Consul General on the subject, and has pointed out that pending settlement of an Appeal Court, or arrangement of the compromise which has been attempted, it is entirely unreasonable to threaten execution of the judgment of cancellation of the lease; which would involve immediate evacuation of the St. George's Farm property by the tenants, and consequent heavy liability by the

Council. H.M. Consul General has accordingly impressed upon the British Assessor the fact that under existing circumstances judgment must not be executed forthwith, as he has threatened. H.M. Consul General has made a suggestion as to the possibility of a re-hearing and this commends itself to the Council.

The subsequent decision of the Court directed agreement between the parties as to a Court of Appeal and stated in effect that if the Council is not considered by the Court to be reasonable its attitude as to selection of the Court of Appeal, judgment will be executed on Wednesday, January 15.

It is therefore decided that the Legal Adviser shall request the defendants to suggest Mr Ivan Chen and H.M. Consul General as the composition of the Appeal Court; it would thus as nearly as possible resemble that before which the case would have appeared under the conditions ruling prior to the recent change of Government.

Further discussion ensues as to the amount of compensation offered to the Plaintiff as a basis of compromise under the Council's decision recorded at its last meeting, and as the instructions have not been fully complied with, it is directed that the grounds for departure therefrom be ascertained from the Legal Adviser.

Chapai Water Main.

The Chapai Water Company having laid its main in one of the Council's culverts through the Jukong, the Waterworks Company has made representations on the subject, and the Council at the suggestion of H.M. Consul General has addressed the Consular Body requesting that its disapproval be expressed of the action of the Chapai Company, and that the Administration be called upon to notify the Company that the Council proposes to remove the main in question forthwith.

In the meantime there are indications of a tendency on the part of Chinese residents east of the North Szechuen Road to cancel their contracts with the Waterworks Co. and obtain water from the Chapai Company. Thus if the supply by the main in question is not successfully interrupted it may prove necessary to discontinue the levy of the special rate on the East, as on the West of the road, in order to enable the Waterworks to compete with the new Company on terms of equality. Mr A.P. Wood has already made verbal reference to one instance in which a Chinese customer on the East of the road has proposed to cease taking supply from the Waterworks; and if the main is not removed in the near future further representations on the subject will be forthcoming.

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Stone Contractors. The proposed new contracts at a rate per fong in excess of that previously ruling, and involving an extra annual expenditure of \$5000, have been under consideration by the Works Committee, and it is directed that tenders be obtained by Notification in the Gazette as usual in the first place, and that the successful tenderers shall deposit the security in cash. Emergency orders will be given in the meantime at the higher rate.

Resignation of Chairman. Mr De Gray states that in accordance with the statement which he made to the members in January last he is obliged to resign before the close of the Municipal year. The Vice Chairman says:-

"As this is the last time Mr De Gray will occupy the chair at the meeting of the Council, on behalf of the Members, I have to thank him for the great courtesy and consideration he has shown us and to express appreciation of the judgment he has displayed in dealing with the many problems that have arisen during his term of office. I refer especially to the tact and ability with which he has directed the affairs of the Settlement during and after the Revolution. I do not think with the exception of his colleagues that any one in this Community can realise the anxious and trying time he had and how successful he has been in dispensing of the many difficulties of an unusually arduous period of office. Shanghai has had good reason to be proud of its Chairmen in the past, and I feel sure will be in the future. Mr De Gray can lay down the reins with the feeling that he has more than worthily upheld the traditions of his position. He leaves a large task to his successor whose duty it will be to endeavour to discharge in the same manner the duties of the Chairmanship which he has so worthily filled".

These remarks meet with the members' cordial concurrence.

Council for 1913. With reference to the question of the membership during 1913 of the Council, Mr Clark refers to his intended departure for home, and it is noted that he will not find it necessary to retire from the Council until Mr Anton's return to Shanghai early in March. Mr Burkill states that it will be difficult for him to accept re-nomination. The selection of the probable successors of this member and of Mr De Gray will receive further consideration during the forthcoming week.

The Municipal Gazette of January 9 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

J. M. Adkins
Acting Secretary.

O. W. Burkill

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 15, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., these are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Acting Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Chairmanship. Mr Burkill states that he has received a letter from Mr De Gray formally notifying his resignation, and in accordance with Standing Order No. 1 the Council proceeds to fill up the vacancy. At the proposal of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Ezra, Mr Burkill is elected Chairman.

Mr Owen then proposes, and Mr Clark seconds, the election of Mr Pearce to the Vice-chair.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 13 are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of January 14 are read and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Light Horse. A commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr E.H. McMichael.

American Company. Commissions as 2nd Lieutenant are authorised for issue to Messrs W.H. Tenney and A.H. Brown.

Commandant. With reference to the question raised by the Commandant as to the rank of Lt-Colonel Watson to which reference was made at the Council's last meeting, the Watch Committee has perused the records on the subject, and finds that in Lt-Colonel Watson's case it was believed that unless he was raised to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on the half pay list his services could not be retained for an extended term; an application that he be granted this rank was made accordingly but was refused by the War Office. From this it is clear that the Council is precluded from making a like application in the case of Lt-Colonel Barnes.

The Commandant in a communication submitted states that he has noted the Council's decision to issue to him four months' pay on expiry of his term of service, and returns the Council's Standing Orders with the remark that it is plain from this decision that they do not apply to him. It is decided that no reply is necessary.

Junior Officers. The Captain Superintendent in a report submitted refers once more to the question of appointing a Cadet. The Council's previous decision is read to the effect that this should be deferred until later, on the ground that it is associated with the more important question of the headship of the Force. The Captain Superintendent views this appointment as a matter which should not be delayed. At the Chairman's suggestion it is directed that the London Agents be instructed to advertise for applicants, and it is decided that the selection shall be made, by Captain Hilton Johnson on his arrival in London early in April.

Court of Consuls. As a result of the decision, at the Legal Adviser's suggestion, to obtain the opinion of eminent Counsel on the judgments of the Court of Consuls in the Morey and Lynch cases the opinion of Sr. R. Finlay, K.C., M.P. and Mr Boydell Houghton, has been submitted, and perused by the members. It is noted that it contains reference also to the Chapel Water Company case, of which Mr McNeill's suggestion as first submitted made no mention.

The gist of the opinion is that the Morey and Lynch decisions were legally erroneous; that the decision in the Chapel Water Company case was probably correct; that the Court of Consuls has seemingly not so far failed in its duties as to become unsuitable to remain the tribunal under the Land Regulations; but that with a view to the establishment of a tribunal more legal in its composition an application should be made to the Foreign Office that the Court be composed of the British and American Judges and the German Consul-General.

There is little hope that an amendment of Land Regulation XXVII in the direction suggested is possible, and endeavours to this end for the present would, in the Council's opinion, not be well-timed; but the document may prove useful hereafter as opportunity serves.

Chapel Water Main. H.M. Consul General has expressed a wish that the advice of the Council's Legal Adviser be sought as to whether the Council would be within its rights in removing the main from its culvert.

The Legal Adviser's opinion on this point is now submitted, generally to the effect that the removal of the main would not be justified, but suggesting that possibly with previous Consular approbation, it might be advisable to give the Chapel Company ground for a further suit in the Court of Consuls, by performing some act of interference with the main. This opinion will be communicated to H. M. Vice Consul by the Chairman in person.

Railless Electric Cars. The Tramway Co. has tentatively expressed to Mr De Gray a wish to introduce railless cars as an experiment in the Honan Road from the Yangkingpang to the Soochow Creek. The Captain Superintendent of Police, the Electrical Engineer, and the Engineer have expressed their views generally in support of such an experiment. The members also have formed favourable opinions on the subject, but concur in the proviso indicated by the Chairman that it shall be clearly understood by the Company that in the event of its not being found successful from the Council's standpoint, any temporary permission which is granted, will be withdrawn; and should this result eventually ensue the Company shall not be considered to have any ground for subsequent complaint.

Tenders for Copper Cable. From a report by the Electrical Engineer, it is noted that the tender of Messrs Andersen, Meyer & Co. for Specifications Nos. 54 and 56, for £4,465, inclusive, was based upon a misconception by the local agents of the United States Steel Products Co. as to the meaning of the telegraphic advices from their Head Office. The Electrical Engineer has suggested that the order be given to the Siemens China Electrical Engineering Co. without published reference to this modification of the decision already notified in the Municipal Gazette. In the view that it is undesirable to refrain from disclosing the name of the tenderer finally selected and that this might give rise to criticism, it is decided that a brief explanatory note on the subject, drawn under the direction of the Electricity Committee, shall be published in the near future.

Bubbling Well Temple Land. The Chairman states in connexion with certain informal representations which he has been making on this subject, that the adjourned hearing of this case has been postponed for a fortnight, and it is understood that the negotiations between the Legal Advisers of the parties are proceeding with a view to compromise on the lines already discussed.

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The Municipal Gazette of January 16 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. It is decided to publish forthwith the further communication from Messrs Moorhead and Halse on the subject of the surrender of the scheduled area of Cadastral Lot 929 in the Haining Road, without reply or comment; its terms appear to be more damaging to the case of Messrs Moorhead and Halse than to the arguments which the Council has advanced.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

A. B. Burt

Chairman.

J. B. Mackinnon

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 22, 1913.

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of January 17 are submitted and confirmed with the following exceptions. With regard to Public Rates, the Council, after some discussion, inclines to the view that the proposed increase in the estimated Receipts for 1913, by £35,000 for the year 1913, is larger than the now receding influx of Chinese residents appears to justify. The estimate will accordingly stand at £150,000 which is approximately the amount of the actual receipts for 1912.

Opium Shops. While noting that the receipts for 1912 have exceeded the estimate by over £4,000, Mr Figge draws attention to the agitation of which there have been certain indications, to bring about further repressive steps in the sale and use of opium in the Settlement, and the Council adopts his view that for the 1913 Budget it is preferable to retain last year's estimate so that attention may not be drawn to the anticipated further increase in receipts from this source.

It is noted that the Income will exceed the estimate of 1912 by over £150,000.

Pay of Assistant Mistresses. Mr Gulland refers to the very careful consideration which the School Committee gave to this question and explains once again the reasons which actuated its recommendation. After some discussion final decision of the point at issue is left in the hands of the Finance Committee, and Mr Pearce undertakes to communicate personally with the members of the School Committee in order to obtain a closer insight of their views.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of January 20, are submitted and confirmed, with the following observations and exceptions:-

Contribution to the Rates. The members are unanimous in the view that as the Council's management of the undertaking should be above

reproach in this respect, the suggested form of contribution should undoubtedly be made, irrespective of the exigencies of which the Committee foresees the possibility as a result of future extension.

Supply to Chapai. After considerable discussion on this proposal there is a general expression of opinion in its favour on the lines indicated by the Electricity Committee. Further negotiations are left in its hands, and the formal agreement will be submitted for the Council's scrutiny hereafter.

Extensions of the Tariff.

Astor House. Much discussion ensues on the question of the extension of the schedule to 40% for 8000 units. Mr Hide is of opinion that there is insufficient ground for according this benefit, for, if it is withheld, the large consumer in question will not for that reason cease to take supply from the Department. It is accordingly decided to extend the discount to a maximum limit of $33\frac{1}{3}$ to take effect from April 1 1913. With regard to the reduction in the special rate granted to

Shunkee in 1910 considerable argument follows. Shunkee is an agent for the landlords of Chinese premises, and is regarded as in effect farming out the current to consumers. Mr Pearce states his opinion that the Electricity Committee since the introduction of the reduced tariff rates in April last, and the increasing adoption of electricity among Chinese, would improbably approve a special understanding of the kind such as that granted to Shunkee. It is not considered advisable to encourage continuance of such an arrangement; it appears in any case to be open to the criticism that the Department's dealings should be conducted as far as possible with each consumer direct. The proposed reduction is accordingly disapproved.

Heating Rate. The reduction in the heating rate from £0.035 to £0.017 is also reconsidered at some length. With reference to the view which was expressed ~~by~~ the Council's last discussion on the subject to the effect that the reduction is reasonable so long as the rates do not underbid other heating agents, data have been produced showing that in the case of a certain large store, it has been decided to instal kerosene and other heating appliances owing to the fact that they were found to be cheaper than radiators at the present tariff rate. The members are generally of opinion that this question must be regarded from the standpoint of what is in the interest of the general public. Finally it is directed that the rate shall be reduced to the same as that for cooking, namely £0.025 per unit, and upon a show of hands it is decided to introduce this reduction forthwith, Mr Hide alone dissenting.

Future Extension. The Council then proceeds to discuss the important recommendations which are made in this connexion, and the Electrical Engineer attends in order to explain verbally his two Reports which have been submitted. It is unanimously recognised that the purchase of the additional plant and the writing off of the plant at Peason Road, as suggested, is the logical outcome of the policy with respect to the Department's development which the Ratepayers have approved; and it is noted that, while this will be brought before them for their information at the forthcoming Annual Meeting, the order for the additional plant, at an approximately estimated cost of \$625,000 should be given as soon as possible thereafter, in order that delivery may take place during 1914, the necessary Budget provision being made in that year.

Staff. The recommendation with reference to Mr R.A. Williams will await submission of the usual report by the Treasurer on the subject.

Mixed Court. A letter from Dr K. Schirmer informs the Council that, owing to his departure from Shanghai on leave, he has handed over the duties of Senior German Assessor to Dr G. Pernitzsch, and that Mr G. Wilde will act as Assistant German Assessor. Occasion will be taken to express appreciation of Dr Schirmer's valuable work at the Court.

Registrar's Report. This Report for the month of December refers to the necessity of forming a Court of Appeal and a statement in this sense in general terms is approved. It is directed that the specific indications and comments on the subject which follow should be omitted in this document before it is sent to the Consular Body, and published.

Building. With reference to the removal of the building which has already been authorised, a Police Report submitted refers to the fact that the Chinese Magistrate occupying it still delays to find another suitable house. He is apparently in receipt of an allowance for quarters and has taken up an obstructive attitude; the Chairman undertakes to arrange this matter verbally with the Senior Consul.

Corporal Punishment. A reply by the Consular Body to the Council's representations is read to the effect that the proposals have been approved, and it is anticipated that the reform can be brought into effect on March 1.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A communication from the Consular Body informs the Council of the election of the representatives of Great Britain, Germany and Belgium, to constitute the Court for 1913, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Land Regulations. Mr Firge points out that the German Consul General is included owing to an error on the part of the Senior Consul. An official rectification

will be awaited.

General Hospital. A communication from the Consular Body informs the Council of the re-election of the Consuls-General for Great Britain, France and Germany, as representatives on the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

Bubbling Well Temple Land Case. The Chairman states that Mr Ellis has informed him of the agreement of the plaintiffs to accept the settlement of this matter in full satisfaction of the judgment on the basis of the Council's offer, as previously recorded, but with exclusion of the 60 foot strip of land which is not required for road purposes, forming part of the lessees deed with the Council. The Chairman has accordingly forthwith instructed the Legal Advisers to prepare the necessary legal document embodying the settlement, for signature by all the parties affected.

Paulun Hospital. A letter from the Committee of this Hospital contains a Report on the year's work and a Statement of Account for 1912, and compliance with the Committee's request for a renewal of the Grant of \$1000 for the year 1913 is approved accordingly.

Election of Council. In connexion with the forthcoming poll, a Report by the Overseer of Taxes refers to the inconvenience which will be experienced in working the branch polling station at the Hongkew Police Station, which was formerly introduced at the recommendation of Mr Johnford. It is considered advisable to adhere to the practice of making use of a second polling station, but that it should if possible be situated in a more central position. As it is understood that the Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank is willing to allow the necessary simple arrangements at the branch of the Bank at the corner of Broadway and Seward Road this course is authorised accordingly.

It is noted that Messrs W.S. Jackson and A.M. Marshall have expressed their consent to act as scrutineers.

The Municipal Gazette of January 23, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 7.10 p.m.

A. W. Bunker

Chairman.

J. B. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 29, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Pay of Assistant Mistresses. Mr Pearce states that he has interviewed members of the School Committee on this subject and has formed the opinion that it is desirable to confirm its recommendation. The Scale of Pay in the terms of the Public School Committee's minute of January 3 is approved accordingly.

Election of Council. With reference to the poll which has taken place since the last meeting, the members are unanimously of opinion that, in view of various verbal enquiries which have been made it is desirable to publish the number of votes obtained by unsuccessful candidates, although this course is not prescribed in the Land Regulations. The insertion of the necessary paragraph in the Municipal Gazette of January 30 is directed accordingly.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of January 16 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of January 28 are submitted and confirmed. The Chairman remarks with reference to Manila Musicians that it is within his knowledge that Messrs Alfredo Roensch, acting as the Council's agents in this matter, and keepers of a minor foreign store in Manila, are not well fitted to perform the work of selecting capable musicians at a reasonable rate of pay. He has reason to believe that the assistance of the Philippine Government might easily be enlisted in this connexion, and this will be noted accordingly for the future attention of the Band Committee.

Chapel Water Main. At the desire of the Consular Authorities of which the Chairman has been verbally notified, he proposes to address ^{them} ~~the~~ once more requesting that the Chapel Administration be notified that unless

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the main within the Council's culvert is removed by the Water Company within 21 days, its removal will be effected without further formality. A communication in this sense is read and approved for despatch.

Water Supply. An application by the Naigai Wata Kaisha for permission to lay a pipe across the Ichang Road, stated to be chiefly required for the service of hydrants, has been discussed by the Works Committee, and the opinion of the Legal Adviser has been sought as to whether the permit should be withheld on the ground that to grant the facility in question would constitute an infringement upon the rights of the Waterworks Company under the agreement. The Legal Adviser sees no sound reason against the issue of the permit, and it is accordingly authorised.

Land Commission. Mr A.M. Marshall having expressed his willingness to be the Council's representative on the Commission for the Municipal year 1913/14, is unanimously re-elected.

Land Commission Award, Case No. LXXXV. Mr Cubitt has stated that the Award in this case was based on the fact that the building affected is residential, and in accordance with the directions of the Works Committee an endeavour has been made to ascertain whether the Commissioners would be willing to give, in correspondence for publication with the Award, such additional indication of the reasons for the decision as would tend to limit its scope as a handle for landowners in argument. Mr Cubitt on return from his recent absence has stated that the Commissioners would not be willing to make a statement of a kind such as might prove of use as anticipated. The Award is accordingly ordered for publication as it stands.

Street Advertising. A further application for a permit to erect ladders for repair work at No. 1 Bubbling Well Road is submitted with a Report by the Engineer to the effect that it is within his knowledge that it is intended to paint advertisements. The view of the Works Committee is endorsed that the permit in question cannot properly be withheld, and its issue is therefore authorised.

Ladd Assessment. A letter from the Crown Advocate is read requesting that the Municipal Engineer be permitted to give evidence in the Supreme Court on the subject of the values assessed for purposes of taxation as indications of the market values of land. This evidence is required in connexion with the assessment of death duties on the Sassoon estate, as to which proceedings are being

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taken by the British Authorities with a view to levying these duties on the basis of the Council's assessed values of the land property of the estate. The Engineer is authorised to give evidence as requested.

Fire Exits at Theatres. Mr Ezra draws attention to the inadequate staircases etc at the Victoria Cinematograph, and at the direction of the Watch Committee a Police Report will be submitted setting forth the procedure and requirements in connexion with inspection of fire exits before the issue of licence, and showing what improvement is requisite.

China New Year Holidays. It is pointed out that the practice of the Custom House in this respect has been changed and discussion ensues as to whether the Council should adopt the same change. It is doubtful that the change will have any permanenece, and the Council's large Chinese staff are expecting adherence to the custom of past years. Therefore it is directed that the Municipal Office be closed as usual to public business on the day preceding China New Year and the three days thereafter.

The Municipal Gazette of January 30, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 12, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Bukkill (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 29 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With reference to the question of Fire Exits at Theatres the Council directs that for the future no Theatre Licence be renewed nor new one issued except upon the certificate of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade that the fire exits are in his opinion adequate.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of February 3 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the Case of Mr May, a further Report by the Electrical Engineer is read by Mr Pearce describing renewed disreputable conduct on the part of this employe. The Council concurs in the view that his continued service is undesirable, and it is decided to dispense with his services, issuing three months Pay in lieu of notice.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 11 are read and confirmed with the following comments:-

Watchman N. Cohen. Mr Ezra alludes to the distressing circumstances in which this man will find himself under the Committee's proposal, and, after some debate, he prevails upon the Council to increase the salary offered to him as Telephone Operator to £40 per mensem.

Police Estimates. The Council is informed that the Treasurer now finds that the figure £18,000 should read £8,000. It is however decided that the arrangement as regards Mixed Court receipts shall stand, by which course the total Estimate will to a small extent exceed that for last year.

Police Senior Officers. The Chairman describes fully the reasons which actuated the Committee in making the recommendation under this heading. He observes that, doubtless owing to the fact that Colonel Bruce is considerably older than his officers, he has to a great extent acted alone, whereas when the change which is indicated has

taken place Mr McEuen and Captain Hilton-Johnson, being more of an age, will naturally fall into the habit of discussing the course which they will follow. Mr Pearce regards Mr McEuen as in many respects quite fitted for the post, and considers that the Watch Committee's recommendation indicates the best course which the Council can follow. Mr Owen realises the exceedingly difficult position in which the Council will be placed if the services of the three senior officers terminated simultaneously. Mr Figge is aware that certain members of the Consular Body consider that Mr McEuen would be unsuitable. They are doubtless influenced by the fact that he has not sought to make himself acquainted with them, and, in any case, the Chairman points out that the responsibility of the appointment rests solely with the Council. Mr Ezra is largely guided by Colonel Bruce's views as recorded. He is aware that Mr McEuen's personality does not carry the prestige which it should, and he has information to the effect that Captain Barrett's present work is not satisfactory. After some further discussion the Committee's recommendation is endorsed by the Council nem. con.

The Chairman points out that the notice to be published of this intention of the Council will be the first public official announcement of Colonel Bruce's forthcoming retirement, and it appears therefore to him necessary to place on record the Council's satisfaction at the work which Colonel Bruce has done since his arrival in Shanghai in 1907. Speaking on behalf of the Watch Committee, he alludes to the unsatisfactory condition in which the Force was at that time, and to the noticeable improvement in tone and discipline which has been effected, notwithstanding the too frequent cases of insubordination in the Foreign Branch which have marked the last two years. He has personally been from time to time amazed at Colonel Bruce's grasp of the details of Police administration, and considers that his departure is a severe blow to the Settlement as a whole. These remarks meet with the cordial endorsement of the Council.

Volunteer Corps.

Annual Inspection. A letter from the Commandant suggests Saturday, April 19, as the convenient date for this function, and, in accordance with his request, it is decided to make the necessary arrangements upon the lines of former years.

Japanese Company. The resignation of Captain Asano, forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted with regret, the Council recording a note appreciative of the fact that the present high state of efficiency of the Company reflects the greatest credit on this officer.

The Commandant also recommends the issue of a commission as Lieutenant to Mr Shiuzo Yoshida, which he desires may be ante-dated January 7, so that Lieutenant Yoshida may rank above Lieutenant Yamauchi. The Council is averse to this course, and considers that, if it is desirable for Mr Shiuzo Yoshida to take command of the Company, he should, with the Commandant's approval, take the rank of Captain forthwith.

Mixed Court.

Female Prison. A note from the Captain Superintendent indicates the necessity for engaging three additional wardresses, so that the day's work may be divided into reliefs, and the women be given definite hours of duty. While approving this proposal, the Council decides, as hitherto, in all matters affecting the Mixed Court, to secure the approval of the Consular Body to the change.

Urga Road Extensions A letter from the Senior Consul forwards the protest of Mr Ivan Chen at the operations in progress on this new road. In reply it appears sufficient for the Council to say that, the land in question being British registered and duly surrendered for road purposes to the Council, the matter is beyond the competence of the Chinese Authorities.

Parks Committee. With reference to the Committee's proposal that Mr Peebles be invited to resume his seat on this Committee, it is in the first place noted that the usual number of three members is complete, and also that a new Committee will, as a matter of form, be appointed by the new Council. As Mr Teesdale is understood to be leaving for England early this year, it would appear best for Mr Peebles to resume his seat after the Ratepayers Meeting. The Chairman undertakes to arrange this with Mr Teesdale unofficially.

Coal Tenders. Four tenders are received, and, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, that of Messrs Hopkins Dunn & Co., Ltd. is authorised for acceptance. This firm's tender is two ^{per ton} ~~made~~ higher than that of Messrs Schiller & Co, but the experience of certain members as to the latter firm, and the knowledge that Messrs Hopkins Dunn have served the Council in a satisfactory manner for many years, are adequate reasons for this decision.

Water Supply beyond Limits. A note from the Engineer informs the Council that, foiled in their attempt to lay a water main across the North Szechuen Road at the Jukong, the Chinese Authorities are now laying pipes within the bed of the Yukingpoo. This being a public Chinese waterway it does not appear that there are grounds justifying prevention, and, provided the bridge is not affected, it is decided

to take no step in the matter. The Chairman states that this view is also held by the Senior Consul and British Consul-General.

Fahwa and Yuyuen Roads. The Engineer reports the arrest of two Tipass concerned in the negotiation of these roads, and, upon his recommendation, it is decided that ditching and forming proceed forthwith.

Municipal Service Club. The Engineer, acting as Chairman of this institution, informs the Council that the Club is out of debt, and that the guarantee of the overdraft may now be withdrawn.

Settlement Extension. The Chairman states that an unofficial enquiry has been made as to what sum the Council would be prepared to pay for the inclusion of the Chapei and Paoshan Districts within the Settlement. The payment will nominally be in reimbursement of the work which the Chapei Administration has done in the matter of roads, and for the purchase of the Chapei water and electric light undertakings. The Engineer and Electrical Engineer will be requested to compile estimates to this end, while Mr Hide undertakes to ascertain the amount which the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. would be willing to pay in respect to water supply. The Council understands that in this discussion the extension will include the whole of the area asked for in 1909, the administration of which will unconditionally be made identical with that of the existing Settlement. ✓

The Municipal Gazette of February 13 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication, the Council excluding the correspondence relating to the attempt of the Chapei Administration to cross the North Szechuen Road with a water main at the Jukong.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.


Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 19, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., these are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gilland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 12 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With reference to the question of the Parks Committee, the Chairman has seen Mr Teesdale and arranged that Mr Peebles shall take his place on this Committee after the Ratepayers' Meeting.

Water Supply beyond Limits. As regards the Chapel water main which has been laid in the Jukong culvert, H.M. Consul General and the Senior Consul have advised the Chairman that execution of the Council's threat to remove the pipe might prejudice the unofficial negotiations in progress as to the extension of the Settlement. In these circumstances it is decided to take no action in the matter. ✓

Volunteer Corps.

Japanese Company. The Chairman has seen Major Trueman and Colonel Barnes and arrived at the conclusion that there is no real objection to the issue of a commission for Lieut. Shiuzo Yoshida with effect from January 7, and it is decided therefore to follow this course.
Legion of Frontiersmen. Letters from H.M. Consul General and Lieut. Carmichael of the Legion of Frontiersmen are submitted suggesting that the local Section of the Legion be brought under the command of the Commandant of the Volunteer Corps. The Watch Committee is favourably disposed towards this suggestion, but a note from Colonel Barnes indicates the necessity for the settlement of certain preliminary points before the Council finally gives its sanction. It is directed that Colonel Barnes and Lieutenant Carmichael discuss these points and endeavour to arrive at a satisfactory basis in the first place.

Boys Reformatory. A note from the Engineer is submitted to the effect that he is now able to arrange a lease of the former Cigarette Factory building No. 24 Tongshan Road at the rate of \$250 per mensem, and a lease for one year with the option of a further year's renewal is approved. The Chairman indicates the advisability of enlisting the

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sympathies of Parson Rydberg, Mr Handley Derry and others in the welfare of boys leaving the Reformatory hereafter. He adds further that, if one year's trial of this scheme is successful, the Council would be well advised to establish a more permanent and commodious Reformatory some distance in the country.

Public Recreation Ground. It is decided to invite Dr Maslead to fill the existing vacancy on the Committee of Management of this Ground.

Tavern Licences. Friday March 28 is fixed for the Annual Meeting of the Watch Committee to consider the question of Tavern Licences for 1913.

Firearms Licences. A Report by the Overseer of Taxes is submitted going further into the question raised by Messrs Telge & Schroeder as to the apparent unfair levy of this licence. After considerable discussion it is decided to address the firms whose names are contained in the list forwarded, pointing out that if they have done business in firearms during the past quarter they are liable for the fee. On the other hand the Council formally sanctions the practice of refunding payments made in respect of any quarter in which no sale has taken place.

Electricity Supply to Chapel. The Electrical Engineer's report of January 29 with a further letter from Mr Max M. Engel on this subject are submitted for consideration, and, upon the Chairman's proposal, it is now decided to proceed with the drawing of an agreement under which electricity will be supplied in bulk to the Chapel Authorities for consumption in the districts north of the Settlement, the terms of the agreement to be submitted later for the approval of the Electricity Committee. H.M. Consul General has indicated that, in his opinion, this step will not retard the formal extension of the Settlement, but he expresses the hope that it may be possible to insert a clause such as will prevent the unfair exclusion from Chapel of the pipes and mains of the Gas Company.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. Noting that March 21, the customary date for the Meeting, falls this year on Good Friday, it is decided to suggest to the Consular Body that the Meeting be held on Wednesday March 19.

Police Force. A note from the Captain Superintendent is read announcing receipt by telegram of the news that Inspector Johnson committed suicide yesterday at Shimonoseki. An expression of the Council's regret at this sad occurrence is recorded.

Settlement Extension. The Senior Consul has made an informal suggestion that a Special Committee of the Council meet the representatives of

the Chinese Government for the discussion of this question, with the understanding that if no eventually satisfactory basis can be reached the matter will be taken up by the Consular Body. The Chairman makes a proposal in this sense, to which however Mr Figge dissents, pointing out that the more correct course is for the Council to lay before the Consular Body the requirements so far as known, and for the subsequent negotiations with the Chinese Authorities to be conducted by the latter. In any case he has learnt from Mr Engel that the Chinese expect payment for their outlay in Chapei approximating one and a half million taels, which indicates that there is little prospect of any immediate settlement of the matter. The figures to be obtained from the Engineer, Electrical Engineer and the Waterworks Company may be expected by the next meeting of the Council when the matter will again have attention.

The Municipal Gazette for February 20 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. Special attention is given to the draft announcement on the subject of the post of Captain Superintendent of Police which is subjected to some correction. With regard to the Police Report for January, two small paragraphs are considered unsuited for publication, while the Committee generally commends the comments made upon the recent trial of Detective Roche. As regards reference to the murderer of the Jemadar, Mr Ezra has information to the effect that an official confession is in existence, and it is directed that the Captain Superintendent makes unofficial representations with a view to securing a copy.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 26, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

- Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figgé
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 19 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the question of Firearms Licences, the Chairman alludes to a recent case in which the Japanese Magistrate has declined to convict under Byelaw 34, stating that the sale of firearms is not contrary to the Japanese code. The Chairman undertakes to see the Consul General in this matter, since it is obvious that the Byelaw cannot be made applicable unless irrespective of nationality.

Electricity Supply to Chapei. A plan is submitted illustrating the proposal to retain as direct Municipal consumers all residents within 300 yards on either side of the North Szechuen Road. Mr Hide points out that if the Chapei supply is allowed to residents east of the road, the Council will be granting facilities as regards electricity which have been denied as regards water; this course he would regard as inconsistent and not strictly fair. The whole question is reserved, however, for consideration in detail by the Electricity Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 21 are submitted and confirmed, the Chairman of the Committee explaining in detail the reasons for the amendments to the Budget of 1913 which the Committee recommends. As regards a nominal sum for the new Chinese Polytechnic School, upon re-consideration the Committee is of opinion that the entry should be the same as last year, and this amendment is accordingly approved. The Budget is thus finally adopted, and it is decided, in accordance with the practice of past years, to invite the members-elect of the Council for 1913 to attend at the next meeting for the discussion of the estimates previous to their issue to the public.

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Mixed Court.

Case against a Chinese Constable. A Police Report is submitted in allusion to the action of Mr Hadley, American Assessor, who, in the interests of his boy, secured the issue of a summons against C.C.760 and two Police coolies by direct application to the Magistrate. Colonel Bruce points out (a) the discourtesy to himself involved in this action, (b) Mr Hadley's indiscretion in sitting in the case himself, and (c) the undoubtedly harsh sentence inflicted. Mr Hide points out that the Foreign staff at the Mixed Court, in whose hands the issue of summonses lies, should have been able to bring this matter to the notice of the Captain Superintendent before the summons was served. The Council is unanimously of opinion that the case having gone to a conclusion, the sentence must not be suspended, and, inasmuch as the Council's complaint is now solely as to the action of Mr Hadley personally, it is considered preferable that the Chairman see the Consul General in the matter in the first place. In the meanwhile an enquiry is directed as to the failure of those on duty at the Court to draw attention to the case at an earlier stage.

Women's Prison. The reply of the Senior Consul to the Council's suggestion on the subject of additional wardresses signifies the approval of the Consular Body thereto.

Gambling beyond Limits. A letter from the Consul for Spain is read, expressing readiness to order a search at No. 24 North Honan Road, provided the Detective Branch is able to furnish evidence that public gambling is taking place therein. The evidence to this effect of Constables Schmidt and Franklin is submitted, and it is decided to forward copies of their statements to the Consul with the usual offer of the services of the Police for such further action as he may direct.

Case of Sergeant Thompson. A Report on the alleged larceny by this Sergeant during a recent gambling raid is submitted, and the Council unanimously endorses the action which has been taken in instituting proceedings against him in the Police Court. At the same time, attention is drawn to the fact that the Captain Superintendent reported the case originally to the Chairman of the Watch Committee, and instituted proceedings without the necessary formal sanction of the Watch Committee. The Chairman expresses regret that this should have happened, but points out that when the Captain Superintendent telephones to him in matters of this kind, he naturally expresses his views as to what should be done assuming that the requisite formalities will follow as a matter of routine. Considerable discussion ensues, during which the Secretary alludes to the urgent necessity for compliance with the Standing Order which directs that he shall be the

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medium of communication between the Committees and employes, citing as a more important instance the question of the transfer of Mr Kirk for duty in charge of the Detective Branch, which has, as a fact, taken place under conditions other than those approved by the Watch Committee. The Council unanimously supports the view that the standing procedure should be followed, noting that the Order in question allows for exceptional treatment of matters of urgency. Mr Figge insists that the Chairman of Council must necessarily confer freely on all matters relating to the Municipal service with the Heads of the various Departments. To this there can be no question, nor does the wording of the Standing Order preclude such conference.

As regards the question of Mr Kirk, the Council is informed that the Judge has written an unofficial opinion on the subject in reply to the Captain Superintendent's enquiry, and a Report from the latter is required as to how the matter stands.

Sikh Murder Case. A Report from the Captain Superintendent is read to the effect that, under medical certificate, Sikh Constable 185 can improbably stand his trial. His recommendation therefore to charge the four men suspected of complicity in the murder with perjury is approved.

Victoria Nursing Home. With regard to Dr Ivy's offer, on behalf of Mr F.M. Gratton, of Lot 197 for a lump sum of T45000, the Council authorises acceptance, after a preliminary effort has been made to induce him to accept T42,500.

Fahwa and Yuyuen Roads. The Senior Consul forwards a complaint by the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs at the Council's construction of these new outside roads. It is decided to reply, as on many previous occasions, that the Land Regulations allow for such work, and that the Commissioner has no proper grounds for interference in the matter.

In this connexion Mr Gulland suggests that the former road be made available for pedestrian and pony traffic by means of platforms and small plank bridges, and this suggestion is approved.

The Council further approves the alteration of the name Fahwa Road to Warren Road, as being likely to be agreeable to the Community generally.

Railless Trams. The Tramway Committee's application to instal railless trams in the Honan and North Honan Roads is submitted for consideration, but, as it is understood that the Captain Superintendent is of opinion that the former Road is unsuited for such vehicles, discussion is deferred until next week. A further report from the Engineer is required on the question of the surface of the Honan Road, and as to what steps could be taken to make it more suitable for such traffic.

In any case the Council is unanimously of opinion that the Royalty on this source of revenue, if the concession is granted, cannot under any circumstances be waived.

It is decided to take this opportunity of enquiring whether the Company would be willing to extend the North Szechuen Road line from the present terminus to the entrance to the Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Municipal Buildings. The Report of the Municipal Buildings Committee is submitted in proof, and ordered to be printed and distributed to Ratepayers. As regards the specimen elevations which were to have accompanied the Report, the Chairman points out that the picture illustrating the "major scheme" is a flat elevation and not a ^{pers}pective; it thus furnishes no proper indication of the building which the scheme proposes. He adds that the Chief Architectural Assistant has been laid up and in hospital during the past 10 days, and that these elevations are the work of a junior. It is decided, therefore, that the inclusion of these drawings would be inadvisable.

Settlement Extension. The Chairman has learnt that the preliminary negotiations on this subject between the Senior Consul and the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs have been productive up to the present of no result. He states that Mr Engel has intimated that the acceptance by the Council of a limited extension, to include only the district known as Paoshan, is a feasible proposal and one which could be secured for a very much less sum than has been mentioned in regard to the full extension for which application has been made. The Council is unanimously of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to accept any such solution of the matter as final, but, on the other hand, if the inclusion of Paoshan were offered on reasonable terms, the members consider that it would be advisable to accept it, without prejudice to the demand which has been publicly made with the approval of the Ratepayers.

Police Junior Officers. Mr Pearce has learnt that there is at least one suitable local candidate for the post of Police Cadet. The appointment of additional cadets being one of the proposals contained in the forthcoming Budget, the matter is one for the consideration of the Council for 1913. It is decided therefore to record a note to the effect that, in the present Council's opinion, local candidates may properly be offered an opportunity to apply.

The Municipal Gazette for February 27, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. As regards the

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Mixed Court Report for January it is decided to exclude the proposals of the Registrar as to longer sittings and fees until it is learnt that they have the approval of the Consular Body.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

V. W. B. [Signature]

Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 5, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Messrs W.L. Merriman and A.S.P. White-Cooper, members of the incoming Council, attend for the discussion of the financial proposals for 1913.

The minutes of the meeting of February 26 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Reverting to the question of Firearms Licences, the Chairman states that the Consul General for Japan has undertaken to give the matter further consideration, and, at his request, a copy of the Police Report relating to the prosecutions of February 23 and 24 will be furnished to him.

Mixed Court. The Senior Consul has stated that the publication of notices in the Municipal Gazette relating to improvements made in the Mixed Court are calculated to irritate the Chinese Authorities, who, under the present regime, are not consulted in Mixed Court matters. It is decided to comply with this suggestion, and to make no special allusion to Mixed Court affairs in the Gazette in future.

Settlement Extension. The Senior Consul has also expressed the hope that the Council will, at an early date, give an unofficial indication of what sum would be paid to the Chinese Authorities as nominal compensation for the expenditure incurred in the Chapel district. As regards a contribution to this object by the Shanghai Waterworks Company, Mr Hide states that the directors do not feel justified in offering more than the value to the Company of the pipes and mains of the Chapel Waterworks. He does not include the Works themselves, for the reason that the Company is in a position to supply the whole of Chapel and Paoshan with water from its existing reservoirs and the Sinza Water Tower. In support of this attitude Mr Hide recounts the events of the past four years, reminding the Council that had the Company's original proposal to supply Chapel in bulk, a proposal upon similar lines to that now being arranged with respect to the supply of electricity, been granted, the Chapel Waterworks would not have been

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established, and the present position would thus not have arisen. He adds that, in the opinion of the Board, the Company has already paid for the privileges which they would obtain by the extension of the Settlement, and that any such contribution as the Council now indicates would amount to double payment. The Chairman states, in reply, that at the time the Waterworks Agreement was signed it was not contemplated that the extension of the Settlement would involve a heavy cash payment. Mr Hide suggests that the Council should be represented at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Company so that the suggestion may have the formal sanction of the shareholders. Mr Figge points out that this would involve discussion in public, which would, under present circumstances, be highly undesirable. In any case Mr Hide undertakes to put the Council's views before his co-directors as soon as possible.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Kenbury School Committee of February 25 are submitted and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 3 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of excluding from the Budget the provision for a Steam Water Wagon, Mr Owen alludes to a note from the Engineer to the effect that this will increase the estimated consumption of water. In view of the figures appertaining to the past two years, Mr Ezra is of opinion that the difference will be slight, and, in any case, the wagon will probably be available for use this summer. It will be in the discretion of the incoming Works Committee to indent for the wagon late in the year, so that its cost may fall upon the accounts for 1914.

Loan of 1913. Mr Figge points out that it would be advisable to accept money on provisional receipt up to not less than \$200,000, the present amount of the "E" Account overdraft. This suggestion is endorsed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 4, are submitted and that relating to the Departmental Estimates for 1913 is read. Mr Peaslee at some length indicates the necessity for the heavy expenditure involved, if the Department is to keep pace with the growing demand for electricity for all purposes. He furnishes statistics of a large number of home municipalities where similar loans are being raised for the similar purposes. On the other hand he points out that, at the end of the current year,

the total of the Electricity Loans will exceed that of the General Municipal Loans; further that if future borrowings are to be on the same scale, the Council's ownership of the Electricity Department will adversely affect its general financial credit. Finally Mr Pearce advocates the formation of a Committee for the investigation of this point, and suggests that an amendment be proposed in that sense to the usual routine Resolution on the subject of the Electricity Department. Mr Ezra states that he has no knowledge of the details of the Electricity accounts, and that he is not satisfied that the rates charged to the public are on a proper basis, citing particularly the rates paid by cotton mills. It is understood that a Report by the Treasurer bearing on the question is in course of preparation, and further discussion is deferred until next week.

Capital Expenditure. The Electrical Engineer's report of February 17 is submitted, desiring that the Council will reverse its former decision not to charge any part of the Pay of employes engaged upon construction work to Capital Account. From the tenour of members' remarks on the circular accompanying this document it is evident that the majority of the Council is of the same opinion as that recorded in November last, and the former minute is confirmed without discussion.

Budget 1913. The completed Introduction is submitted in draft and approved; with this the Finance section of the Annual Report is available for issue to the public.

Police Force.

Terms of Service for Foreigners. Referring to the amended Terms approved by the Council in January last, attention is drawn to the phrase in which the Council reserves the right to withhold leave entirely under certain conditions. This stipulation is very much resented by the new draft of recruits, who argue that, upon completion of five years work, a man is entitled to leave in accordance with the Council's well established rule. No objection is raised to the postponement of leave for a period not exceeding three months in cases where the Captain Superintendent considers it desirable. Mr Figge inclines towards supporting the rule as it now stands, except upon the grounds that it is inadvisable to add to the already difficult task of recruiting the necessary men for the Council's requirements. The change suggested is finally adopted by the Council.

Case of Sergeant Thompson. The Chairman explains the circumstances which have led the Watch Committee to the view that the continued service of this Sergeant is undesirable. His agreement will expire

on June 16, 1914, and he has had nine months leave granted to him from April 26. It is therefore decided to issue Full Pay up to the end of his agreement and to authorise the issue of Superannuation under Rule 8. The Council further sanctions payment of a sum of £400 being the legal expenses incurred by Thompson in defending himself in H.M. Police Court.

Mixed Court, Assessors' Vehicle Allowance. The Senior Consul and British Consul General have again approached the Chairman on this subject, as a result of which it is directed that the issue of the fixed allowances heretofore approved shall cease, and that Assessors shall forward accounts for expenditure incurred, for payment.

Foreign Brothels. A letter from Dr MacGillivray is submitted declaiming against disorderly houses in which liquor is sold. The writer is misinformed as to several points connected with this difficult question, and it is decided to reply along the lines of the Council's letter to H.M. Consul General in November 1908. In the meanwhile, at the Chairman's suggestion, it is decided to enquire the nature of recent measures taken in the matter in Hongkong.

Victoria Nursing Home.

Extension of Site. The Chairman has seen Dr Ivy on the subject of the purchase of Lot 987, and finds Mr Gratton's agent unwilling to accept a less sum than £45,000. He has arranged, subject to the Council's approval, that this price shall be paid, and that the money shall thereupon be re-invested in Municipal Debentures at £106. The purchase is accordingly ratified.

Maternity Ward. The Scale of Fees, unofficially approved by the Watch Committee at the opening of the Ward, is now sanctioned by the Council, and ordered for publication in the usual manner. The Council also approves the issue of an Allowance of £20 per mensem to the Nurse in charge of the building.

Hot Water Guild Cemetery. The Senior Consul has drawn attention to the fact that the cemetery wall, recently erected by the Council, is already falling into disrepair, and he suggests, as a small concession which will facilitate his negotiations for the liberation of a Tipao imprisoned in connexion with the Myburgh Road transaction, that the restoration be executed by the Council. The Engineer will be directed accordingly.

Dr Jackson's Motor Car. A further note from Dr Jackson renews his claim, now advanced to £200, for the repair of the damage to his motor car

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by reason of a hole in a private passage off the Haskell Road. It is decided once more entirely to repudiate responsibility for this untoward event.

Public Band. With reference to the application of Mr Millies to give a violin recital and to the Band Committee's stipulation that he make no charge, the Chairman expresses the hope that the Committee will re-consider its decision, by reason of the very general desire of a number of musical people that the recital be held. Mr Figge points out that the whole of the time and ability of musicians should be devoted to the public service, more particularly during the season and while the third Subscription Concert has yet to be held. The Council generally supports the decision of the Band Committee, which is consequently confirmed.

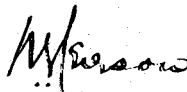
Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. The draft official Resolutions, to be proposed at the forthcoming meeting, are submitted and approved.

Police Legal Adviser. The Chairman states that, after careful enquiry, he finds that no system of special permission for Mr Kirk to appear in the British Court has been established, and, particularly, that no special application was made in the recent Thompson Case. In reply to Mr Figge he states that no restriction has been placed on Mr Kirk's appearance in Court, and that he will continue to perform the duties of Police Legal Adviser as heretofore.

The Municipal Gazette for March 6 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 12, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owon
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 5 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of March 7 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of Attendance, Mr Ezra is of opinion that the falling off in the number of scholars which is noticeable will improbably adjust itself so long as the School remains distant from the Western District. He advocates the establishment of a school in that District.

Case of Mr Barrow. An unofficial note from the Rev. A.J. Walker to the Chairman is read expressing the hope that this employe's passage to England will be paid by the Council. Mr Walker is under a misapprehension as to the terms which Mr Barrow would have received had he not been seeking re-employment in Shanghai, also as to the character of his work while in the Council's employ. Mr Gulland points out that the Headmaster of the Public School refrained from any criticism of Mr Barrow, having regard to the forthcoming severance of his connexion with the Public School. On the other hand Mr Ezra states that the Headmaster of the Public School for Chinese, in which Mr Barrow formerly served, made no secret of his satisfaction at the transfer. In any case Clause 8 of this employe's agreement leaves the Council no option in the matter of passage money, and the Chairman undertakes to explain the circumstances to Mr Walker.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 11 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the Supply to Chapei, Mr Pearce states that Mr Engel has readily accepted the proposal confining the scope of the agreement to the district north of the Settlement and west of the Shanghai-Woosung railway line, adding that the agreement is being re-drawn in this

sense. Consumers in the North Soochuen Road district east and west of the road, will remain connected directly to the Council's mains for the present. A Report by the Electrical Engineer is read giving the basis upon which the price to be charged for bulk supply to Chapel has been calculated. The resulting average rate, 5.75 tael cents per unit, is considered by the Council to be highly satisfactory.

Volunteer Corps, Engineer Company. Six months leave of absence is granted to Captain C.H. Godfrey from March 29.

Police Force, Sikh Murder Case. A Report from the Captain Superintendent is submitted referring to the fact that the trial of Sikh Constable 185 has been indefinitely postponed, and again recommending dismissal of the four men known to have been connected with the murder. The Chairman explains that Mr Bourne being absent from Shanghai the hope that the Supreme Court would find it possible to deport these men has disappeared; Colonel Bruce's proposal is therefore adopted, and it is decided to use the best means to secure their return to India.

Mixed Court.

Corporal Punishment. A note from the Senior Consul informs the Council that, under directions of the Diplomatic Body, the proposed introduction of the cat is not approved.

Case against a Chinese Constable. The reply of the American Consul General to the Council's representations as regards Mr Hadley's recent action, is submitted and ordered to be circulated for members' perusal. Mr Hadley's statements with regard to the Police at the Harbin Road Station will be the subject of further investigation by the Watch Committee.

Bubbling Well Chapel. An application by the Rev. A.J. Walker to hold services in the Chapel is submitted, together with a note on the subject by the Health Officer. At the recommendation of the Watch Committee it is decided to grant the necessary permission.

While on the subject of the chapel the Council records the opinion that it is inadequate in size for the requirements of the Community; besides which the heating arrangements are defective, and there is not wanting the impression that the internal cremation gear is unnecessary. It is decided to call for a report from the Public Works Department on this subject.

Fruit Hawkers. With regard to the incipient disturbances which have taken place as a result of the Health Department's effort to prohibit the sale of fruit except in licensed premises, a petition from the hawkers and a letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate are submitted together with a Police Report in re. The Chairman points out that the proposed

prohibition is a necessary measure to protect the coolie classes against cholera and kindred diseases which last year resulted in quarantine measures to the detriment of the trade of the port. There are reasons which preclude the Council from ridding the Settlement altogether of hawkers, but, it is decided, as regards the hawking of fruit, that the Health Department must firmly discountenance it. If any exception is made at present it will be all the more difficult to take preventive measures when the summer begins. It is decided to reply to the hawkers giving reasons for the Council's action in simple Chinese such as they will understand, and to furnish a copy of the document for the information of the Mixed Court Magistrate and of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Wayside Public Wharf. A letter is submitted from Messrs Wheelock & Co, Agents, Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co.Ld., in criticism of the suggested lay-out of this projected public landing place. In reply, it will be stated that the matter will receive attention at the hands of the incoming Works Committee.

Electricity Department, Financial Position. During the course of the week, Mr Ezra has convinced himself, in conversation with the Chairman of the Electricity Committee and the Electrical Engineer, that the power load is distributed on a profitable basis. A Report from the Electrical Engineer, setting out the views he has expressed, is submitted and ordered for circulation to the Council.

A Report by the Treasurer is also submitted, summarising the development of the Department from a financial standpoint during the past five years. His conclusion is that the time has arrived to re-consider the Council's policy in connexion with the Department. The Electricity Committee unanimously recommends the publication of this document, but, after considerable discussion, and for the reason that the inference from the concluding paragraph is that it would be desirable to transfer it to a public company, the Council decides to withhold it. At the same time, the Chairman undertakes to include in his speech a suggestion to the new Council that a Committee be formed during the ensuing year for the purpose of considering and reporting on the subject.

Railless Trams. Reports by the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Engineer are submitted referring to the project for inaugurating railless cars in the Honan and North Honan Roads. In comment thereon, the Chairman considers that the use of this road for the purpose in question requires very careful consideration, having regard to the importance of the thoroughfare from the standpoint of Chinese trade.

He anticipates that there will be considerable opposition from the landlords whose properties are affected. It is decided, as a preliminary step, to forward extracts from these reports for the information of the Company.

Legal Advisers. A letter from Mr L.E.P. Jones enquires whether the Council would object to his acceptance of a retainer from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs. Upon the grounds that it is to the advantage of the Settlement that the Commissioner have straightforward and reliable legal advice, and that the priority of the Council's retainer is without question, it is decided to offer no objection. Mr Ezra's doubts on the subject are set at rest by the Chairman, and his opposition to the application is withdrawn.

Ricsha Service. A letter from Mr W.W. Lockwood is submitted, forwarding the Report of a meeting of citizens on the subject of the condition of ricsha coolies in the Settlement. In so far as the report advocates limitation of the number of licences, the Council is not in agreement, for the reason that such limitation would tend to confine the licences to a certain number of large proprietors. On the other hand, the Chairman points out that proper limitation of the total number would be effected were the Police supervision of the coolies and vehicles adequate. In any case, it is decided to reply that the matter will engage the earnest attention of the incoming Watch Committee.

The Municipal Gazette for March 13 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication, omitting the Treasurer's Report on the Financial Position of the Electricity Department, as aforesaid.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

W. W. Lockwood
Chairman.

W. W. Lockwood
Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, March 18, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 12 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With respect to that relating to the Case of Mr Barrow, Mr Hide states that the Rev. A.J. Walker has requested, as a special case, that Mr Barrow should receive pay for the months of July and August, during which he will not be called upon to perform duty in any case. The Council would not be averse to this course, and refers the matter therefore for re-consideration at the hands of the Public School Committee.

Volunteer Corps.

Engineer Company. Eight months leave of absence is granted to Lieutenant S.S. Sellick from April 28. This officer and Captain C.H. Godfrey are permitted to attend a course of instruction at the School of Musketry, Hythe, during their absence.

Commandant. A petition dated December 12, bearing 72 signatures, is submitted, desiring that the Council will assent to the prolongation of Colonel Barnes' service so that the changes in the headship of the Police Force and Volunteer Corps may not take place at the same time. The question of Colonel Barnes' service has already received full consideration at the hands of the Watch Committee and the Council, and the Chairman undertakes, should the matter come up for discussion at the Ratepayers Meeting, to make an announcement in the sense of the earlier minutes in re.

Min Li Pao. The Police Report for March 15 draws attention to certain misleading statements in this Chinese newspaper on the subject of the Chinese Branch of the Police Force. While admitting that such statements should not be read too seriously the Captain Superintendent is of opinion that steps should in this case be taken to point out the inaccuracies. The office of the paper being situated in the French Settlement, it is decided to enquire of the French Council what steps may suitably be taken in the direction indicated.

Victoria Nursing Home. The Watch Committee has made a special visit of inspection to the Home with a view to ascertaining whether the houses leased as quarters for the Nurses are suitable, some of the Nurses having expressed dissatisfaction with them. The Committee is unanimously of opinion that the quarters are very comfortable and satisfactory. At the same time it is decided to remove certain trees which affect the light, and to take down the wall separating the houses from the garden of the Home. Additional bath-rooms also will be provided in each of the houses.

Chinese Educational Committee. A letter from Mr H.F. Handley-Derry is read containing the resignation of his seat on this Committee owing to his forthcoming departure for Ichang. It is decided to forward a letter thanking him for his services.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Municipal Buildings. A letter from Mr E.S. Little, already published in the newspapers, and containing the text of the Amendment which he is about to propose to Resolution V, is submitted as a matter of form.

A report by the Engineer is read condemning Design No. 1 for reasons stated. This document is ordered for publication.

A report by the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade draws attention to the unsatisfactory character of the present Central Station, and lays stress upon the necessity for wider roads surrounding such a building.

Electricity Department. With regard to the Report by the Treasurer, under discussion at the last meeting, Mr Goodale has amended Clauses 1 and 8, so that the Report may be more suitable for publication. With the further elision of three lines at Mr Pearce's suggestion it is decided to include the Report in tomorrow's Municipal Gazette.

Chairman's Speeches. The Chairman's speeches introducing Resolutions IV, V and VI, are read and approved with certain minor alterations.

The Municipal Gazette for March 19 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

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Chairman.

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, March 20, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 E.C. Pearce
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 18 are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the question of Municipal Buildings, the Chairman expresses the opinion that the Report from the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade to which he alluded in his speech at the Ratepayers Meeting, should receive due weight at the hands of the Council. The document is ordered to be circulated to members.

Retiring Members. Mr Burkill thanks the members of the Council for 1912 for the support they have given him during his short tenure of the office of Chairman. On behalf of the members Mr Pearce expresses appreciation of the keenness and energy Mr Burkill has displayed both in the Council Room and elsewhere, and particularly of the manner with which he handled and brought to a successful issue the difficult question of Municipal Buildings.

Mr Burkill then withdraws.

Election of Office Bearers. Upon the proposal of Mr Ezra, seconded by Mr Gulland, Mr Pearce is elected Chairman for the ensuing year; and upon the proposal of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Clark, Mr Figge is elected to the Vice-Chair.

Standing Committees. The Council resolves itself into Standing Committees as follows:-

Finance Committee:- Messrs Merriman, Pearce and White-Cooper.

Works Committee:- Messrs Ezra, Gulland and Owen.

Watch Committee:- Messrs Clark, Figge and Hide.

In respect to the appointment of Sub-Committees, it is decided to request the present members to continue their services for another year, the Council's representatives thereon being arranged as follows:-

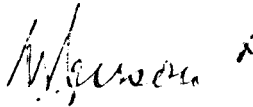
Band Committee: Mr Figge.
Permanent Education Committee: Mr White-Cooper
Public Recreation Ground Committee: Mr Clark
Public School Committee: Mr White-Cooper.
Chinese Educational Committee: Mr Ezra

With reference to the vacancy in the Chinese Educational Committee caused by the resignation of Mr Handley-Derry, the Chairman suggests that the Council invite Mr H. Phillips to take his place. This proposal is unanimously approved.

With reference to the vacancy in the Electricity Committee which follows from the nomination of Mr Pearce as Chairman of Council, it is decided to request Mr A. Brooke Saith to serve in this capacity.

The meeting adjourns at 4.45 p.m.

Chairman.



Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 26, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of March 20 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Legal Advisers. A note from Mr L.E.P. Jones is read stating that he
 has been requested to act for Ying Kwei-shing, the man accused of
 conniving in the assassination of Sung Chiao-jen. The Council is
 informed that the Police have no objection to Mr Jones acting in this
 case, and it is decided to communicate to him by telephone to this
 effect.

Volunteer Corps.

Light Horse. The promotion of 2nd Lieutenant W.J. Ralphs to be
 Lieutenant is approved.

"A" Company Mounted Rifles. The resignation of Captain R.I. Fenon
 owing to increasing demands on his time has, upon the recommendation
 of the Commandant, been accepted. This Officer having served in the
 Corps since June 1903, it is decided to confer retired rank upon him,
 with the right to wear the prescribed uniform, in accordance with
 Article XIII of the Regulations.

The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant S.E. Neill is also forwarded
 by the Commandant. Inasmuch as acceptance will involve leaving the
 Mounted Rifles without an officer, it is considered desirable to
 enquire what steps are being taken for the control of the unit, or
 whether it will be disbanded and the members re-enrolled in "A"
 Company.

Customs Company. A commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for
 issue to Mr M. Key.

Surplus Rifles. The Commandant requests permission to sell to the
 China Agents Company 100 old rifles. The Watch Committee considers
 that as all the Corps armament was imported for the defence of the

Foreign Settlement, it would be improper to dispose of old rifles for any except a similar purpose. It is therefore decided to decline the Company's request.

Land Commission. A note from Mr L.J. Cubitt is read informing the Council that he will be absent from Shanghai until June 24.

Railless Trams. The Council is informed that Mr McColl has read the reports of the Captain Superintendent and Engineer on the proposal to instal railless trams in the Honan Road. He now appears to concur in the view that it would be undesirable to select this road for the purpose, and will make an alternative suggestion. In the meanwhile the Works Committee consents to receive the representatives of the Company for the general discussion of the subject at its forthcoming meeting.

Municipal Buildings. The Chairman states that Mr McBain is desirous of receiving cash for Lot 171, and that he considers that it was part of his arrangement with the Council that the transfer should be made and payment effected as soon after the Ratepayers Meeting as circumstances would admit. Mr Pearce has ascertained that the Bank would have no objection to the overdraft necessary to this end, and it is decided to complete the transfer forthwith. As regards Mrs Chin Chin Chee's lease of the property, it is suggested, and the Council approves, that Mr H. Lester be requested to use his good offices in arranging terms of cancellation.

Loan of 1913. Three Reports from the Treasurer on this subject are submitted dealing with offers by Messrs A.L. Anderson & Co. and others, and generally discussing the financial position. The Chairman has consulted Mr Stephen, Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who concurs in the view that an attempt should be made to raise the \$500,000 required for the land purchase forementioned at 5½ per cent interest, debentures redeemable in 50 years. It is therefore decided to issue a Notification inviting tenders, to be received on April 16. At Mr Merriman's suggestion it is decided to insert the Notification in the local newspapers as well as in the Municipal Gazette. Mr Clark points out that it would be undesirable that the clause in regard to payment on allotment be rigorously applied, and a note to this effect is recorded.

Shanghai Library. It is the intention of the Council to make no change in the management of this Institution for the present, and it is decided to request the Rev.C.E. Darwent and Mr W.C.P. Austin, members of the former Library Committee, to continue their services on a Sub-Committee of the Council. As regards a third member, the Chairman

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will see Sir Havilland de Sausmarez in the first place and ascertain his views on the subject.

Public School Committee. A note by Mr Abraham intimates that he will be unable to continue his services on this Committee, and, at the Chairman's suggestion, it is decided to leave the membership at four, to be reduced hereafter to three when opportunity serves.


Parks Committee. Noting the remarks of the members of this Committee with regard to the services of Mr Peebles, the Chairman undertakes to arrange for the withdrawal of Mr Algar, so that the membership may be the recognised official number.

Thomas Hanbury School Committee. There being only two ladies on this Committee at present viz. Mrs Bondfield and Mrs Merriman, it is decided to request them to suggest a third member, so that the duties performed by these ladies may not become too onerous.

The Municipal Gazette for March 27 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.

Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 2, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 26 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of March 28 are submitted and confirmed. This meeting was solely in connexion with the issue of Tavern Licences, and Mr Figge states that, in company with Mr Hide, he has visited the houses in question and finds no reason to amend the decisions recorded. The Watch Committee's Report on the applications is presented and ordered for publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 31 are submitted and confirmed with the following notes:-

Road Extensions and Widening. The 5 District Plans are presented and signed by the Chairman.

Nanking Road Widening. The whole of the files in this case are ordered for submission to Mr White-Cooper, and in the meanwhile the Council directs that no official letter be written, but only that it be suggested verbally to Mr Hardoon that he accept the 1887 assessment.

Birt's Lane. A note from the Engineer estimates the cost of chip-paving this thoroughfare at £560, and the Council directs that the work be put in hand forthwith.

Bubbling Well Road. A Report by the Engineer gives alternative estimates for dealing with the creek opposite Mrs McBain's property. The Council is unanimous that a very valuable public improvement would be effected by culverting the creek as far as the Moulmein Road, and the higher estimate, £12,000, is approved. Inasmuch as Mrs McLeish has claimed the assessed value for the strip to be severed from her property, an attempt will be made to obtain some reduction of this, in view of the unquestionable betterment which will accrue as a result of the culvert.

Rail-less Trams. A note from the Engineer recommends a charge of £2 per fong per annum, instead of the customary £0.30, as the basis of the Company's contribution in respect to the maintenance of the Fokien Road. It appears to the Council that this charge will err, if at all, on the safe side, and it is decided to reply to the Company in terms of the Committee's recommendation.

Wayside Public Wharf. Mr Owen, after making further enquiries, has convinced himself that little use will be made by the public of the projected new landing place. The Council will await the views of Mr Brodie Clarke before deciding upon the size of the dock.

Volunteer Corps, "A" Company Mounted Rifles. A Report from the Commandant is read recommending the disbandment of this unit, owing to the falling off in the number of members and general declining interest. It appears to the Council that no other course can be followed. With this decision the Council's acceptance of 2nd Lieutenant Neill's resignation is recorded.

Boy Scouts. The Scoutmaster-in-charge furnishes a copy of the Annual Report on the Scouts by Colonel Barnes. While expressing satisfaction with the work of the Scouts, the Council directs publication of the document.

Case of Ying Kwei-shing. A Police Report is read indicating the desirability that the prosecution of Ying Kwei-shing for complicity in the recent murder of Sung Chiao-jen be transferred beyond the limits of the Settlement with as little delay as possible. A draft letter to the Senior Consul is read containing a request in this sense, and setting out generally the Council's reasons against further adjournment of the proceedings in the Mixed Court. Mr Hide considers that the Police Force should be in a position to deal with any disorder which may arise as a result of this case, and Mr White-Cooper is opposed to any interference in the routine of the Court. The Council as a whole is of opinion that the case would be better met were the Chairman to inform the Senior Consul that the report has been received, and indicate to him the desirability of speedy termination of the matter so far as the Foreign Settlement is concerned.

Public Gambling. A further letter from the Spanish Consul is read informing the Council that the lease of the gambling establishment held by his national has been cancelled. In these circumstances responsibility for the continuance of the gambling lies, as before, with the Italian Consular Authorities, and in this case also Mr Pearce undertakes to see the Consul General personally.

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Case of N. Scheppelmann. A note from the German Assessor is read desiring official confirmation by the Council of its undertaking to pay \$40 per mensem on behalf of this demented Eurasian girl. Mr Figge points out that the Council would be wrong in binding its successors to an annual payment of \$480 in perpetuity. On the other hand, the Chairman is aware that Mr Burkill virtually gave a promise in this sense. In the circumstances it is decided to reply to Dr Pernitzsch that the Council will undertake payment for one year, when the case may be reconsidered on its merits, and, if necessary, the Ratepayers authority obtained for continuance.

Electricity Department.

Committee. The Chairman states that he has informally approached Mr Fairchild with a view to his filling the vacancy on this Committee. Mr Fairchild has accepted subject to his obtaining the sanction of his Board in New York. Mr Figge points out the necessity for filling the vacancy without delay, and suggests that, as during the past two years, a member of the Council serve on the Committee. Mr Owen supports this view and Mr Clark is accordingly nominated and consents to serve.

Supply to Chapel. The draft agreement furnished to Mr Engel has been returned with certain modifications which appear on first inspection open to no objection. It is noted that the Chapel Authorities desire that the clause relating to the extension of the Settlement be made a separate agreement. Before finally sanctioning the affixation of the Council's seal, it is directed that the document be circulated for the approval of the Finance Committee, which includes the new members of Council who are not at present acquainted with its terms.

Riverside Station. A note from the Engineer suggests a public opening of this Station, although it has, as a matter of necessity, already commenced running. The Council approves this proposal and Saturday, April 12, is fixed for the function.

Parks Committee. The Chairman states that he has seen Mr Algar in the matter of the constitution of this Committee, and arranged with him that the Committee shall stand with a membership of 4 for a period of three months, after which he would prefer to, and will resign.

Public School, Scale of Pay. The question of the Scale of Pay for Assistant Masters has had the attention of the Finance Committee, and, upon the Committee's recommendation, it is decided that the Scale shall be identical with that for Assistant Engineers, Surveyors and Architects, i. e. \$250 per mensem on joining with an addition of \$50

at the end of each period of three years, up to a maximum of T400.

Library Committee. The Committee has learnt that Sir Havilland de Sausmarez has no desire to continue his services on this Committee, and suggests Mr H.S. Oppe as a suitable substitute. A note from Dr MacGillivray offers his services also, but it is decided to request Mr Oppe to serve, Mr White-Cooper undertaking to explain to Dr MacGillivray that the Committee is already complete.

Public Recreation Ground. A note from the Secretary of the Recreation Ground Committee enquires the Council's views as to a proposal to allot a space for a bowling green. While leaving the matter in the Committee's hands for settlement, the Council is of opinion that the already congested state of the Ground renders such a project unfeasible. A nominal lease for a Bowling Club will, under the Council's lease, require the assent of the Recreation Fund Trustees.

Mr D. Landale. The Chairman states that as Mr Landale is about to leave Shanghai permanently, it would be fitting for the Council to mark its appreciation of his long services as Chairman by a public dinner or otherwise. It is unanimously decided to ask Mr Landale to fix a date upon which the Council may entertain him at dinner at the Shanghai Club.

The Municipal Gazette for April 3 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 9, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m. there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. Hide

The minutes of the meeting of April 2 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the Bubbling Well Road Improvement, a note from the Engineer states that after plotting accurate sections of the proposed culvert, he is able to reduce the estimate of cost from \$12000 to \$10000.

Case of Ying Kwei-shing. The Chairman states that in his conversation with the Senior Consul on Thursday last, Mr Siffert stated that everything possible would be done to transfer this case beyond the limits of the Settlement without delay. Nevertheless, the Council is aware that the case is still proceeding without sign of approaching conclusion.

Electricity Committee. Mr Clark states that owing to the fact that he is leaving Shanghai within a year, it would be contrary to the policy heretofore prevailing for him to accept service on this Committee. The Chairman states that at the last meeting of Council he was unprepared for the suggestion that a member should serve on the Electricity Committee. In the circumstances he considers that it would be advisable that until Mr Fairchild obtains the necessary sanction from New York for his becoming a member, that he, the Chairman, should remain on the Electricity Committee. The Council unanimously endorses this proposal.

With the Committee's approval Mr A.W. Burkill will serve on the Committee during the absence from Shanghai of Mr C.R. Burkill.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of
April 1 are submitted and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 4 are
submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of the
 incorporation of the

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Legion of Frontiersmen in the Volunteer Corps. The Chairman has perused the whole of the file of papers in the matter, and considers that, if only for the reason that a number of the Council's essential Regulations for the Corps would not be applicable to members of the Legion, incorporation is impracticable. The Council generally is averse to the proposal.

Honaker Fire Station. Mr Figge recounts the history of this matter, and expresses regret that the representatives of the Brigade should have pressed for the alteration of the present Station, should have approved the plans, and, after so short an interval of time, should complain of the inadequacy of the accommodation. He points out that while nothing can be done in the matter during this year, yet the Committee will formulate a scheme to be incorporated in the Budget for 1914, upon receipt of a Report on the subject from the Municipal Engineer.

Police Legal Assistant. It is decided to procure the services of a Junior Legal Assistant with the help of Mr McNeill, provided he will act for the Council in this matter.

Public Rickshaws. Mr Clark stipulates that, in the event of an owner not returning a licence plate to the Police, he shall pay the licence fee for that month or months until its return.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of April 8 are read and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Corps Staff Officer. The resignation of Captain J.T. Ford is accepted with regret, and, upon the recommendation of the Commandant the Council approves the appointment of Captain L.E. Canning to fill the vacancy so created.

Fire Brigade.

Motor Tender Tyres. The Chief Officer reports that the tyres of this machine have rapidly broken up, and his proposal to order another set by wire is approved upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee.

Stock of Hose. Upon the proposal of the Chief Officer it is decided to order the year's supply of hose and couplings without the usual call for tenders, he being desirous to experiment in Shanghai with certain makes of which he has had experience elsewhere. This course is approved.

Public Gambling. The Chairman has seen the Italian Consul, who has led him to infer that the actions of the Spanish Consulate in reference to the lease of the gambling establishment in the North Honan Road is open to misconception. He left the Spanish Consul's letter in the hands

of Mr Scelsi, who has promised to do his best to stop the gambling.

Nanking Road Widening, Lot 154, S.A. Haroon. Mr White-Cooper has given his opinion in this case, to the effect that the Council cannot claim surrender of the strip of the pavement in front of Messrs Brewer & Co's store without payment, and the Council is unanimously of opinion that nothing remains but to compromise with Mr Haroon on the most favourable terms. At Mr Figge's suggestion negotiations in the matter are left in the hands of Mr Ezra, who will do what is possible to bring about a reasonable settlement.

Dixwell Road Extension, Lots 69 and 145, Moorhead & Halse. A letter from this firm is submitted, couched in unpleasant terms, and directed against the refusal of the Land Commission to hold a third hearing therein. The Chairman and Mr Ezra have ascertained from Mr Nissim, head of Messrs Daw Sassoon & Co.Ld. (who are the real agents for the owners of the property concerned) that the letter was written without his authority and contrary to his instructions. Mr Nissim requests that the Council will take no action in the matter, and it is decided to leave the letter without reply. Mr Ezra and certain other members of Council are aware that Messrs Moorhead & Halse's letter is part of a movement which has the support of certain of the land agents and architects, directed against the methods and practice of the Land Commission. The Council is under the impression, however, that the work of the Land Commission has given satisfaction so far as the general public is concerned.

Electricity Department, Stonebridge Road Sub-Station. The proposal of the Municipal Engineer that the Council acquire as a site for a sub-station a piece of unregistered land, measuring now 0.256, of which now 0.072 is required for road purposes, is, with the approval of the Electricity and Works Committees, authorised. *file 762700.*

Educational Matters. A letter from the Rev. A.J. Walker is read, forwarding a memorandum on certain points which he considers require the attention of the Permanent Education Committee. Without any clear understanding of the object which Mr Walker has in view, the Council agrees to convene and make the necessary arrangements for, a meeting of this Committee. Mr Ezra takes occasion to refer to the opinion he has formerly expressed that a second Public School for Foreign children should be established in the Western District. It is decided to refer this point for the Committee's consideration.

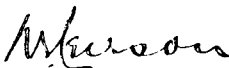
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Dinner to Mr Landale. After some discussion as to the manner in which the dinner shall be arranged, the Council approves a list of guests, to include all members of the community who have taken part in the public life of the Settlement. The total is likely to be about 130. The date fixed for the dinner is April 24, and it is directed that the Band be engaged for this date, and other arrangements made ensuring the success of the function.

The Municipal Gazette for April 10 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication, including a general invitation to the public of both sexes to attend the Riverside Power Station opening ceremony.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 16, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulladd
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark

The minutes of the meeting of April 9 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of April 14, now in
 process of circulation to members, are taken as read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 14 are submitted
 and confirmed. As regards the

Avenue Edouard VII. a Report by the Captain Superintendent of Police is
 read, in which he strongly supports the second scheme for laying out
 this new thoroughfare, i.e. that with an uninterrupted carriageway.
 The Council generally confirms this view, and it is decided to proceed
 with Scheme 2 forthwith.

Folwa Road. After some discussion it is definitely decided to name
 this road Warren Road.

As regards the suggested purchase of land at the Brennan Road
 corner, the Council is of opinion that its acquisition will be
 appreciated in the future, while the improvement in the angle at
 which the roads meet is a necessary one. Mr Ezra withdraws his
 opposition to the proposal, and the offer by the Chinese owner is
 authorised for acceptance.

Pingchiuo Road. The following minute of the Committee, inadvertently
 omitted, is explained in detail by Mr Gulland and adopted by the
 Council:-

"The long negotiations on the subject of the holding of Zao Zung
 "Foo have culminated in his offer to surrender the whole of his
 "property measuring Mow 1,688 for the sum of \$19220 with 40 per cent
 "added. In the Engineer's opinion the claim is not an unfair one
 "provided this added percentage is reduced to the customary 10, and a

"counteroffer on this basis is authorised. The Committee is of opinion that the surplus land which will be acquired by this transaction will be of use to the Council in negotiation with the adjoining owner or readily re-saleable."

Volunteer Corps.

Maxim Battery. The resignation of 2nd Lieut. L.R. Whoon, upon appointment to the post of 1st Assistant in the Deluge Company of the Fire Brigade, is accepted with regret.

German Company. Nine months leave is granted to Captain Schellhoss from April 25.

The resignation of Lieut. H. Steen, owing to pressure of business, is accepted with regret.

Fire Brigade.

Deluge Company. The Chief Officer notifies the Council of the appointment as Foreman, on election by the Company, of Mr F.G.C. Walker, in succession to Mr F. Richardson, resigned. This appointment is duly confirmed.

Mr Richardson has been an active and very efficient member of the Company for over five years, and for two years has acted as Foreman. The Council, upon the recommendation of the Chief Officer, places on record its appreciation of his good services.

Services at Pootung. The Reports by the Chief Officer are submitted, on the subject of the attendance of the Brigade at the recent fire at Messrs Melchers' Wharf, and the Council approves the proposal to charge the owners for the gear which was damaged on service. Mr Pett's proposal to make a charge of £150 for the services of the Fire Float is not approved, Mr Hide pointing out that it is necessary to emphasise the fact that the work of the Brigade in Pootung is gratuitous on the Council's part, and in no sense have property owners on that side of the river a right to such services. Nevertheless, at the Chairman's suggestion it is decided, as on previous occasions, to charge Messrs Melchers & Co. for the coal consumed. A definite direction in this sense for the future guidance of the Chief Officer is recorded.

The further proposal to establish a small Fire Station on the Pootung side is negatived pending the initiative of the property owners concerned.

Police Recruits. With regard to the refusal of Constables Franklin and Smith to sign their agreements, the opinion of the Legal Adviser is read to the effect that the documents which these men signed in London are evidence that they are members of the Police Force, and consequently subject to the provisions of the King's Regulation. Mr Jones points

out the futility of prosecution, inasmuch as the men are doubtless without means, and he suggests that no action be taken unless and until they refuse duty. Mr Ezra considers that it would be inadvisable for it to appear that the Council attaches no importance to the signature of agreements, having regard to future drafts. Mr Figge recalls that H.M. Judge is averse to the application of the King's Regulation in the case of Foreigners. The whole of the file in this matter is ordered for circulation to members, who will give the matter further consideration at next meeting.

Victoria Nursing Home. With the approval of the Watch and Works Committees, it is decided to close the Home during the months of May and June. Certain alterations in the building, for which the Budget provides, will be carried out during these months, and the Engineer's suggestion is approved that the work be given to Sing Kwa Kee, the contractor for the new wing, whose tender, amounting to \$585, is regarded as reasonable.

A note in the Suggestion Book by Drs Jackson and Harwell has had the attention of the Watch Committee, as a result of which it is directed that:-

- (a) Probationer Nurses shall not for the future assist in nursing 1st Class cases. This will necessitate an increase in the staff of one trained nurse.
- (b) To diminish noise the corridors will be laid with linoleum.
- (c) The Engineer will submit estimates for heating the bath rooms by various devices.
- (d) The Health Officer will report and make recommendations on the subject of separating serious from mild cases in the Mental Ward.

A Report by the Health Officer forwards a petition from a number of nurses with comment thereon by the Matron. The women complain of over-work and discomfort. Mr Figge states that, in the opinion of the Watch Committee, these complaints are groundless, and he endorses the view of the Health Officer that the nurses are failing to consider their profession seriously, while attaching too great importance to social engagements and recreation. The Council is unanimously disposed to support the Matron's authority, and it is decided that Nurse Bland's services shall terminate upon expiry of her agreement, while the Legal Adviser will be consulted as to the best means of getting rid of Nurses Joseph and Wood. The whole of the papers in this matter, with the Legal Adviser's opinion, will be circulated for members' consideration during the week.

Cemeteries.

Burial of Chinese. A Report by the Health Officer is submitted, drawing attention to the large increase in the applications for grave spaces for Chinese Christians noticeable during 1912. Considerable discussion ensues, during which Messrs Ezra and White-Cooper express strong opinions against permitting the burial of Chinese in the Foreign cemeteries. Mr Figg is of opinion that to reverse the Council's policy during the past ten years without warning would be resented in the community. It is therefore decided to make no change in the present arrangements during the current year, beyond discouraging Chinese burials where possible. At the next Meeting of Ratepayers it will be proposed that the Council purchase a suitable site as a burial ground for Chinese, and that thereafter the cemeteries be reserved for Foreigners only.

Soldiers' Cemetery. A note from H.M. Consul General is submitted, on the subject of the action of the Chinese Authorities in this matter. At his suggestion a representative of the Public Works Department will accompany Mr Phillips to the cemetery, and report with him as to the feasibility of the Chinese proposals.

Recreation Grounds. A letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read, suggesting the establishment of a new Ground in the Western District. He states that Mr Peebles has a scheme with this end in view, and the Council expresses readiness to receive and consider Mr Peebles' proposal.

Loan of 1913. Tenders at par for 5½ per cent debentures, aggregating \$565300, having been received in response to Notification No. 2204, that of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation being for \$500000. It is decided to allot the whole of the small applications in full, upon the understanding that the Bank will take up the balance of the Loan. Applications which include brokerage are regarded by the Finance Committee as tenders at 99½, and will consequently not be accepted.

The Municipal Gazette for April 17, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.



Secretary.

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 23, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Morriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark

The minutes of the meeting of April 16 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman. The case of
Constables Franklin and Smith will receive the attention of the
 Watch Committee at its forthcoming meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 18 are
 submitted and confirmed. Referring to the question of
Capital Expenditure 1914, Mr Ezra is strongly opposed to any course
 other than that laid down in Mr Pearce's speech at the Ratepayers
 Meeting, although attention is drawn to the fact that there was a
 misunderstanding as to the main point to which it was the Council's
 intention that the Special Committee should give attention. Mr Figge
 advocates the formation of the Special Committee forthwith, and
 suggests that the Electrical Engineer's departure and work on the new
 extension be deferred until the Committee's Report is received. In
 the event of the Committee confirming the necessity for immediate
 action in regard to the additional 10000 kilowatts, he would be
 prepared to place the order. After considerable discussion it is
 decided to confirm the minute and recommendation of the Committee
 as it stands, except in so far as it relates to ordering the new
 plant, that is to say, the Engineer will proceed home, arrange for
 the calling of tenders, secure Messrs Preece Cardew & Snell's
 recommendation in regard thereto, and return to Shanghai as soon as
 possible; whereupon the Special Committee will be requested to report
 on the matter generally for the Council's guidance. It is further
 decided to proceed with the appointment of the Committee forthwith,
 so that members may prepare themselves for the work which they will
 be called upon to do in the autumn. The names of the Chairman and
 Messrs E.E. Clark and C.R. Barkill are suggested and approved, and
 it is decided to appoint two further members outside the Council at
 next meeting.

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Supply to Chapel. The Council is informed that Mr Engel approves of the agreement in its amended form except the clause empowering the Council to cut off supply after notice under other conditions than non-payment of sums due. He has no actual objection to the words in question, in view of the fact that the consumers will have no further obligation beyond paying for the current which they buy, but he thinks it probable that their introduction will be a source of suspicion on the part of his Chinese Board. With Mr White-Cooper's approval it is decided to eliminate the words in question.

Electrical Engineer. As regards the proposed honorarium to Mr Aldridge, the Chairman suggests that the matter have the attention of the Finance Committee, in view of the minute of the Council, when the proposal was formerly made in July of 1911, clearly laying down that such a payment would be wrong in principle, and disallowing it. Mr Hide considers that the arguments formerly used by Mr Selby Moore apply with equal force at present, but the Council, apprehensive of the possible loss of Mr Aldridge's services, regards the completion of the Riverside Station as forming a fitting occasion upon which to mark in a substantial manner its appreciation of his abilities and good work. The issue of the honorarium of £500 is therefore approved.

New Rifle Butt. A letter from General Anderson, in advance of his official Report on the Volunteer Corps, alludes to the danger to pedestrians and others using the road to Kiangwan, due to the new position of the butt. His recommendations in the matter are referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Nursing Staff. The Council is informed that Nurse Joseph is prepared to accept cancellation of her agreement on payment of the sum of £1500 with her passage to England, and that it is probable that Nurse Wood will accept a similar arrangement. Mr Merriman points out that such treatment sets a premium on bad work among the nurses, but he defers to the strong recommendation of the Watch Committee that the Council get rid of these two women on the most favourable terms. Settlement of the matter is authorised in the manner suggested.

A note from the Health Officer is read, on the subject of the nine new nurses to be engaged, and recommending that Dr Davis, at present on leave, be empowered to reject candidates whom he does not consider suitable. This proposal is approved, together with a further suggestion that the nurses be in future given Agreement Form B, i.e. terminable at three months notice on either side.

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Electricity Department, Tenders for Switchgear. With reference to the Engineer's recommendation on the subject of these tenders received from London, the Chairman is not fully acquainted with the circumstances which call for a considerable excess over the estimated cost of this plant, and the matter is referred for further consideration by the Electricity Committee.

Advertisements. The attention of the Works Committee is directed to the growing number of offensive advertisements in the Settlement, notably in the Bubbling Well Road, in the hope that some steps may be taken to mitigate the nuisance which is becoming the subject of general complaint.

The Municipal Gazette for April 24, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 30, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark

The minutes of the meeting of April 23 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman, with the elision, under the heading Electrical Engineer, of certain words relating to the Council's reasons for the issue of an honorarium to Mr Aldridge.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of April 21 are submitted and confirmed. After an explanatory statement by Mr White-Cooper, the Council unanimously endorses the view of the majority of the Committee that the amalgamation of the Thomas Hanbury School with the Shanghai Public School in any form could not but be most unsatisfactory, and to the disadvantage of the latter establishment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 28 are submitted and confirmed, with the following comment:-

Permanent Paving. A revised estimate by the Engineer is submitted of the cost of completing the paving of the Szechuen Road south of the Maloo. Therefrom it is noted that the cost of cork asphalt blocks is £19 per thousand higher than that of lithofalt. In these circumstances the Council endorses the view that no more than an experimental section should be laid with the former; and it is decided to order the minimum quantity obtainable, viz. 10000 blocks.

Septic Tank. The Health Officer's Report on this subject is read, but fails to satisfy certain members that the prohibition rule is reasonable. It is stated that such tanks are in use in the French Settlement and at Hankow and Tientsin. A further Report by the Health Officer is therefore required before the request of the Banque de l'Indo Chine is definitely refused.

Central Offices. As a result of the minute under this heading, the Council discusses the possibility of setting aside the recommendation of the Buildings Committee of 1913 to entrust the designing of the new buildings to the Public Works Department. The matter is, however, reserved for discussion at the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 29 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the question of the new Commandant, the Committee expresses the hope that the Chairman will afford Sir E. Fraser the fullest particulars of the recent correspondence and discussion with Colonel Barnes, so as to dispose as completely as possible of his impression that the Council has acted in any way unfairly in this matter.

Chinese Press. Mr Ezra holds the view that the present stir among the Chinese community should be suppressed by stronger action than is indicated by the Committee's proposal, but after some discussion assents to the course projected, the Chairman adding that a further meeting of Council will be convened if the effort is unsuccessful.

Volunteer Corps, Chinese Company. Twelve months leave is granted to 2nd Lieut. A.M. Lester from May 1.

Fire Brigade.

Use of the Fire Float. The Council is informed that the charge made for the use of the Float in Pootung in 1910 was \$150 per diem, and not the cost of coal only, as formerly stated. Mr Hide maintains the view that this charge would indicate the right of the residents on the Pootung side to this measure of fire protection, whereas no such right exists. Mr White-Cooper is unable to follow his argument, and, after some discussion, it is decided on a show of hands to make the same charge in respect to the recent fire at Messrs Melchers' Wharf.

Gallantry of Fireman Allen. With respect to the Chief Officer's reference to this fireman's life-saving deed, the Council assents to the proposal that the facts of the case be furnished to the Royal Humane Society, with a view to securing the Society's medal for Fireman Allen.

Thomas Hanbury School. The Council is informed that the School Committee has in contemplation securing a lease of No. 12 Chuoufoong Road, with a view to mitigating the present crowded condition of the dormitory on the Boys Side. If this proposal is made officially by the Committee, it is decided in advance to confirm the recommendation.

Tramways.

Complaint re Depot. A petition from the residents in the Bubbling Well Road adjoining the Tramway Company's depot is submitted, complaining of noise and smoke. While prepared to address a letter of remonstrance to the Company at what appears to be a bona fide nuisance, the Council is of opinion that the complainants should take their own legal remedy, the Council being without locus standi in the matter.

Vehicle Licences. The application of the Company for exemption from licence for motor cars and omnibusses is submitted, and, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, accepted, in terms of Clause 31 of the Concession Agreement. It is noted, however, that the receipts from the omnibusses must hereafter be subject to the usual royalty, also that a Vehicle Licence does not include draught animals.

Electricity Department.

Tenders for Switch-gear. Upon perusal of the Consulting Engineer's recommendation in this matter, the Electricity Committee advocates its adoption, although involving an excess over the estimate amounting to £1700. The Chairman has satisfied himself that the requirement is urgent and that the Engineer's low estimate was for gear similar to that previously obtained, whereas larger is now involved.

Special Committee. After some discussion it is decided to request Messrs Arnhold and Stephen to serve on this Committee, and, in the event of their being unable to do so, to ask in rotation Mr Hynd, Mr Peebles and Mr Anton. The Council generally concurs in the view expressed by the Electricity Committee that it would be undesirable that the Committee include technical experts, since its work will be largely financial in scope, and since Mr Aldridge's expert advice is probably the best available.

Recreation Ground for Western District. Mr Peebles' proposals in this matter are referred for consideration to the Works Committee.

Dinner to Mr Landale. A note from Mr Landale conveys his very sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of Council for the honour done him on April 24.

The Municipal Gazette for May 1 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 14, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 M.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of April 30 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With reference to the question of the Leave Arrangements for the Commandant, S.V.C., the Chairman states that he has received no reply to his letter to H.M. Consul General on this subject. Sir E. Fraser has informed him by telephone that he does not consider himself in a position to criticise the Council's proposals in this matter. The letter to Sir E. Fraser is read, and it is decided to address the War Office along the lines suggested therein.

Electricity Department, Special Committee. The Chairman states that Messrs Arnhold and Hynd have expressed readiness to accept the Council's invitation to serve on this Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of May 1, are submitted and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 1 are submitted and confirmed. With reference to the question of Capital Expenditure 1914, the Chairman states that it is not the Committee's wish that Mr Mayne be consulted in the matter of tenders for new plant, but that the selection be left to Messrs Preece Cardew & Snell, Mr Aldridge and Mr C.R. Burkill.

Tramways, Traction Rate. In reply to Mr Hide the Chairman explains how it falls out that the Tramway Company, the largest consumer of electricity, is not in a position to demand the lowest rate which the Department charges. The electricity which the Company consumes is converted by means of special plant installed solely for tramway purposes at the Fearon Road Station. Until the Department is in a position to scrap this special plant and feed the tramway from the Riverside Station by means of rotary converters, the Company must continue to pay for electricity at rates based on original capital cost.

Under present conditions the Electrical Engineer has stated that a greater reduction than 20 per cent on the running charge cannot be sanctioned without sacrificing reasonable profit on the traction load.

Power Supply to Mills. In addition to the contracts to which the minute under this heading relates, the Council sanctions the terms for a new contract with the Naigai Wata Kaisha for a further mill.

M.S.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Council (11th May 1913) Submitted and Confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 13 are submitted

and confirmed. In the matter of the

Central Offices, the Council unanimously endorses the Committee's proposal that the Public Works Department proceed with the preparation of plans for the proposed buildings. It is understood that the perspective expert to whom they will be referred will be of sufficient standing in his profession to afford the Council valuable critical advice with regard to the designs. Mr White-Cooper has given this question of a competition some attention, and has informed himself of the probable protracted formalities and cost which will ensue were it decided that one be held. Mr Ezra is impressed by the knowledgeable part which Mr Turner has played in the discussion of this subject, and by the satisfactory character of his work as shown in the Ellis Kadoorie School and new Public School for Boys.

Volunteer Corps. Inspection Report. General Anderson's Report on his recent inspection of the Corps is submitted and ordered for publication as usual.

With regard to the copy of his letter to Admiral Jerram, attached thereto, the Captain Superintendent has pointed out verbally that the Defence Scheme already fully provides for the allocation of naval parties on landing, and that a copy of this document is lodged in the Senior Naval Officer's archives. It is inexplicable to the Council how, since Colonel Barnes is fully acquainted with the provisions of this document, he should have so far misled the General as to leave him under the impression that this important matter had heretofore been lost sight of. Mr Figge points out that an international agreement is desirable on the subject of the supreme command of naval parties, including the Volunteer Corps and Police Force provided the Senior Naval Officer is of a higher rank than Colonel Bruce, since it is not certain that the captains of men-of-war in harbour would agree to co-operative action without such previous arrangement. After some discussion it is decided to address the Admiral on the subject, point out to him how the matter stands, and to forward a copy for General Anderson's information.

M.S.

It is decided not to address Colonel Barnes on the subject, because he is about to vacate his post at no distant date. It is understood that Colonel Bruce will meet Admiral Jerram during his short leave and will give him verbally such further information as may be necessary.

Fire Brigade.

Gallantry of Fireman Allen. A further Report from the Chief Officer on this case intimates that, in his own opinion and in that of the Deluge Company, Foreman Allen's conduct was not such as to deserve the medal of the Royal Humane Society. Mr Pett suggests that the Council address a letter of congratulation to Fireman Allen, a course which the Watch Committee approves, while the question of establishing a Brigade Medal for issue upon occasions such as the present, will receive the Watch Committee's consideration at its next meeting.

Rent Charges to Firemen. The Chief Officer forwards a letter from the Foreman of the Victoria Company with regard to the charges made for quarters in the Sinza Station. Mr Figge has made a visit of inspection to this building, and is aware that the neighbourhood is not such as to induce men to live in the quarters except from a sense of duty. Upon his proposal therefore the reduced scale of charges is approved, for reasons contained in the Report.

Sung Murder Case. With regard to the reward of \$20000 received from the Chinese Authorities in this case, the Council authorises transmission of \$9000 to the French Council in accordance with the agreement between the Heads of the respective Police Forces. The Captain Superintendent's suggestion to revive the Secret Service Fund will have the Watch Committee's attention at an early date, and, pending receipt of a list of rewards recommended to be paid to members of the Force and to informers, the Council approves transfer of the remainder, \$11000, to the Police Recreation Fund.

Hot Water Guild Proclamations. With regard to the proclamation forwarded by the Mixed Court Magistrate in December last, purporting to be a re-issue of an older document, translation and inspection has disclosed the fact that it is not so, but a new proclamation appointing a new committee with apparent powers as regards the collection of funds. For a number of reasons set out for the Council's consideration, it is decided to refuse the Council's seal to this proclamation. Mr White-Cooper being aware that a continual struggle between rival factions in the Guild is in progress, and the members being generally of opinion that the Council should not again play any part therein.

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Septic Tanks. A Report from the Health Officer on this subject, ^{and other practical considerations} circulated for the Council's information, ^{has} convinced Messrs Hide and Figge that it would be undesirable for the Council to make any exception in the application of Article LXXVI of the Foreign Building Rules, and the final reply declining the application of the Banque de l'Indo Chine is authorised.

Parks Committee. A letter from Mr A.E. Algar resigns his seat on this Committee, and it is decided to convey to him an expression of the Council's thanks for his work thereon during the past seven years.

Interest on Deposits. An application is submitted on behalf of the Burlington Hotel for interest on a deposit against consumption of electricity, together with a Report from the Treasurer in re. Discussion ensues as to whether it would be permissible in the case of large deposits to allow the substitution of approved securities, but, after some debate, it is decided to adhere to the practice heretofore obtaining, i.e. to insist upon cash deposits without interest, the members noting that no interest is charged on overdue accounts.

Tramways. A further letter from the Tramway Company is read, on the subject of their failure to meet the Council's views on the subject of the proportion between motor cars and trailers. This letter consists of confused details as to the purchasing of the component parts of which a motor car consists, but fails to give any definite statement as to when the fifteen new cars will be put into commission. In these circumstances it is decided to adhere to the terms of the Council's letter of May 2.

Recess. Following the practice of last year, the Annual Recess is fixed for the month of September.

Mr David Landale. The Chairman states that Mrs Landale has presented to the Council a picture of her husband, and it is unanimously decided to address a letter to her conveying the Council's thanks for the gift, and stating that the picture will be hung in the Council Room.

The Municipal Gazette for May 15 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.55 p.m.

W. J. Wilson
Secretary.

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 21, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gullånd
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 14 are submitted and, with certain minor amendments, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Settlement Defence. A letter from the Commandant of the Volunteer Corps is submitted, informing the Council of the contents of a letter which he addressed to General Anderson on the previous day. In this letter Colonel Barnes enters into a discussion of the arrangements for the landing of Naval parties when necessary for the Settlement's protection, and refers to the part which the Council has played in the discussion in slighting and sarcastic terms. The Chairman states that upon perusal of this communication he had a conversation with Major Trueman, who, while admitting that Colonel Barnes has the set intention of provoking discord during the remaining months of his service in Shanghai, yet considers that the Council would be ill-advised to do more than briefly point out the discourtesy displayed. At an informal discussion with the Watch Committee which then ensued, allusion was made to the undesirability of affording Colonel Barnes any means of disturbing the satisfactory relations which exist between the Council and the War Office. The Committee is aware that H.M. Consul General has declined to assist or advise the Council in the matter, and now recommends that Major Trueman's proposal be adopted, and that the Council forward a copy of the correspondence to Mr Landale in Hongkong with the request that he will explain the case in full to General Anderson. It is known to the Council that Colonel Barnes has on previous occasions written to the War Office criticising the Council's action in other matters. It is directed that the letter to the Commandant be couched in forceful terms and be submitted for the Watch Committee's approval before despatch.

Public Recreation Ground. The Honorary Secretary of the Ground Committee forwards a communication from the Recreation Fund Trustees on the subject of the sum required for converting a portion of the Recreation Club ground to public use, viz. ₹950. It is noted that the Trustees are unwilling to defray the amount, but will advance the sum pending sanction of the expenditure by the Ratepayers. The Works Committee remains of the opinion that the conversion of a cricket ground for use for other purposes is more properly chargeable to the Recreation Ground than to the Rates, and a reply in this sense is accordingly directed.

Tramways Rolling Stock. A letter from the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. is read, forwarding a copy of the order which has been placed with Messrs Anderson Meyer & Co. for 15 Brill "Radiar" trucks to be shipped within 14 weeks. With this assurance that the new cars will be running within a measurable interval of time, the Council proceeds to consider as to whether or no it is desirable to comply with the Company's request to put their 10 additional trailers into commission. Messrs White-Cooper and Merriman concur with the view of the Captain Superintendent of Police that an improvement in traffic and in the public convenience will result from this step. Mr Clark considers that it would be advisable to allow one half of the number now, and the remainder at a later date. After considerable discussion, and upon the grounds that the Company's new schedule, upon the completion of the Chakiang Road turn-out, will require the trailers, it is decided to authorise the use of the full number, 10. It is directed that, in communicating this permission to the Company, it be stated that no more than 40 trailers will be allowed except simultaneously with a further increase in the number of motor cars, which will be 80 at the end of the year.

The Municipal Gazette for May 22 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication, with some amendment of the note relating to the new Central Offices, and certain omissions from the Police Report for April.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.


Secretary.

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 28, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

- Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 21 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of May 26 are submitted and confirmed. With reference to the case of Musician Schrader, Mr Figge explains the circumstances in full for members information, emphasising the necessity that the Conductor shall, in future, in matters relating to the staff, consult the Committee before making any offer or promise to any musician.

Colonel Barnes. The Commandant's reply to the Council's letter of reprimand in the matter of his correspondence with General Anderson is submitted, and the Chairman's recent letter to Mr Landale on the subject is read. The Council is of opinion that this subject may now drop.

Blood and Iron Supervision Association. A letter from the Senior Consul desires information on the subject of this Association, the head office of which is alleged to be within Settlement limits. A Police Report submitted sets out what is known to the Detective Branch of the organisation, and it is decided to furnish the information to the Senior Consul without reference to the names of the Council's informants.

Cadastral Lot 171. The Council is informed that preliminary verbal negotiations are in progress with Mrs Chin Chin Chee as to the cancellation of her lease of this property. From statements compiled by the Overseer of Taxes and the Engineer it appears that the assessed rentals amount to \$40000, giving a net profit to the lessee of \$18500. Assuming that the Council takes possession on July 1, there will remain exactly three years of unexpired lease,

and the present value of the lease is worked out therefore at \$48780. As regards the buildings on the property, the Engineer estimates their value at \$11000, but it is decided to call for tenders for their removal. The Council is willing to negotiate upon this basis with Mrs Chin Chin Chee for cancellation, and would be prepared either to purchase the buildings at about the figure named, receiving the rentals from July 1 until such time as the land is wanted, or to allow her to remove them.

Lighting of the Customs Clock. A letter from the Commissioner of Customs is submitted, desiring that the whole cost of the lighting be paid by the Council. Inasmuch as the light is to a great extent for the convenience of the harbour, the Council considers that the present system under which the cost is shared by the Customs Authorities and the Council is an equitable one, and a reply in this sense is authorised.

Anniversary of H.M. Emperor Kaiser's Accession. A letter from the Acting Consul General for Germany is submitted desiring the Council's co-operation in this celebration, which Mr Figge states will take place on Saturday June 14 and Monday June 16. Directions are given for the necessary steps to be taken by the Commandant of Volunteers, the Police and the Public Works Department.

Motor Cars. Mr Merriman draws attention to the frequency of cases of driving to the public danger in the Bubbling Well Road, and some discussion ensues as to the advisability of inaugurating a speed limit. The matter is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

North Szechuen Road. Mr Figge alludes to the fact that the Chinese soldiers and police continue to cross this road under arms without the Council's permit, and it is decided to cite the last few instances of this in a despatch to the Senior Consul, with the request that he will forward it to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

The Municipal Gazette for May 29 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.10 p.m.

Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 4, 1913, at 4.30 p.m.,
there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman) 18/1
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 28 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 29, are submitted and confirmed. As regards the question of Power Supply to Pootung, the Council endorses the view that during the present time of growing demand for electricity for all purposes on this side of the river, it is undesirable to proceed further in the matter of canvassing at Pootung. Nevertheless, the members are not averse to securing in advance, if possible, permission to lay a cable under the river.

Electricity Committee. With reference to the Chairman's resignation from this Committee, Mr Figge expresses the opinion that it is to be regretted that the Committee has now no member as a connecting link with the Council, a view in which Mr Ezra concurs. The Chairman points out that it was the intention of the Council and of the Ratepayers at the time the Committee was formed that it should be, as it were, a salaried Board of Directors, who would relieve the members of Council of responsibility as regards the details of management, while reliant upon the Council in larger matters of finance. It is also pointed out that very full minutes of the Committee's transactions keep the Council informed as to the progress of the Department, and that their confirmation by the Council affords the necessary formal authority for the execution of the Committee's instructions and recommendations. After some further discussion, it is decided to leave matters as they stand until next year when it is possible that the constitution of the Department may be materially changed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 2 are submitted and confirmed. With reference to the

Soldiers Cemetery, it is decided to communicate to H.M. Consul General the Council's thanks to Mr Phillips for the attention which he has given to this matter and to the matter of the Tatung Radd.

Street Advertisements. At the suggestion of Mr White-Cooper it is decided to address the Legal Adviser again in this matter, suggesting the possibility of checking advertisements on the walls of buildings by an addition to the assessment of the premises in question.

Volunteer Corps.

Artillery. A commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Lieut. R.W. Davis.

"A" Company. Three months extension of leave is granted to Lieut. G.M. Jamson from July 1.

Fire Brigade Plant. A Report by the Chief Officer recommends the immediate purchase from Messrs J.P. Bisset & Co. of a second-hand chassis, to be adapted as a hose tender, for £3500. After reference to the debates which took place on this subject when the Budget was under discussion, Mr Figg adheres to the view then expressed that the cost of this and other plant which the Chief Officer requires be made chargeable to 1914. Mr Ezra is opposed to the purchase of second hand gear on general principles, and the purchase in question is therefore disallowed.

Pasteur Treatment. Dr Ivy, who with his family has incurred fees amounting to £350, applies for some reduction. Inasmuch as the Health Officer is unable to recommend compliance, and as reductions in the past have only been granted to applicants in distressed circumstances, the Council is with regret unable to regard this application favourably.

Pootung Cemetery Jetty. The Health Officer reports that this structure is now unsafe, that it requires expenditure amounting to £700 for repairs, and that he is unable to obtain any contributions towards this cost from the various companies whose employes make use of it. In these circumstances it is decided to remove the jetty forthwith, and to take steps by means of a fence or otherwise to prevent its use by coolies or any right-of-way across ^{the property} being established.

Tuberculosis. Letters from the Shanghai General Hospital and from the King's Daughters Society are submitted, on the subject of the need for a special hospital for this disease. The Health Officer recommends the erection of a building for the purpose in the north-west part of the Isolation Hospital block. It is decided in the first place to ascertain the views of the leading medical practitioners on the subject

whereafter the matter will have consideration at the hands of the Watch Committee.

Zee Ching-liang. The Overseer of Taxes reports the completion of 50 years service by this employe, the senior Chinese assistant in the Tax Office. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee it is decided to issue a special honorarium to him of \$500.

Railless Trams. The Senior Consul forwards a communication from Messrs J.C.E. Douglas and G.E. Tucker, protesting against the Council's action in this matter. In reply it is decided to point out that the Council considers that in allowing an experimental section for railless vehicles, there has been no departure from any clause of the Land Regulations either in letter or in spirit; and that if the experiment does not meet with public approval, there will be the ample opportunity to secure a vote of the Ratepayers directing the Council to proceed no further in the matter.

The Municipal Gazette for June 5 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication. The note therein with regard to the new Municipal Buildings is the subject of some discussion, and it is decided to omit reference to Mr W.V. Drummond and Mr C. Holliday by name, the Works Committee's unanimous recommendation in this matter being over-ruled. The further clause drawing attention to the fact that a Special Meeting of Ratepayers would require as a quorum a greater attendance than was recorded at the last Annual Meeting is also deleted.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

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Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 11, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.E. Clark
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
W.L. Merriman
A.R. Owen
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of June 4 are submitted, confirmed and signed
by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of June 6,
are submitted and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 10, are submitted
and confirmed. In further discussion of the question of
Settlement Defence, the Chairman points out that the suggestion that,
in the event of riot, Naval landing parties be obtained upon the
application of the Captain Superintendent of Police directly to the
Senior Naval Officer, appears to him unsatisfactory; for in the first
place no Naval Captain would land men in the Settlement without
direct instructions through his own Consulate; and secondly, it
appears fundamentally wrong for the Council to do otherwise, when the
state of the Settlement has proved beyond the Council's control, than
to intimate the fact officially to the Consular Body through the
Chairman. After some further discussion the Council records the view
that there can be no harm in the question having Admiral Jerram's
attention in the autumn.

Rewards. It has appeared to the Chairman that the sum set aside by
the Committee as Rewards for Chief Detective Inspector Armstrong and
Sub-Inspector Burnside are higher than is fitting, having regard to
their monthly rate of pay. He considers that these men should not
receive such large gratuities for the performance of work which they
are paid to do. He readily admits that the whole of the sum received
from the Chinese Government should be expended for the benefit of the
Police Force as a whole. Mr Figge states that the Watch Committee
has placed itself entirely in the hands of the Captain Superintendent
in this matter, being of opinion that he alone is competent to state
where zealous work has been done in excess of routine requirements.

After some debate the minute of the Committee is finally endorsed by the Council.

Volunteer Corps Mobilisation Manual. The Commandant forwards a re-print of the Manual with certain textual amendments, bringing the instructions therein contained up to date. These are approved for issue.

Wayside Public Wharf. Tendens for the construction of the wharf and docks are submitted, and, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, that of Dong Kee & Co. is authorised for acceptance for reasons set out. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the time of completion is four months, while the Budget appropriation is for half the cost only. In view, however, of certain Extraordinary Receipts, and of the fact that excess Income may be expected under certain prominent headings, the members consider that this important and useful work may proceed to a conclusion. Messrs Dong Kee & Co. are willing to defer payment if required, and the question of payment will receive further attention at the hands of the Finance Committee in September.

Thibet Road. A further letter from the Gas Company is submitted, on the subject of the bunding in progress on the Defence Creek, wherein the exact position of the Thibet Road is set out. The letter appears to the Council to call for no more than polite acknowledgment.

Case of Zee Ching-liang. Further consideration of the case of this employe during the week has brought the Chairman to the view that a gratuity of not less than one year's Pay would be fitting. He has made enquiries with regard to the Customs Service, and arrived at the conclusion that the suggested gratuity of \$500 would be distinctly illiberal. Mr Figge would prefer that whatever sum is adopted it should be a round figure independent of the Pay of the employe concerned. Upon learning that there are two other Chinese in the Council's service who have almost completed 50 years service, Mr White-Cooper expresses the view that a gratuity of one year's Pay would be a fitting rule for the Council to adopt. After some discussion it is decided to authorise the issue of one year's Pay, which the Chairman will personally hand to Zee Ching-liang at the next meeting.

Public Works Department, Staff. Mr Figge reads a Police Report relating to serious misconduct on the part of two Assistant District Inspectors in this Department. Mr White-Cooper states that the facts of the case have already reached the ears of the Police Magistrate. The prosecution of the men will follow in due course, and, in the

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meantime, it is directed that they be suspended from duty.

Mixed Court, Assessor's Locomotion. The Chairman states that this matter, which has so repeatedly been the subject of debate at Council meetings during the past year, is again one for discussion, by reason of the refusal of the British Assessors to furnish memoranda of their disbursements. The members exhibit some impatience at this attitude, in view of the Council's past decision to pay without enquiry any locomotion cost incurred. The Chairman undertakes to settle the matter, if possible, by arrangement with Mr Phillips.

The Municipal Gazette for June 12 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.



Secretary.

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 18, 1913,

at 4.30 P.M., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearoo (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of June 11 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With reference to that under the heading Public Works Department, Staff, the Council is informed that owing to insufficient evidence, one of the two Inspectors reported for misconduct was not charged. It is considered desirable, however, that he should leave the service, and authority is given for the issue of his pay for the current month upon conclusion of the case in Court.

Mixed Court, Assessors' Locomotion. The Chairman states that he has seen Mr Phillips in this matter, and that the Senior Consul will address a letter to the Council on the subject.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of June 13, are submitted and confirmed without comment.

German Celebration. A letter from the Acting Consul General for Germany is submitted, conveying his thanks and those of the German Community for the Council's co-operation in the recent Accession Celebration.

Motor Traffic. With reference to the dismissal of the case against R.H. Rowlett by the Police Magistrate on June 13, it was the intention of the Watch Committee to take steps with regard to the Magistrate's comment. Enasmach, however, as in an announcement in the Court on June 17 Mr Strickland has gone some distance towards admitting his mistake, there appear to be no grounds for further action.

Tientsin Electricity Supply. A letter from the Tientsin Council is read, enquiring whether the Council is prepared to lend the services of an engineer in connexion with the proposed purchase of the business of the Tientsin Electricity Company. The Electricity

Committee is unable to meet this request during the absence of the Electrical Engineer. In addition to this, certain members are of opinion that such work should properly be left to practising electrical engineers. It is decided, in answer, to express the Council's regret at its inability to comply with this request, and Mr Hide undertakes to intimate privately the Council's views on the subject.

Permanent Educational Committee. The Report of this Committee on its inspection of local schools is submitted, and, at the Chairman's suggestion, it is decided to thank the Committee for its labours, communicating each sectional heading to the governing body of the school concerned. It is admitted that the reference to class distinctions renders the document unfitted for publication in full. With regard to the section relating to the Shanghai Jewish School, Mr Ezra points out that the Committee is under some misapprehension, the school concerned being almost wholly a charitable institution, catering for the poorest classes. He adds that the school is not necessarily confined to Jewish children. In regard to the question of fire protection at the Thomas Hambury School and Childrens Home, it is decided to obtain a Report from the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

Zee Ching-liang. The Overseer of Taxes attends to introduce this employe, to whom the Chairman presents a cheque as agreed, congratulating him on his 50 years' service. Mr Zee suitably expresses his thanks and withdraws.

Electricity Deposits. A further letter from the Burlington Hotel protests against the Council's refusal to accept Municipal Debentures in lieu of cash, but, after consideration, the Council is unwilling to depart from its former decision in this matter, noting that an account being customarily one month in arrear, the plea for interest is not a justifiable one.

The Municipal Gazette for June 19 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the note on the subject of Rewards in the Sung Murder Case, it is decided to omit the names of the beneficiaries.

The meeting adjourns at 5.20 p.m.

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Secretary.

[Signature]
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 25, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of June 18 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of June 19 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the vacancy in the Committee caused by the resignation of Mr Merrill, Mr White-Cooper points out that the School Trust Deed calls for a certain minimum number of members, and the Council considers it very necessary that the clause in question be carefully followed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of June 20 are submitted and confirmed with the following notes:-

Hongkew Recreation Ground Pavilion. The Chairman states that the plan of this proposed building is open to members' inspection, and it is noted that finished drawings will be laid before the Works Committee in due course.

Refreshment Kiosks. The Council is unwilling to allow the Park-keeper or any other Municipal employe to undertake the supply of refreshments in the public parks. Such a course would be contrary to the terms of the agreement between the Council and employes.

Staff. The question of Mr Etterley's Pay under his new agreement will be referred again for the Finance Committee's consideration.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of June 23 are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 23 are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of June 24 are submitted and confirmed. In regard to the question of the

Sterling Loan, Mr Figge points out that the Loan, under the arrangement which the Committee indicates, would form no more than a sterling over-draft, and he suggests that it be treated frankly as such. Mr Ezra is

opposed to especial hypothecation of the Council's holding of shares of the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld., being of opinion that all Municipal property should remain the general security for all loans. The Council's decision will await reply to the enquiries which are to be addressed to London.

Trust Funds Investment Fund. To the list of debentures which the Treasurer is authorized to purchase, it is decided at Mr Figge's suggestion to add those of the French Municipal Council.

Municipal Savings Bank. The members are generally opposed to the Committee's proposal under this heading, upon the grounds that it is preferable to adhere to the rules, amending them if necessary. Mr Figge points out that the case in question has arisen owing to the exceptionally high rate of interest allowed, for which there may have been justification at the time when the rate was fixed, but which at present he considers obsolete. After considerable discussion it is decided that the rate shall be reduced to 5 per cent, payable half yearly, with effect from January 1, 1914. The Committee's recommendation on the subject of the limit of deposits is confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 24 are read and confirmed. With reference to the subject of the Manufacture of Bombs, the Chairman undertakes to see the Senior Consul in the matter.

Mixed Court, Russian Civil Case. Mr Figge undertakes to see the Russian Consul General and endeavour to arrange that the Rules of Procedure be adhered to.

Mr Springfield. As a result of a further informal meeting of the Committee, the Chairman states that the recommendation contained in this minute is withdrawn, and it is now proposed that Mr Springfield be transferred to take charge of the Chinese Branch of the Force, where his work will be more directly under the supervision of the Captain Superintendent, Mr Martin to resume duty at the Mixed Court. Further than this the Chairman undertakes to bring home to Mr Springfield the necessity for closer application to his duties.

While on the subject of the Mixed Court, Mr Gulland alludes to the recent account in the China Press of an indecorous incident connected with stolen property, where, owing to an altercation ^{involving} between the Italian Assessor and the Italian lawyer Musso, the Magistrate left the Bench. It is understood that this question is engaging the attention of the Consular Body, and Mr Gulland expressed the hope that the Council will not permit the Magistrate to be retired or to be made to resign, without protest.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A note from the Senior Consul informs the Council that as a result of the departure from Shanghai of Sir E. Fraser, H.M. Consul General, and of Mr Hansen, Consul General for Norway, the Court has been re-constituted by the election of the present representatives of Belgium, Great Britain and the Netherlands.

Shanghai Boy Scouts. A letter from the Rev. C.E. Dawwent, Chairman of the Scout Council, requests the Council's approval to the use of the Municipal crest as the badge of the Shanghai Boy Scouts. Unless this proposal is unfavourably regarded by the Captain Superintendent of Police or the Commandant of Volunteers, the Council sees no objection thereto.

Tenders for Electricity Sub-Station. The Engineer forwards a note from Joe Ming Kee, the lowest tenderer, stating that owing to the omission of the cost of iron-work involved, his tender should be ¥8501 instead of ¥7761; he is, however, prepared to do the work for ¥8200. The work and reputation of this contractor are known to the members to be good, and it is decided to accept this modification.

The Municipal Gazette for June 26 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

Chairman.

W. Wilson
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 9, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
 H. Figgis

The minutes of the meeting of June 25 are confirmed with one amendment,
 and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of June 30 are
 submitted and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 7 are submitted
 and confirmed. With regard to the
New Central Offices, the five plans are submitted for members' scrutiny
 and will remain available in the Council Room for further examination,
 the Council's formal approval being deferred until the alternative
 designs for the entrance and stairway are prepared.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of July 9 are
 submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of
Tenders for Lamps, the Chairman has seen Mr Meyer in the matter and
 comprehends the reasons for the low tender of the General Electric
 Company, viz. a determination to introduce the lamps in question to
 the local market. The Council unanimously approves the decision of
 the Committee in this matter.

Riverside Station Quarters. Mr Ezra enquires upon whose responsibili-
 ty the unauthorised orders to which the minute refers were issued,
 holding the view that the employe concerned should be made responsible.
 Further enquiry into this matter is directed.

Public Gambling. A Police Report is submitted on the behaviour of the
 Spanish and Italian Consulates in regard to responsibility for the
 public roulette tables which are in nightly operation in the North
 Honan Road. Mr White-Cooper suggests summoning British subjects found
 gaming; he has the impression that the Court will bind them over, and
 that the publicity of the action would prove a successful deterrent.
 The Chairmann has seen H.M. Consul General in this matter, who has
 promised if it is officially laid before the Consular Body to do his

utmost in the direction desired. Mr Ezra recites what took place in 1912 when the strong action of the British Consulate resulted in a temporary discontinuance of roulette wheels. After considerable discussion it is decided in the first place to enquire from the Legal Adviser whether in his opinion the prosecution which Mr White-Cooper suggests would be successful. Upon receipt of the reply, the Chairman will again approach Mr Fulford and enquire whether he would prefer this course, or that the Council should forward a summary of the case as it at present stands for the consideration of the Consular Body.

Manufacture of Bombs. A letter from the Senior Consul reports the manufacture of bombs upon certain property in the Settlement. This matter is engaging the attention of the Captain Superintendent of Police, who will report thereon at an early date.

Mixed Court, Assessors' Locomotion. A letter from the Senior Consul describes the method by which the Consular Body desires that these disbursements shall be made, and the Council gives instructions accordingly.

Railless Trams. A further letter from Mr Tucker in this matter is submitted, and, therewith, copies of correspondence which has taken place between Mr Tucker and the Consular Body, now forwarded by the Senior Consul for the Council's perusal. Mr White-Cooper points out how mistaken are the views which Mr Tucker holds as to the functions of the Consular Body under the Land Regulations. It appears to the members that there is little to add from the Council's standpoint to the views already set out in the letter to the Consular Body published on June 12, and it is decided to reply to Mr Tucker briefly to this effect.

Consular Body. A letter from Mr L.J.C. von Zeppelin Obermaller, Consul General for the Netherlands, informs the Council that during the temporary absence of Mr D. Siffert, Consul General for Belgium, he has taken over the duties of Senior Consul.

Cook Fighting. The Captain Superintendent forwards a letter from the Spanish Consul complaining of the action of the Police in the matter of a cook fighting raid which took place on July 6. Mr de Sostoa is incorrect as regards the undue detention of certain Spaniards who were concerned, but makes a justifiable protest as regards the omission to include among the prosecutions that of a number of Municipal employes. It is directed that formal proceedings be instituted against these men without further delay.

The Municipal Gazette for July 10 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. Mr Merriman draws attention to the suggested inclusion of the Rules with respect to The Public Garden, which he considers calculated to irritate respectable Chinese residents. Directions are given that the code be re-drawn for approval at next meeting. The correspondence with regard to the proposal to establish a Park in the Western District leads to further discussion of this matter, at the conclusion of which the Chairman undertakes to consult privately with Mr Peobæes as to the purchase of cheaper land for this purpose at the back of the St. George's Hotel.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 16, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
 H. Figge

The minutes of the meeting of July 9 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Consular Body. A letter from Mr H. Knipping, Consul General for Germany,
 informs the Council that he has taken over charge of the Consulate
 General from Dr Noy, with effect from July 14.

Public Gambling. A note from the Legal Adviser is read, supporting the
 opinion of Mr White-Cooper that British subjects found in the gaming
 house in the North Honan Road could be bound over to appear for
 judgment when called upon and to be of good behaviour. The Chairman,
 however, has learnt from H.M. Consul General that he would not view
 such a course with favour unless made applicable to other nationals.
 Nor is Mr Fulford prepared to adopt drastic measures such as were
 put into operation last year. He recommends that the Council set out
 the whole of the facts in a letter to the Senior Consul, and promises
 to urge upon his colleagues the desirability of unanimous suppressive
 action. Certain members of Council advocate summoning a number of
 British subjects forthwith, but the Chairman points out that as he
 consulted the Consul General at the Council's request, it would be
 discourteous to follow a course directly contrary to the advice
 received. After considerable further discussion it is decided to
 address the Consular Body as suggested.

Places of Entertainment beyond Limits. A Police Report is submitted,
 drawing attention to 10 public houses in the North Szechuan Road
 which, being outside the Settlement, are not licensed, and
 consequently not under Police supervision. The necessity for
 preserving order in such establishments, the number of which is
 growing, appears to the Council beyond question, and the proposal
 is approved that a formal request be laid before the Consular Body

that powers of licence be delegated to the Council for such places when situated on Municipal Roads, in a manner similar to that adopted in relation to public gaming houses in 1910.

Museum Road Widening. The offer of the Young Men's Christian Association to surrender the strip of Lot 17B required for the widening of this road, at the assessed value plus 10 per cent and less one third, is authorised for acceptance. The Works Committee is of opinion that the reinstatement charges involved, estimated by the Engineer at \$500, are unnecessarily high, in view of the statement that re-building is in contemplation. It is directed therefore that no expenditure be incurred under this heading unless absolutely necessary.

Mat Sheds. A letter from the Fire Insurance Association draws attention to the increased number of mat sheds in the compounds of wharf companies, and asks for an expression of the Council's views on the subject. The members are aware that there is a Byelaw prohibiting such erections, but that it has never been rigorously enforced. The members are of opinion that while it is the Council's duty not to permit mat sheds in dangerous proximity to other buildings, yet that the remedy as far as insurance is concerned, lies in the hands of the Association.

Chinese Polytechnic Institution. A letter from the Secretary of this Institution intimates that the arrangement made in the summer of 1911 cannot be put into effect owing to the opposition of the Chinese members of the Committee. It is possible, however, that a certain portion of Lot 68V may be placed at the Council's disposal for school purposes under certain arrangements, transfer of the remainder being deferred until the expiry of existing leases. This arrangement, though not satisfactory, is acceptable to the Council, unless better terms can be arranged. It is decided only to point out that it is imperative that the lease on the small plot numbered 6 ~~be~~ be cancelled forthwith.

Public Band. An application by the Assistant Conductor, Mr Millies, is read, for re-consideration of the terms of his new agreement. Mr Millies asks for \$25 more Pay per mensem to enable him to employ his time in practice instead of in tuition, and to be excused from conducting the Band at dinner and dance music. The Council is aware that Mr Figg satisfied himself that the musical section of the community were anxious that the Council should retain Mr Millies' services. Influenced therefore by the fact that the amount involved is not high, and by the Conductor's covering Report which states that dance and dinner music is better left in the hands of two

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competent musicians, who are at the same time anxious to conduct on such occasions, the Council decides to comply with this request.

Mr R.C. Antrobus. A letter from Mr Crawford D. Kerr and certain other old residents of Shanghai, offers the Council a photograph of a recent subscription portrait of the late Mr Antrobus, and it is decided to reply in suitable terms accepting the gift.

The Municipal Gazette for July 17 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the Police Report for June, it is decided to omit the reference to procedure for Warrants at the Mixed Court, the members being of opinion that the Consular Body would prefer that the subject take the form of a letter of request from the Council. The allusion to the recent decision of the Japanese Court in the case of manufacturing bombs is also omitted, the Council having at the time requested the Chairman to make verbal representations in the matter. Mr Pearce undertakes to make a further protest directly to the Japanese Consul General in this matter.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

E. C. Pearce
Chairman.

M. Pearson
Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Monday, July 21, 1913,
at 12 o'clock noon, there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Morrison
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Captain Superintendent of Police and
 The Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
 H. Figge

Chinese Telegraph Administration. This meeting has been convened for the discussion of the action of Mr Y.C. Tong on behalf of the so-called "Southern Party" in securing control of the Telegraph Administration to the exclusion of Mr C.K. Yuan, the responsible official in charge. From the Chairman's account of Mr Yuan's visit to him, and from Mr Tong's statement, it appears that the latter was enabled to secure control of the office owing to the withdrawal of the Police who had been secured for its protection. The Managers of the Eastern Extension and Great Northern lines have expressed the view that Mr Yuan is the accredited Manager of the Chinese line, and that the staff of the office recognise this and are prepared to continue working under him; they add that they would be reluctant, in fact unable to interfere in the matter. The Chairman has seen H.M. Consul General, and laid the facts before him. Mr Fulford was quite unwilling to make any official statement in the matter, adding privately that it appeared to him reasonable that Mr Yuan should be reinstated. Messrs White-Cooper and Ezra are emphatic in the view that Mr Tong's action was an offence against the neutrality of the Settlement. In reply to Mr Hide, the Captain Superintendent is unable to explain the action of the Police without reference to the Central Station Charge Room records. He states that Indian Police were sent at the request of each party in succession. A telegram from the Ministry of Communications in Peking is read, expressing the hope that the Council will assist Mr Yuan in maintaining his post.

After discussion the Council directs that the Police take immediate steps for the reinstatement of Mr Yuan. It is further decided that the Police shall remain on duty in the building for his protection.

The Captain Superintendent alludes to the application of the Bank of China for the services of the Police to prevent a similar transaction in respect of this institution. At Mr White-Cooper's request this application has been complied with, but Colonel Bruce points out that similar applications will doubtless be received from other native banks, in view of a general feeling of insecurity, and distrust of the visits of the leaders of the 'Southern Party' to the principal banks and hongs in the Settlement for the purpose of levying "contributions" to the party funds. The Captain Superintendent's instructions to Stations on this subject are read and approved, and the Council decides upon the issue of a proclamation emphasising the intention to protect the community so far as is possible against these practices of extortion. The action of the Police when appealed to will for the present consist in the ejection of intruders from the office in question, their arrest only following if resistance is offered or in cases of urgency in the Captain Superintendent's discretion.

The meeting adjourns at 12.45 p.m.

S. C. Cooper

Chairman.

M. W. Merson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 23, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Captain Superintendent of Police
 Capt. F.A. Powlett, R.N., Senior British Naval
 Officer and
 The Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
 H. Figge

Local Disturbances. The Chairman informs the Council that a deputation comprising Messrs Anton, Bain, Burkill, Massey, Midwood and Stephen waited upon H.M. Consul General this afternoon at 2.15 p.m., expressing a lively fear and anxiety that insufficient protection was afforded by the existing defence forces of the Settlement, and desiring that he would telegraph urging the despatch of a regiment of troops from Hongkong. Accompanied by Mr Marshall, Chairman of the China Association, Mr Pearce attended this meeting, and pointed out that so far as the Council was able to gauge, there was no necessity for so ~~unusual~~ ^{intrusive} a course. After some discussion the meeting confined itself to expressing the view that it would be advantageous for an additional British ship to come from Weihaiwei to the Yangtze.

Captain Powlett states that he has been requested by the Consul General to telegraph to the Admiral on the subject, stating that an influential body of merchants have requested additional ships, and that he, Mr Fulford, concurs in their view.

In reply to the Chairman, the Captain Superintendent states that the necessity or otherwise of additional naval reinforcements is dependent upon the attitude which the Council proposes to take up towards the belligerent leaders who reside in the Settlement, and towards the more inflammatory Chinese newspapers.

The Council has already resolved by circular to set a limit of 24 hours for these leaders to leave the Settlement, but upon the advice of H.M. Consul General, it is decided to await the result of his telegram to Peking on the subject. In the meantime a letter from the Chairman of the German Association has been received, strongly urging such a course.

In these circumstances, both the Captain Superintendent and Captain Powlett consider that with the French and Dutch ships which are expected, the defence forces are sufficient for the protection of the Settlement, and the Council records its opinion that no demand for additional ships is called for.

Captain Powlett then withdraws.

In reply to the Chairman, the Captain Superintendent states that he is unable to recommend the dismissal of the Volunteers, at all events for the ensuing night; he anticipates a further attack upon the Arsenal this evening. Mr Owen alludes to the question of the Chinese newspapers, for which he would establish a severe censorship. This appears to the Council to be impossible in view of their numbers. After some discussion as to the suppression of the more virulent of these organs, the decision of the Council is deferred for consideration in one or two days time.

The Captain Superintendent then withdraws.

Mr Gulland draws attention to the fact that two members of the Watch Committee are absent from Shanghai, and suggests the advisability of inviting Mr Burkill to resume his seat on that Committee. The Chairman considers that such a step would be inadvisable, and would argue the incompetence of the present Council to deal with the situation. Mr Ezra points out that the important duties of the Watch Committee at a time such as the present become matters for the consideration of the whole Council.

With regard to the letter from Admiral Chen Ju-cheng, describing the attack on the Arsenal, the Council confirms the notice warning the public against proceeding south of the Settlements, already issued in the form of an express.

A note from Mrs N.P. Anderson expresses the hope that some temporary shelter may be provided for the numerous refugee families which have come into the Settlement during the day. It appears to the members that practical help must be rendered to these people through the medium of charitable Chinese.

The minutes of the meeting of July 16 and of the special meeting of July 21, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 21 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to that under the heading Great Western and Haroon Roads, it appears to the Council that it would be sufficient if the metalling of the latter road were included in next year's programme or works, having regard to the expenditure already incurred on construction of new roads.

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Park for the Western District. This minute is amended in the sense that preference for the Tifeng Road site over that of the corner of Hart and Bubbling Well Roads, was expressed by Mr Ezra and not by the Committee as a whole. After inspection of the plan of the former site, the Council awaits the reply of the owners as to a nine months option.


Defence Scheme. A letter from Admiral Jerram from Weihaiwei forwards a copy of a letter which he has addressed to H.M. Consul General on the subject of minor developments of the arrangements laid down in case necessity arises for the landing of naval parties from the war ships. The Council awaits Reports from the Captain Superintendent of Police and Commandant of Volunteers on this subject.

Public Garden. A re-draft of the Regulations of the Public and Reserve Gardens, omitting prohibition of Chinese except by inference, is approved for publication.

Mixed Court. A Report by the Treasurer is submitted, containing recommendations with regard to the money receivable at the Court, and calculated to obviate the possibility of defalcations by the Chinese employed there. His proposals are approved, except that the Council considers that both the Deposit and Fines Books should be initialled by the Captain Superintendent and Secretary weekly.

The Municipal Gazette for July 24 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, July 24, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Captain Superintendent of Police and
 The Secretary

Absent: E.B. Clark
 H. Figge

Local Disturbances. With regard to the proposal to set a limit of 24 hours for the insurrectionary leaders to leave the Settlement, the Chairman states that H.M. Consul General has informed him that at a meeting of the Consular Body he found no support for the proposal except from the German Consul General. Mr Fulford is therefore of opinion that the proposed proclamation cannot be issued. Considerable discussion ensues as to whether the Council should take this action without the support of the Consular Body, and if so, to whom the exclusion should be made applicable. Allusion is made to the fact that the Chinese Press has already announced the Council's intention, and given a list of 8 names. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that direct defiance of the Consular Body has no precedent in the history of the Settlement, and the Chairman indicates that the adoption of such a course by the Council at the present time would prejudice the general government of the Settlement in the future. It is at first decided to write officially to the Consular Body and propose the exclusion only of Dr Sun Yat Sen, Generals Huang Hsing and Chen Chi-mei and the ex-Viceroy Tsun Chun-hsuan. The discussion, however, is resumed, and upon Mr Ezra's proposal it is decided to issue a proclamation virtually expelling these four men from the Settlement limits. In reply to the Chairman, the Captain Superintendent considers that this course is advisable in the circumstances, provided the list of names is confined to those who have already been denounced in Presidential mandates. Mr Merriman points out that withdrawal of the support of the Consular Body might have immediately unsatisfactory results, and would most certainly not improve the future status of the Settlement. Repeated allusions are made to the strength of the feeling evoked in the Community generally against the

continued presence of these men in the Settlement, and to the support which the Council would receive from the better class Chinese residents. In the final decision the Chairman does not vote, and Mr Merriman ^{Mr Merriman} consents to the course proposed only so that the Council may act unanimously.

The Captain Superintendent alludes to the added danger to the Settlement due to the fact that General Chen Chi-mei has taken up his quarters in a guild house in Chapei with 200 or more soldiers, who were transported from Nantao to Chapei via the Socchow Creek. A number of prominent Chinese, alarmed at the danger to the filatures and other establishments in the Chapei district due to the presence of the General, have suggested the Council's assuming Police control of this district forthwith. The Council consents to receive a deputation of these men at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow.

With regard to the continued issue of false news leaflets and other inflammatory announcements in the Chinese newspapers, it is decided to address letters of warning to the five most aggressive sheets, indicating that unless these tactics cease, the Police will definitely close their offices.

The Captain Superintendent considers that it will be necessary to keep two Companies of the Volunteer Corps on duty during tonight.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

Chairman.

Merrison
Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Friday, July 25, 1913,

at 12 o'clock noon, there are:

Present: Messrs E. C. Pearce (Chairman)

E. I. Ezra

H. C. Gulland

A. Hide

W. L. Merriman

A. R. Owen

A. S. P. White-Cooper and

The Secretary

Absent:

E. E. Clark

H. Figge

Local Disturbances. The Chairman states that this meeting has been convened at the request of Messrs White-Cooper and Owen. He describes the meeting of the British members with H.M. Consul General this morning at 9 o'clock, whereat, upon Mr Fulford's earnest representations, it was decided to abandon the proposal to issue a proclamation on the subject of banishing the insurrectionary leaders until an official letter had been addressed to the Consular Body and their reply received. Whereupon such a letter was addressed and taken by the Chairman to the Senior Consul. Messrs White-Cooper and Owen now propose that the proclamation be prepared and issued, no matter what the tenour of the Consular Body's reply may be. Mr Ezra concurs in this proposal. Mr Hide considers that it is essential to await receipt of the Consular reply, and in any case he would be unwilling to defy their decision. Mr Merriman points out the imperative necessity for co-operation between the Chairman and H.M. Consul General, and indicates that such co-operation would be impossible if his views are disregarded; Mr Fulford would not unreasonably decline to discuss any matters with the Chairman thereafter. The letter to the Consular Body is read, together with members' criticisms thereon, and the Chairman expresses the confident opinion that a reply will be received this afternoon. Mr Gulland points out that the question of General Chen Chi-mei's occupation of Chapei with troops is a very much more serious matter than the issue or non-issue of this proclamation. Upon further discussion, it is decided that specific names shall not be named in the document, but that each individual whom it is proposed to expel shall be notified by letter.

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The meeting adjourns at 12.30 p.m., with a resolution to take no step until 4.30, when a further meeting will be held.

E. Wilson

Chairman.

W. Wilson
Secretary.

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At the special meeting of the Council held on Friday, July 25, 1913,
at 4.30 P.M., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Captain Superintendent of Police and
 The Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
 H. Fidge

Local Disturbances. This meeting is attended by 17 representatives of property owners and others interested in the question of Chapel. A note from the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce is read, expressing their inability to attend the meeting. This change of purpose is traceable to the fact that Mr Wong I Ding, a prominent member of the Chamber, is reported in the Press as being one of those whom the Council intends to expel.

The Chairman thanks the property owners for their presence in order to co-operate in the Council's discussion. A report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted relating to the situation in Chapel, and indicating the risk to valuable property situated in this district, and in the Settlement, by the presence of the headquarters of Chen Chi-mei the Commander-in-chief of the Southern Troops, together with a large body of soldiers under arms. A résumé of the situation is placed before the property owners, and after several expressions of individual opinions, a representative of 15 filature owners addresses the Council at length, and on behalf of the Chinese present expresses his conviction that the only proper course to pursue is to invite the Council to police Chapel in co-operation with the Chapel Constabulary and Volunteers. After emphasising the need for co-operation and for giving directions to avoid collisions, and adding that the views which he expresses have no connexion with or bearing upon the question of Settlement Extension, he concludes his remarks with an earnest request that the Council shall take the necessary measures. Mr Chu Lan-fan proceeds to draft a written application to the Council by the notables present, and during its circulation among them it is signed by about two thirds of their number. This draft letter is read and the property owners

undertake forthwith to submit to the Council a formal application on the same lines. After a brief interchange of civilities, the Chinese notables then withdraw.

The Senior Consul's informal reply to the Council's letter on the subject of the Council's proposed expulsion order is read, to the effect that a meeting of the Consular Body will take place at 11 o'clock tomorrow for full discussion of the matter. Mr White-Cooper has seen certain members of the Consular Body, and explained the Council's proposal to them in greater detail. He finds them prepared to assent to the course proposed. It has been suggested that the Chairman with certain members of the Council attend the Consular meeting, and Messrs Hide and White-Cooper are nominated for the purpose. A draft of the suggested Proclamation is read and approved.

At Mr Ezra's suggestion it is decided to address the Consular Body officially on the subject of the danger to the Settlement during the excessive bombardment of the Arsenal and its defence by the Chinese navy.

In view of the possibility of necessity arising for the landing of naval parties at any moment, the Chairman undertakes to request that the Consular Body authorise, during the present crisis, direct application by the Captain Superintendent to the Senior Naval Officer without further formality.

It is suggested that during tomorrow a certain number of sailors land, for purposes of exercise, and to create confidence among the Chinese community. The Captain Superintendent will address the Japanese Admiral unofficially on this subject, and suggest route marching or other military exercises.

The Captain Superintendent considers that two Companies of the Volunteer Corps should again be on duty between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

W. H. H. H.
Chairman.

W. H. H. H.
Secretary.

At the special meeting of the Council held on Monday, July 28, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark.
 H. Figge

The minutes of the meeting of July 23, and of the special meetings of July 24 and 25 (two) are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman, with one amendment relating to Mr Gulland's attitude towards the first proposal to issue a proclamation expelling belligerent leaders.

Local Disturbances. Letters addressed to the Senior Consul this morning (a) informing him of the capture of a battery of six 3-inch guns and other armament, and asking what course should be taken in regard thereto, and (b) pointing out that the defence forces have failed to dislodge the troops at the Li Hung-chung Memorial in the Sicoawei Road, *are submitted and approved.*

A further letter to the Senior Consul is read and approved, desiring that he will make application to the Tutuh of Kiangsu, asking for directions that the Chapei Police Force be placed with the Municipal Police under the general command of the Captain Superintendent.

Mr Ezra now proposes that, in accordance with the agreed procedure, the Council should address the Consular Body and suggest the expulsion from the Settlement of Dr Sun Yat-sen, Generals Huang Hsing and Chen Chi-mei, and Mr Li Ping-shu. Mr Gulland points out that if this is done the Council, in accordance with its attitude of neutrality, should include Chen Teh-chuan, the Tutuh of Kiangsu. The Chairman states that he has had an interview with H.M. Consul General on the subject during this morning, and learnt that Mr ~~Essex~~ ^{Fulford} would counsel delay in this matter, particularly as regards Dr Sun Yat-sen, with whom there is, outside Shanghai, some public sympathy. Considerable discussion ensues, and the consensus of opinion among the members is that while the final responsibility

for expulsion will rest with the Consular Body, it is the Council's duty to denounce at least the three major offenders.

The Chairman states that the Senior Consul has arranged with the Japanese Admiral that the armament seized in Chapei shall be transferred either to the Municipal Gaol or to the armoury.

The Admiral has also agreed to naval pickets on the boundaries of the Settlement facing Chapei on both the Markham and North Honan Road sides.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Chapei Municipal Council attend with Mr Wang Ta-hsieh of the Chapei Volunteer Corps and Mr M. Engel for discussion with the Council of the Police occupation of the Northern suburb.

The Chairman states that Police occupation has been necessary owing to the situation in the district which has involved considerable risk to valuable property, both inside and outside the Settlement. The representatives of the Chapei Volunteer Corps request withdrawal of the Volunteers and Police at least from the Chapei Police Stations and Municipal Offices, and suggest that they should occupy some other suitable premises which they would provide. The Chairman states that this arrangement would not be suitable, but that other premises might be occupied by the Chapei Administration and Constabulary. During the argument Mr Wong Ta Hsieh addressed his colleagues at some length in Chinese, and also addressed the Council in English, stating in a manner which clearly conveyed an intention to cause difficulties, that in view of the Council's intentions it was of no avail that they should discuss the matter further. Mr Engel also gave expression in English to the views of the Chinese representatives. They were then assured that while the Council must remain in complete charge of the Stations, ^{and} the Constabulary must comply with the orders of the Captain Superintendent of Police, the views of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman might be freely expressed to the Council, as occasion may arise, and that every effort would be made to meet with their wishes upon such ordinary points of question as may arise in the course of organising the Administration.

The Chapei representatives and Mr Engel then withdraw.

Mr Ezra suggests the issue of a proclamation in Chapei, assuring the public of the Council's intention to preserve order in these outside districts in general and conciliatory terms. This proposal is unanimously approved.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

E. H. ...
Chairman.

W. H. ...
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 30, 1913,

at 4.30 P.M., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)

E.I. Ezra

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

W.L. Marrison

A.R. Owen

A.S.P. White-Cooper

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark

H. Figge

The minutes of the special meeting of July 28 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Local Disturbances. The Chairman refers to the meeting of the Consular Body held this morning, at which he was present accompanied by Messrs Hide and White-Cooper and the Captain Superintendent of Police. Mr White-Cooper's note of the proceedings is read for members' information. Attention is drawn to the fact that the Chairman's instructions to the Captain Superintendent as therein set out included the expression "give protection to the inhabitants (of the northern suburb) by policing the district". The note is authorised for amendment in this respect.

A note of the Senior Consul's despatch to the Japanese Admiral, obtained from Mr von Zeppelin by telephone, is also read, in which the Admiral is definitely requested to station 125 international sailors in Chapel, upon the understanding that no Municipal Police shall be stationed there. Mr Hide points out that Colonel Bruce's estimate of the necessary force was 125 men in addition to the Police, and that if the Police are withdrawn the number of sailors should be increased. It is decided to draw the Senior Consul's attention to this point. At a later stage in the meeting the Senior Consul telephones to the effect that the Japanese Admiral has assented to this course.

With regard to the expulsion of the belligerent leaders, the names only of Generals Chen Chi-mei and Huang Hsing were mentioned in the Council's despatch to the Consular Body, that of Dr Sun Yat-sen having been excluded in deference to a note from the American Consul General. The Chairman states that the Consular Body prefers to wait two days before making any definite expulsion order.

The Council is informed that the editors of the three Chinese newspapers who have continued to write inflammatory articles, will be summonsed at the Mixed Court on Friday morning, and it is now definitely decided to address the French Consul General on the subject of the Min Li Pao.

The Council is informed that the proclamation suggested for issue in Chapel was amended in accordance with Mr White-Cooper's suggestion and prepared for use. In view, however, of the disturbances which eventuated, the proclamation was not posted.

Letters from the Refugee Relief Committee and from the Health Officer are read, describing the work being done for the relief of the distressed immigrants of the past few days. The arrangements are considered by the Council to be satisfactory, and permission is granted for the erection of a mat shed on the Socchow Creek foreshore between the Honan and Kiangse Roads for use as a relief depot.

Mr Ezra suggests that the time is opportune to press the question of Settlement Extension in Peking, and he suggests an urgent despatch to the Consular Body in this sense. He considers that it would be desirable to arrange if possible that the naval contingent remain in the northern suburb until a definite assurance is received as to the rectification of the boundary. It is unanimously decided to address the Consular Body in this sense, along the lines of a memorandum read and approved. The Chairman and Messrs Hide and White-Cooper undertake to call upon the British and German Consuls General desiring that they will wire independently to their respective Ministers, asking for support to this project.

A letter from the Captain Superintendent is read, communicating his wish to be permitted to resign at the official date of expiry of his agreement, viz. August 7. With this is submitted a statement by the Secretary, ~~the purport of which is to show that the reasons assigned by Colonel Bruce for this step are false and misleading.~~

The Chairman states that he has not the slightest idea what the meaning of Colonel Bruce's letter is. He has been throughout the week in close touch with him, while the Council's instructions have been given either directly at the special meetings or by himself personally. He has impeded in no way Colonel Bruce's complete freedom of action as regards the defence of the Settlement; and, so far as he is aware, Colonel Bruce has no grounds for complaint on the subject of his treatment during the week. In reply to Mr Hide, the Secretary states that his personal relations with the Captain Superintendent have shown the utmost friendliness up till yesterday evening at 8 o'clock, when, in the presence of the Chairman and Mr Gulland, he pressed home an enquiry as to Colonel Bruce's reason for bringing the Police and Volunteer Corps

out of Chapei; this information was necessary for the purpose of compiling an urgent despatch to the Senior Consul on the subject. Upon this occasion Colonel Bruce took extraordinary offense. Mr Gulland's impression of the conversation is that Colonel Bruce had originally stated that he acted under the orders of the Japanese Admiral and that he was unwilling to repeat what he had said. The Chairman's impression is that Colonel Bruce did not definitely make this statement. He said that the Admiral was unwilling to allow sailors to enter Chapei except to effect the release of Police and others whose lives were perhaps in danger; he permitted an expedition to this end, with orders to effect the necessary release and retire. Colonel Bruce was indefinite as to whether the order to retire included the Police and Volunteers or not. After some further discussion it is decided to defer reply to the Captain Superintendent's letter until the return of Mr Figge, who is expected to arrive tomorrow by the German mail. The Secretary suggests that a copy of his statement be furnished to Colonel Bruce, but the Council considers that this would be unwise at present.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

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Chairman.

M. Gulland
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 6, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.B. Clark

The minutes of the meeting of July 30 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman, two lines explanatory of the Secretary's statement as to the Captain Superintendent's letter of resignation being struck out.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Watch Committee of this date are read and confirmed. In amplification thereof the Chairman states that he has written twice to the Captain Superintendent and called ^{once} ~~twice~~ at his office with a view to obtaining an official narrative report of events in Chapel in continuation of that already published, with the result which the minutes describe. He deeply regrets the attitude which Colonel Bruce adopted at the meeting of the Committee. Upon further reflection as to what Reports should now be published, he considers that it would be incorrect to publish Colonel Barnes' Report without the Captain Superintendent's Report giving cover thereto.

Mr White-Cooper is of opinion that there is justification for the statement that the original entry into Chapel was not, as decided by the Council, a co-operative Police measure, and amounted to an act of bad faith towards the Consular Body. Mr Figge has been informed by the Captain Superintendent that failure to notify the Chapel Authorities of the Council's proposed entry into Chapel was a matter for which he is not to blame. The Secretary states that the Chinese who attended the meeting of Council of July 25 appeared at the office on the afternoon of July 26, with a view to accompanying Colonel Bruce. When it was ascertained by telephone from the Captain Superintendent that the expedition would not start until 6 o'clock on the morning of July 27, they dispersed, undertaking, however, to come at the time fixed. This they

subsequently failed to do. Referring to the minute of the Consular Body as drawn up and submitted unofficially by the Senior Consul, it appears to the members that the arrangements made by the Captain Superintendent up to July 27 were strictly correct and quite satisfactory.

Mr Figge has seen Colonel Bruce and is unable to understand his reason for declining to comply with the Council's request. Colonel Bruce has stated that the publication of Colonel Barnes' Report without his own would be, in his opinion, irregular. Mr Ezra is of opinion that having regard to the extract from the Daily State published last week, there is no occasion to publish any further documents. After considerable further discussion it is decided to defer publication, to put the whole of the Reports in type, and to hold a further meeting of Council tomorrow for decision of the point.

Mr Figge then reads Colonel Bruce's note of August 4 on the subject of his letters with regard to the Watch Committee and with regard to his resignation, and states that Colonel Bruce declines to make any alteration in its wording. By permission of the Chairman the Secretary states that if Colonel Bruce is permitted to withdraw his letters and to remain on duty until January as arranged, he will be unable to perform the duties for which he is engaged. It appears to the Council that this matter has resolved itself into a personal discussion of two men, one of whom is not present. Mr Leveson therefore withdraws.

Upon the re-attendance of the Secretary, at the Chairman's request Mr Figge states that the Council has decided to agree to the withdrawal of Colonel Bruce's letters, upon the understanding that his services will be terminated as soon as the local hostilities permit. The Chairman will, in reply to his note of August 4, state that the note, although not what the Council expected, is accepted. The decision as to the termination of his services will be communicated verbally by Mr Figge, and the conversation will be subsequently recorded by the interchange of unofficial notes. The Secretary is expected, and undertakes to do his best for the smooth working of the Municipal offices under these conditions.

Kiangnan Arsenal. A letter from the Commandant is read, desiring that arrangements may be made for a party of the officers of the Volunteer Corps to visit the defences of the Arsenal on Saturday next. With the Watch Committee's approval a request will be transmitted in this sense.

Shanghai Commissioner General. A note from Admiral Tsong informs the Council that he has established an office in the Szechuen Road for his work in this capacity, and the Chairman undertakes to make an official call on him.

Night Gardens. A letter from the Senior Consul encloses a communication from Commissioner Ivan Chen complaining of these resorts. A Police Report on the subject assumes that the Commissioner refers to the Maxim and Alhambra Gardens, against which there is no complaint except in the case of the latter from the point of view of rest and quiet of the Foreign residents in the neighbourhood. In reply it is decided to enquire more precisely to what places of resort the Commissioner refers.

Fearon and Kashing Roads. A letter from Messrs Platt Macleod & Wilson is submitted, offering the surrenders for these roads ex lots 1173/4 and 6 for a total sum of \$5500, as against the Works Committee's offer of \$5375. Inasmuch as the owner assents to payment on January 1, 1914, the Committee recommends acceptance of this proposal, which is accordingly sanctioned.

Public Gambling. A note from the Spanish Consul enquires as to the Council's action in regard to his letter of March 31, with regard to the Spanish lease of No 24 North Honan Road. The former minutes of the Council on this subject furnish the necessary data for reply. The Senior Consul's letter of July 24 is read.

Rebel Leaders. Mr Hide alludes to the fact that the Police Daily State of this date states that both Generals Chen Chi-mei and Huang Hsing have been within Settlement limits during the past 48 hours, and it is decided to inform the Senior Consul unofficially of this fact.

The Municipal Gazette for August 7 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication, excluding, as already decided, all Reports under the heading "Local Disturbances".

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

Chairman.


Secretary.

At the special meeting of the Council held on Thursday, August 7, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

- Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary
- Absent: E.E. Clark
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of August 6 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reads the note which he has addressed to the Captain Superintendent returning his three letters in accordance with the Council's decision. Mr Figge states that he also has seen Colonel Bruce as requested, and he reads the draft of his letter of confirmation which, however, he did not despatch in view of certain circumstances which have come to his notice, leading him to suppose that there is little prospect of the Council's coming to an understanding in this matter. He is not prepared to say more at present. The Council proceeds to the consideration of whether or no it is desirable to publish the Reports submitted on the recent Chapel affair. A note from Mr White-Cooper is read, regretting that other business prevents his attendance at this meeting, and stating his opinion that publication would be inadvisable at present. The Council, after perusal of the whole of the Reports prepared in type for the purpose, is unanimously of the same opinion. Mr Figge alludes to the last paragraph in the Captain Superintendent's Report of August 6, which, however, is understood not to be a definite request for publication of his official letters, but that if published, they be published in full as they stand.

In reply to Mr Figge the Chairman states that Captain Powlett R.N. has no objection to the inclusion of the paragraph which refers to him by name.

The Chairman has seen the Senior Consul on the subject of the continued presence in the Settlement of the two rebel Generals, and learnt unofficially that the Consular Body is still divided in opinion as to the course which should be followed in regard to these men.

The meeting adjourns at 4.45 p.m.

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Chairman.

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At the special meeting of the Council held on Friday, August 8, 1913,
at 12.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark

The Chairman states that this meeting has been called at the instance of Mr Figge, who has communicated with the Captain Superintendent by telephone and learnt that he insists upon publication of his Reports on the recent Chapoi affair. Mr Figge considers that in these circumstances it would be preferable that the documents should be published by the Council so as to obviate an official request, which he believes would be made by Colonels Barnes and Bruce and Captain Powlett. He informed Colonel Bruce that the Council had considered publication inexpedient. Nevertheless Colonel Bruce pressed for publication. In view of this condition of affairs, the Chairman considers that his letters to Colonel Bruce should be included. He suggests, however, awaiting receipt of the anticipated request. Mr Owen is opposed to publication, which he thinks would only result in communicating to the public the lack of co-operation between the Captain Superintendent and the Council. He would therefore refuse the request even if officially sent in.

A letter from the Senior Consul is read, desiring a full report on the occupation of Chapoi. Mr Siffert states that the Consular Body has already read the Reports contained in the Gazette of July 31.

A letter from Captain Powlett is read, enquiring what the Council's decision is as regards publication of Colonel Bruce's Report of August 2.

After considerable further discussion it is decided to publish the Reports forthwith. The Chairman points out that the inclusion of his letter of August 2 involves the publication of the original Reports of the Captain Superintendent and not the re-drafts made at his request. He assents to the exclusion of his letter of August 5 and the reply of Colonel Bruce of August 6, on the grounds that the latter document

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indicates absence of co-operation between the Council and its staff. Mr Hide expresses the Council's appreciation of this concession on the part of the Chairman, since it is obvious that the two letters would explain to the public the reasons for his dissatisfaction at the Reports received.

At this point Mr Figge telephones to the Captain Superintendent enquiring what his view is as to the inclusion of the original Reports; Colonel Bruce's reply is indecisive. It is therefore decided to forward a final proof for his initials.

It is understood that after the special Gazette is issued, Mr Figge will despatch his note to Colonel Bruce confirming his conversation of August 7.

The meeting adjourns at 1.25 p.m.

E. C. Peavey

X
Chairman.

W. J. Mason

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 13, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hido
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark

The minutes of the special meeting of August 8 are submitted and confirmed.

With reference thereto, Mr Figge reads the note which he addressed to Colonel Bruce, and that officer's reply. Colonel Bruce requires a more definite statement from the Council, in the opinion that the Shanghai district may remain in an unsettled condition for some time; he suggests that his services should terminate at Christmas. Mr Figge, however, has informed him that the Council will probably not require him to remain on duty for more than two months, and in any case not after October 31. This arrangement is acceptable to Colonel Bruce, and the incident closes upon this basis.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of August 11 are submitted and confirmed. The Chairman has discussed the various matters to which these minutes relate with the Chairman of the Committee; there is, however, no point for particular comment.

Shanghai Rifle Association. An application by the Secretary of the Association is submitted, requesting that the Council will present a prize for a competition to be held under the same conditions as the King's Prize at Bisley. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant it is decided to reply that the Council is unwilling to present any prize unless for competition exclusively by members or retired members of the Volunteer Corps.

Fire Brigade - Disaffection of No. 7 Company. The Chief Officer forwards a communication from this Company to the effect that the members have decided by 7 votes to 5 that the Company shall be disbanded owing to non-concurrence in the arrangements of the Chief Officer, which are supported by the other Companies, with regard to the services of the Coolie Corps in the initial stages of day fires. Mr Figge has seen the

Chief Officer in this matter, and, upon his proposal, it is decided to give Mr Pett cordial support in this disagreement. The effect of the Company's vote does not appear to the Council to imply that the Company is disbanded, but only that the services of seven members are discontinued. Directions will therefore be given that the Company continue with a nucleus consisting of the four remaining available members, and that the Chief Officer make the necessary arrangements to tide over the immediate difficulty which the low strength will entail. The disaffected firemen will be requested to vacate the Sinza Station as soon as possible.

Local Disturbances.

Firing from the Railway Station Compound on July 29. A letter from the Acting General Manager of the Railway is submitted, to the effect that the statement in Colonel Barnes' Report of July 30 is inaccurate. In comment thereon a further Report by Colonel Barnes furnishes careful corroborative detail, and it is decided to communicate the substance of this to Mr Morris in reply.

Rebel Leaders. A letter from the Senior Consul desires that a Notification be addressed to General Chen Chi-mei warning him that he cannot come into the Settlement under pain of arrest. It is decided to issue a notice in this sense in triplicate, and directions are given that the Detective Branch take what steps are possible to ensure that one copy at least reach Chen Chi-mei's hands.

Chapel District. A petition from 32 hongs and other establishments in Chapel desires that the Council will take steps for the continuance of Foreign protection in view of possible depredations on the part of discharged soldiers and others. Under the Council's instructions a copy of this document has been furnished for the information of the Consular Body. In the meantime at the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to defer its publication for the present.

The Senior Consul forwards a copy of the Consular Body's letter to the Senior Naval Officer, Vice-Admiral Nawa, of July 30.

Settlement Extension. The Consular Body's official reply to the Council's letter of July 30 is read, to the effect that while still in favour of Settlement Extension, the consuls are of opinion that the present juncture is not opportune to press the matter by telegram to Peking.

Park in the Western District. The reply of Messrs Newman & Co.Ld. is submitted, to the Council's request for an option on the land suggested as a site for a park behind the St. George's Hotel. Messrs Newman, while unwilling to give the option desired, are prepared, provided the

land is not sold, to renew the offer one month before the date fixed for the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, and with this arrangement the Council is content.

Riosha Tickets. The Overseer of Taxes reports that the current series of 25-cash tickets is exhausted, and that new 30-cash tickets, which will be redeemable at face value, are available for issue. A Municipal Notification to this effect is authorized for issue.

Commandant of Volunteers. A letter from the War Office dated July 25 is read, indicating the Army Council's wishes as regards leave arrangements for the Commandant. This matter having been arranged on the Council's behalf by Mr F. Anderson, it is decided to await confirmation of his telegrams on the subject.

With regard to the proposal to grant Colonel Barnes leave before expiry of his appointment, Mr Figge is strongly opposed to re-opening this question.

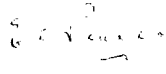
Mental Ward. Particulars of the case of A. Diesing are submitted for the Council's consideration. Diesing was admitted to the Mental Ward upon signature of the usual guarantee by Mr Wingrove on behalf of the Masonic fraternity. Mr Wingrove subsequently cancelled his guarantee, and the man has remained in the Ward since September 21 without payment, except the sum of ¥63 paid on December 2. The Council directs enquiry at the German and Japanese Consulates with a view to obtaining accurate information as to Diesing's nationality.

The Municipal Gazette for August 14 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication. With regard to the notice received from Admiral Tserg that he has established an office in the Szechuen Road in his capacity as Military Commissioner, it is decided to enquire what view the Consular Body takes of this step, having regard to the declared neutrality of the Foreign Settlement.

The meeting adjourns at 5.35 p.m.

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 Secretary.


 Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 20, 1913

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
 H. Figge
 A.R. Owen

The minutes of the meeting of August 13 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of August 18 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the proposed Road to the Hills, Mr White-Cooper is aware of the very strong opposition ~~whhh~~ the Chinese Authorities showed when this project was contemplated in 1905, and the Council is also informed that the French priests would view ~~the~~ the construction of the road with disfavour. Before proceeding further in the matter, it is directed that a sketch ~~be~~ compiled showing the position of the Hills and the extent of the open country around them, with an indication where the proposed road will reach the neighbourhood.

Seymour Road Ditch. Mr Ezra repeats the views which he expressed to the Committee on the subject of the necessity for the culvert. On the other hand Mr WhiteCooper, whose property is bounded in its full length by the ditch, is inclined to the view that it should remain as it is. He adds that the traffic on this section of the Seymour Road is inconsiderable. After some discussion the Council adheres to the view formerly recorded that an appropriation may be made for the work provided those concerned will pay one half of the cost involved.

Hongkew Recreation Ground Pavilion. The feeling of the members on this subject is generally to the effect that the erection of a public pavilion would not be justified, and especially so unless and until a scheme of control is devised by the Parks Committee. Mr Ezra suggests arrangements similar to those which obtain in regard to the Public Swimming Bath.

Volunteer Corps.

Light Horse. A Report by the Commandant is read, recommending the issue of a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Light Horse to Mr H. Bell, lately a member of that unit. The Watch Committee is doubtful as to the propriety of this step, in view of the fact that Mr Bell is no longer in Shanghai; but since he may hereafter be transferred here, and in view of the difficulty of finding officers for the Light Horse, the Council assents to the issue of the commission as a special case.

Commandant. Mr F. Anderson's letter is read, confirming his telegrams on the subject of the appointment of a new Commandant. Therefrom it appears that the subject of Colonel Barnes' leave was not mentioned during Mr Anderson's interviews with the War Office. The proposed leave arrangements for the new Commandant are approved, and it is decided, unless the information is received by the incoming Siberian mail, to enquire again by telegram the name of the officer appointed.

Fire Brigade. The Chief Officer forwards for the Council's information further correspondence between himself and the ex-Foreman of the Victoria (No 7) Company. The Council confirms the appointment of Mr C.W.C. Kayne as Acting Foreman, and notes that Mr J.E. Davy will act as Honorary Secretary to the Company. It is understood that Mr Figge is taking informal steps to prevent the destruction of the Company's records.

Withdrawal of Naval Landing Parties. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, officially notifying the Council of the withdrawal of the naval forces on August 17. A private note from Mr Siffert also indicates that this involves withdrawal of Foreign supervision from the section of the Soochow Creek which passes through Settlement limits. In reply it is decided to express the Council's thanks to Vice Admiral Nawa and the International Naval Commanders for their services in protecting the Settlement during the past three weeks.

A letter from Vice Admiral Jerram is read, thanking the Council for the facilities accorded to the British landing party of 340 men. In acknowledging this letter it is decided to make particular reference to the assistance rendered to the Captain Superintendent of Police by Captain Powllett, R.N.

Electricity Department. Additional Plant. A letter from Messrs Preece Cardew & Snell is read, urging ^{that} the Council will authorise placing the order for additional plant as soon as the work of selecting a tender is completed, instead of waiting as proposed until the end

of the year. The Chairman is averse to compliance with this request, and considers it essential that the order should not be placed until the Report of the Special Committee is received, which may reasonably be expected to be before the end of October. The Council unanimously concurs in this view.

The late Health Inspector Hugall. The Health Officer forwards requests by Mrs Hugall that the Council will pay her passage to England and the cost of a tombstone over the grave of her late husband. It is understood that Mrs Hugall is not in distressed circumstances, and Mr Hide, setting aside personal feelings, is unable to advise the Council on behalf of the Watch Committee to issue any special gratuity in this case. It is pointed out that one of the objects of the Superannuation Fund was to absolve the Council from the necessity of fixing the amount of a gratuity payable on the death or retirement of a Municipal employe. Both applications are therefore negatived.

Soochow Creek Bunding. A letter from the Naigai Wata Kaisha desires that the Council will construct the bunding of the creek between the Iohang and Tonquin Roads under arrangements similar to those adopted in regard to the section east of the Ferry Road, i.e. by sharing the cost in equal parts with the Company. Upon the recommendation of the Works Committee this suggestion is approved, provision for the necessary amount, ₹4019, to be included in next year's Budget.

Correspondence with Messrs Ellis & Hays. With regard to this firm's letter of August 18, relating to the account of Electrical Foreman May with Messrs Lane Crawford & Co.Ld., at the suggestion of Mr White-Cooper it is decided to make no reply.

The Municipal Gazette for August 21 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. A note from Mr Figge is read, desiring the inclusion of the Police Report for July. The Report is read, and the Chairman and Mr Hide express disapproval of it, primarily because it contains no reference to the strenuous work of the Force during the month in question. In view, however, of Mr Figge's request, ^{and} of the undesirability of raising further discussion with Colonel Bruce, it is decided to include the document in the Gazette.

It is proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hide, and resolved unanimously that the members of the Police Force, both officers and men, are entitled to the warmest commendation for the share they have taken in the strenuous work of the past month. The Council's more particular thanks are by this resolution conveyed to those members of the Force whose duties called them beyond the Settlement boundary.

The meeting adjourns at 6 o'clock p.m.

E. C. Luce

Chairman.

W. J. Gerson

Secretary.

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E.A.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 27, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearoe (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
W.L. Merriman
A.R. Owen
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark

The minutes of the meeting of August 20 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the Fire Brigade, Mr Figge has learnt from Mr Stephen that the records of the Victoria Company are probably in the hands of Mr Mossop, and Mr Figge undertakes to see Mr R.I. Fearon, a former Foreman of the Company, with a view to preventing their destruction.

Volunteer Corps.

Proceedings at the Shanghai Nanking Railway Station. A further letter from the Acting Manager of the Railway Company is read, traversing the Commandant's explanation of this matter; and Colonel Barnes' further Report on the subject is read. After some discussion it is decided, in conclusion of the correspondence, to forward a copy of the latter document for Mr Morris's information, and to state that he is at liberty to publish the letters should he so desire.

Refreshments at the Railway Station. With reference to an account amounting to \$102, for refreshments supplied on July 27, of which the Commandant had no knowledge and which he was unable to pass for payment, a second note from Colonel Barnes states that the refreshments were actually ordered by Captain Dick of the Customs Company, and, although the account bears evidence of being unduly large, payment is authorised.

Chinese Company. A Report by the Commandant is read, referring to the discussion which took place in March 1912, on the subject of allowing the members of this Company to have custody of their own rifles under certain conditions, and renewing his recommendation that this privilege be now granted. Having regard to the conduct of the Company during the recent mobilisation, the Council sanctions the change in status proposed.

New Commandant. The Chairman has received a telegram from Mr Anderson to the effect that Major Bray, West Riding Regiment, has been offered the post of Commandant, but that he has not yet accepted. It is decided to telegraph again enquiring the cause of the delay, with a view if possible to putting the details of the appointment in the Municipal Gazette next week.

It is now decided to reply to the War Office's letter of July 25, on the subject of this appointment confirming the arrangements which Mr Anderson has made in regard to leave, and adding, with regard to Colonel Barnes, that this officer was himself anxious that his leave should not be within the period of his appointment.

Colonel Barnes. A letter from the Captain Superintendent of Police forwards a Report addressed to the Army Council on the subject of Colonel Barnes and particularly his work during the late outbreak and fighting. Colonel Bruce requests that this Report be forwarded through H.M. Consul General, but, as Colonel Barnes's appointment was arranged with the War Office directly by the Council, and as the Consulate has not in the past acted as a medium of communication with the War Office, it is decided to forward the Report in the usual routine manner.

Police Force.

Finger Print System. A Police Report is submitted recommending that Sergeant Welch, now on leave, be permitted to proceed to Phillahur, Northern India, for further study of this system. The Watch Committee was of opinion that Welch should obtain what further instruction is necessary in England, but the Captain Superintendent has explained to Mr Figge that the Sergeant has already acquired the knowledge of the system which he could obtain in England, and that only at Phillahur could that knowledge be augmented. In these circumstances the recommendation is approved.

Uniform of the Foreign Branch. A Police Report recommends the substitution of patrol jackets for the tunics heretofore in use. Specimens of the two garments are submitted and after some discussion the recommendation is approved.

Gadet. The applications received for the post of Gadet, both in London and locally, are submitted, together with the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent that the appointment be given to Mr K.M. Bourne. The Watch Committee concurs in the view that the qualifications of the five candidates recommended by the Selection Board in London are better than those of any local candidate. Mr Figge, however, is in some doubt as to whether the third selection, Mr D.C.G. Sharp is not preferable to the second, Mr F.L. Wainwright. He also points out

that the Force lacks two officers and consequently suggests the appointment of two candidates. It is finally decided to telegraph to London, authorising offers of appointment to two of the London candidates in the order recommended by the Board.

Captain Superintendent. Mr Figge states that he has arranged with Colonel Bruce that his services shall terminate on September 15. He adds that Colonel Bruce has accepted an appointment from the Chinese Government as Police Adviser, to be resident for the present in Shanghai. A discussion ensues as to the form in which the announcement in the Municipal Gazette shall be made, having reference to the fact that the Chairman stated at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers that Colonel Bruce would not leave till about March 1914. It is decided to include words of special regret at the loss of Colonel Bruce's services and appreciation of his work in Shanghai, the Chairman pointing out that in estimating what he has done for the Settlement during six years, the Council should not be swayed by consideration of his actions during the past two months. The final text for publication is considered and approved.

Captain Barrett. The Captain Superintendent forwards a communication from this officer, in which he draws attention to the telegram of July 29 published in the Morning Post, which he considers calculated to create a wrong impression as to his course of action in the Chapel affair. The Council is requested to communicate to the Morning Post a correct version of the matter. The Watch Committee is opposed to this course, being of opinion that, with it as precedent, the Council might be called upon in future to correct many other misstatements about Municipal employes in other newspapers. The Council, however, is not unwilling that Captain Barrett communicate with the Morning Post himself.

Chapel Silk Filatures. An extensively signed letter of thanks to the Council for the protection afforded to these establishments during the recent disturbances is submitted and authorised for publication.

Astor Road. A letter from the Russian Consul General informs the Council that he is in negotiation for Lot 1001 as a site for the Consulate General. He enquires whether a projecting porch would be permitted over the Astor Road footpath. Upon the recommendation of the Works Committee it is decided to grant this privilege on the usual terms, viz. a nominal annual payment of £5. The Committee is of opinion that there will be no difficulty in arranging for the removal of the electrical transformer house which now stands on this pavement to some equally convenient position.

Ricsha Tickets. A Report by the Overseer of Taxes is submitted, pointing out that, of the recently exhausted series of 25 cash tickets, he has already redeemed 4600 more than were issued. Mr Allen indicates that this state of affairs is probably due to extensive forgeries. It appears to the Council necessary to continue redeeming until October 31, in accordance with the published Notification, after which date the matter will have re-consideration. The members are divided in opinion as to the Overseer's proposal to discontinue the issue of ricsha tickets.

Victoria Nursing Home. Mr Fidge draws attention to the growing number of cases where the fees of Portuguese and other poor patients are being reduced. He is of opinion that the Portuguese Consul General should be requested to guarantee payment, or, in the alternative, that the admission of such patients should be refused. It is directed that the rules with regard to admission be strictly observed.

The Municipal Gazette for August 28 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 7 o'clock p.m.

Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 1, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hido
 W.L. Morrinan
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra

The minutes of the meeting of August 27 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the question raised by Captain Barrett, the Council confirms having granted permission to Colonel Bruce to forward to the "Morning Post" a full account of this officer's action in Chapei, in correction of the telegram published in that newspaper on July 29.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of September 10, already confirmed by circular, are formally ratified.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of September 11, already confirmed by circular, are formally ratified. As regards the question of the Power Load, the remarks of the Chairman of the Committee are read, indicating that the position is more serious than would be inferred from the minutes. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the Report by Messrs Proese Cardew & Snell on the tenders for new plant contains the statement that provided the Council accept the tender recommended, early in November, the new plant should be at work by September 1914, i.e. in time for the heavy winter load. Financial Statement. The points raised under this heading will receive the attention of the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

Volunteer Corps.

"A" Company. The resignation of Lieut. G.M. Jamieson, upon his departure for Hankow, has been forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Customs Company. The resignation of Captain D.C. Dick, for purely personal reasons and on account of business, has been forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Various Promotions. A Report by the Commandant is submitted, recommending a number of special promotions in sequence with the recent mobilisation. These have received the attention of the Watch Committee, and, upon the Committee's recommendation, it is decided to defer action pending the arrival of the new Commandant.

Chinese Company. The Commandant's proposal to appoint a Chinese Officer is deferred on like grounds.

Commissariat during Mobilisation. The Commandant's proposals on this subject are also similarly deferred.

The "Morning Post". A letter from the Commandant informs the Council that on July 29, this newspaper reported friction between the Heads of the Police Force and Volunteer Corps. Colonel Barnes desires that the Council will contradict this statement to the Army Council. In the discussion which ensues Mr Fidge points out that it would be unfair to do otherwise in this matter than has been done in response to a similar application by Captain Barrett, ~~while the Chairman~~ ^{and} is of opinion that ~~the~~ contradiction must emanate from the senior of the two officers concerned. It is therefore decided in reply to inform the Commandant that he should address Colonel Bruce with the request that he will certify ~~to the Army Council~~ that the statement is unfounded.

Commandant's Leave. The request of the Commandant is submitted that he may be informed of the particulars of the discussion between the Council and the War Office on the subject of his leave. The Chairman undertakes to inform Colonel Barnes that this matter was closed upon the Council's decision to issue four months full pay in lieu of leave.

The Chairman states that he has received an informal communication from Colonel Barnes, desiring that the Council will apply to the War Office that he be permitted to retain his present rank when he resumes duty with his regiment. This request appears to the members to be quite unjustifiable, principally because the War Office would properly regard such a letter as quite beyond the Council's province.

Thomas Hanbury School, Fire Protection. The Chief Officer's Report of September 25 has received preliminary consideration at the hands of the Committee, and the Committee's request that electricity be installed in lieu of gas as an urgent matter is endorsed. Mr Owen points out that the Council's responsibility towards the School demands that Mr Pett's further recommendations have prompt consideration, and the Committee will therefore be requested to take the matter up at its next meeting.

Proposed Consumption Hospital. The replies of the three firms of doctors to the Council's enquiry on this subject are submitted, and the whole of the file is authorised for publication. Mr White-Cooper points out that a hospital such as is proposed, if of sufficient size to accommodate all tubercular lung cases, would involve considerable expenditure, which local conditions do not warrant. He points out that consumption hospitals in England are supported by voluntary contributions. Mr Figge's experience of the working of the existing Municipal hospitals leads him to suppose that no appreciable income would be received from the numerous Portuguese and Eurasian patients.

Chen Chi-mei. Mr Figge recounts the misunderstanding which took place in regard to the arrest of Chen Chi-mei during the time when Captain Hilton-Johnson was in charge of the Police Force. The instructions to the Police at the present are that if Chen Chi-mei is seen in the Settlement, he is to be arrested, but that no steps are to be taken for actually "hunting him down". After some discussion it is considered advisable to let these instructions stand for the present.

The Municipal Gazette for October 2 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the correspondence included therein on the subject of the

Italian Sailors Case. Mr Figge points out that the efforts of the Senior Consul and Consul General for Austria are being directed towards settling the case without a hearing, and that publication will practically force the Italian Authorities to proceed. He assents, however, to the inclusion of the letters, which is unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 8, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra

The minutes of the meeting of October 1 are submitted, confirmed and signed by the Chairman, with three small amendments suggested by Mr Figge. With regard to the minute under the heading The "Morning Post", the Chairman reads the correspondence which has taken place with Colonel Barnes as regards the Council's decision in this matter. The members are unanimously agreeable that the Council shall address Colonel Bruce in this matter if Colonel Barnes so desires, but it is decided to take no further step unless Colonel Barnes withdraws his letter of October 7, and substitutes another, omitting the final paragraph numbered 5 and expressing a wish that this course be followed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 3 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of the Power Load, Mr Figge points out that if contracts have been made in excess of the Department's capacity, the responsibility is with the Committee rather than with the Council, for no notice was conveyed with the contracts that such was the case. Generally speaking, the Council strongly resents the imputation that the Council will be responsible for any failure to meet incurred liabilities. The opinion, however, prevails that when Mr Aldridge returns it will be found that the risk is not so great as the Committee appears to apprehend.

Volunteer Corps. With regard to the suggested Parade to be called in connexion with the transfer of the command, it is understood that the Commandant does not regard the project with favour, and, after some discussion, it is decided to defer decision pending the arrival of Major Bray, and thereafter to be guided by his views in the matter.

Chen Chi-mei and other Conspirators. The Council is informed that a warrant has been received, bearing a special endorsement by the Senior Consul, for the apprehension of Chen Chi-mei and a number of other conspirators, while a further warrant containing additional names may be expected shortly. In the opinion of the Watch Committee recognition of the Republic of China by the Powers alters the position as regards such men, and it is now decided that the Police shall, as a routine matter, take whatever steps are possible for their arrest.

Dent Road Skating Rink. With regard to the application for a new licence for this establishment, and to the views which the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade has expressed, letters from Messrs G. Musso and A.R. Burkill & Sons are read. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, the Council now assents to the issue of the licence for this year, but remains unwilling that a bar be established in the premises. Refreshments will therefore be confined to non-alcoholic beverages.

Victoria Nursing Home Site. A Report by the Engineer is submitted, on the subject of the suggested purchase of Lot 986, for which he proposes an offer of \$60000. Mr Figge suggests a lower offer in the first place, but from information in Mr White-Cooper's possession, the amount named appears to be justified. He points out that the negotiations are upon the basis that Mr Goedfellow, the owner, shall receive as nearly as possible the same income from Municipal Debentures as he at present enjoys from the property. In these circumstances the Engineer's recommendation is authorised.

As regards Mr Algar's proposal to expend \$355 in repairs to the remaining houses on what was formerly Lot 987, the Council considers that, in view of their probable early demolition, this expenditure is not justified.

Chinese Celebration. The Chairman states that the Senior Consul has been requested to allow Chinese officers attending the celebration on October 10 at the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, Bubbling Well Road, to wear swords. The Council is not averse to this course provided the usual Special Permit is issued.

The Municipal Gazette for October 9 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

M. E. E. E.
Secretary.

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 15, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.I. Ezra

The minutes of the meeting of October 8 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of October 9 are read
 and confirmed with the following comment:-

Duties of Officers. A further Report from the Captain Superintendent
 is read, suggesting that Mr Springfield should be transferred in
 charge of the Gaol, and that the Chinese Branch should be placed
 under the charge of Captain Hilton-Johnson with Inspector Wilson to
 assist him. Inasmuch as no reason is assigned for this recommendation
 the Council prefers that the decision of the Committee, as minuted,
 be put into force. It will remain for the Captain Superintendent to
 report further for consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

With regard to the new Legal Assistant, the London Agents'
 reply by telegram is to the effect that the matter will have Mr
 McNeill's attention forthwith; and it is decided to leave the matter
 in statu quo for the present.

Sikh Watchmen. Mr Owen would regard curtailment of Police
 supervision over Watchmen with regret, and suggests that if the
 Council were to make a charge of \$3 to \$5 over and above the men's
 wages, the extra cost of supervision would be met. Some discussion
 ensues, at the conclusion of which the minute is confirmed with an
 added direction to the Captain Superintendent to report how best this
 suggestion may be brought into effect.

Pay of Senior Officers. As regards the offer recommended to be made
 to Captain Hilton Johnson, the Chairman states that this officer has
 prior to the election of Yuen Shi-kwei as President and heading the establishment of the Chinese Govt.
 called upon him and stated that he ~~has~~ received an offer of employment
 from the Chinese Government with Pay at the rate of £900, £900 and
 £1000 per mensem during a three years agreement. ^{He would have to very carefully consider the matter but} ~~he~~ would, ~~however~~

be prepared to accept £700 from the Council. Mr Pearce cites further the Pay at present drawn by the deputies in the four other principal Departments, which in no case reaches £700 per mensem. Mr Fidge points out that the Council will be placed in a somewhat awkward position in the event of Captain Hilton Johnson resigning at the end of his agreement, viz. on April 14, 1914, for the reason that there is no available officer suitable for promotion. After some further discussion the Council records the view that £650 per mensem is the highest offer which can be made.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of October 13 are submitted and confirmed.

Mr White-Cooper explains the various proposals contained in these minutes, and in regard to the question of the Headmastership, states that the Chairman has communicated to him the opinion that Mr Price's lack of initiative renders him unfitted to attack the work of organisation and development which the school now requires. The Committee's recommendation on this subject is accordingly confirmed.

Volunteer Corps, "A" Company.

A Report by the Commandant

recommends the issue of a commission to Mr G.M. Billings, but in this case as in those of other proposed promotions, the matter is referred for consideration at the next meeting of the Watch Committee. The suggestion is approved that Majors Pilcher and Trueman be invited to this meeting to give the Committee the benefit of their experience in Volunteer Corps affairs.

Electricity Department, Plant.

A letter from the Electrical

Engineer in London is read, enclosing tenders for automatic feeder regulators and switchgear for use with the sub-stations in course of erection. He recommends acceptance of that of the General Electric Company of New York for automatic regulators, £4502; and the British Thompson Houston Co.Ld. for switchgear, £399. Some regret is expressed that local tenders were not called for in this instance, but, upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, the Engineer's proposals are accepted as an urgent matter.

Public Band, Subscription Concerts.

The dates and programmes for

these concerts are, upon the recommendation of the Band Committee, approved and authorised for publication.

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Bund Foreshore. The Engineer reports upon the fact that the contractors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton have cumbered the Bund carriageway opposite their building in course of erection with girders which have been landed without the usual permit. Messrs Paamer & Turner write introducing the subject of foreshore rights, and apparently claiming that the Council has no status in this matter, It appears that the Police are to blame for allowing the obstruction, and verbal notice has accordingly been given to the contractor that no further girders may be landed without a permit. In the meantime the Engineer will impose such conditions as will minimize the inconvenience to the public, no permit being issued until the present number of girders are removed. Mr Figge considers that it might be well to settle the disputed question of foreshore by a test case in this instance; on the other hand Mr White-Cooper points out that the Council has nothing to gain by such a step.

Tramways. The Tramway Company notifies verbally that the new cars will be delayed for about six weeks for reasons over which they have no control. A copy of a note from Messrs Anderson Meyer & Co. confirms this state of affairs, the blame for late shipment attaching to the Brill Company of New York.

Case of Inspector Henning. Mr Owen applies on behalf of this Inspector for more favourable treatment in respect of his forthcoming resignation, the man being about to settle with his family in Canada, and the Finance Committee undertakes to give the matter further consideration.

The Municipal Gazette for October 16 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the Report of the Registrar of the Mixed Court therein contained, and to the suggestion that Second Services of Summonses be discontinued, it is decided to address the Consular Body officially in the matter.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

G. C. P. [Signature]

Chairman.

[Signature]
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 22, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.I. Ezra

The minutes of the meeting of October 15 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With reference to that under the heading Pay of Senior Officers, upon the suggestion of the Chairman a fuller account is inserted of his conversation with Captain Hilton Johnson. Mixed Court, Service of Summonses. The Chairman states that the Senior Consul has informed him that his attention has already been drawn to this matter, and that he considers that it would be inadvisable to write officially on the subject at present.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 20 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of the completion of the Great Western Road, it is possible that the Engineer will be able to obtain the necessary unregistered land for £750, or, in any case, for a less sum than that mentioned in the minute.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of October 21 are read and confirmed. Under the heading Various Promotions, the reference to Major Barnes' recent selections is struck out.

Volunteer Corps, Quarters for Commandant. Noting that under the Municipal Buildings Scheme the house formerly occupied by Colonel Barnes will be taken down in the course of the next few months, the Watch Committee has approved a lease of No 25 Great Western Road, at a rental not exceeding £110 per annum, as a residence for the new Commandant. The Engineer will therefore make the necessary arrangements, securing a lease if possible for two years with the option of a third.

Ordure Contract. The Health Officer reports that the present contractor has done his work as satisfactorily as his predecessors, and, although there is evidence that a larger sum would be received were new tenders called for, the Watch Committee is of opinion that fairness demands that the present contract be renewed for a further two years in accordance with the provision therein contained. This course is therefore approved by the Council.

Tramways, Rail Grinding. A complaint by Mr C.E. Anton as to the noise made by grinding rails at night is submitted, together with previous correspondence on the same subject. Mr Figge has personal experience of the nuisance, and discussion ensues on the subject generally. It is decided to obtain a Police Report as to whether the Company's promise only to grind rails for half the night in one place, and never on two nights running in the same place, is properly observed. The Chairman has already seen Mr Anton in the matter and it is further decided to ascertain particulars of the special alternative apparatus which the Company is about to instal.

The Municipal Gazette for October 23 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

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Secretary.

E. S. S.
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 29, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

- Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 H. Figge
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary
- Absent: E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland

The minutes of the meeting of October 22 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of October 27 are
submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps, "A" Company. Five months' leave is granted to
Lieut. W. Brand from November 1, 1913.

Police Force, Foreign Branch. A Report by the Captain Superintendent
is read, on the applications to resign of Constables Reed and Buckley,
who have been offered employment by the British American Tobacco Co.
Ltd. In view of the present shortage in the strength of the Branch,
the Watch Committee is unable to recommend acceptance, and the men
will therefore be informed that the Council holds them to the terms
of their agreements. The Council expresses regret that such men,
enlisted and trained as policemen, should be offered inducements to
leave the Force; and the Chairman undertakes, when opportunity serves,
to put this view before the Manager of the Tobacco Company.

Mixed Court, Women's Prison. Plans of the proposed wall and out-houses
for this building are submitted, and, upon the recommendation of the
Watch Committee, approved. The sanction of the Consular Body will be
obtained to the work previous to calling for tenders.

Relief Fund. A note from the Military Governor of Shanghai, Admiral
Tseng Ju Cheng, addressed to the Honorary Secretary of the Fund,
desires the return of the proportion of his subscription of \$5000.
It is directed that the balance of this account be re-paid, after all
relief expenses incurred by the Council have been discharged.

House Refuse Depot. The Engineer submits an application to build on Lot 4432, which is scheduled for inclusion in this depot; and before sanctioning the work, it is decided to make an offer of £2000 for the lot, upon the grounds that with a view to improving the shape of the depot site, whether for actual use as a depot or for sale hereafter, it would be preferable to include this small property.

Soymour Road Ditch. Referring to the tender of Mr Gilbert Davies for this work, which, after allowing for certain items not included, is £1220 less than that of the Public Works Department, the Works Committee is led to the inference that Municipal contracts generally are placed at excessive prices, or that work is carried out on an unnecessarily costly basis. The matter is referred to the Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

Land Commission. The Commissioners' Award in Case No. LXXXVI is submitted, and authorised for publication as usual. This Award, while setting out the contention of the representative of the registered owner (Mr D.E.J. Abraham), makes no allusion to the Council's contention (a) that the Haining Road frontage of the property concerned was formerly a malodorous creek, and has now been converted by the Council into a substantial road to the great advantage and betterment of the adjoining properties; and (b) that considerations of betterment dictated the surrender without compensation by other owners of practically the whole of the remaining land required for this road.

It is decided to publish a statement in the foregoing sense, for although it is the Council's practice to accept the Awards of the Commissioners without dispute, yet the publication of the Award as it stands, would lead the public to infer that the Council's request for free surrender had no justifiable basis.

As regards Case No. LXXXVIII, Seward and Tiendong Roads, the Council is informed that Messrs Probst Hanbury & Co.Ld. have assented to the Commissioners' assessing the compensation in respect of the whole of the scheduled portion of the lot, i.e.including the Broadway frontage, the Council to pay thereafter pro rata as the strips come into public use. This course will involve a re-hearing of the Case.

Thomas Hanbury School for Boys. The official acceptance of the Shanghai Building & Investment Co.Ld. of the Council's offer for this property is submitted, making the condition that the Council will pay the sum of £1500 in respect of the proposed surrender of a 30 foot frontage road. This proposal is considered not unreasonable,

and authorised for acceptance, the Council noting that owing to the necessity for setting the line back 5 feet from that originally proposed, the site will cost about £1100 less than the amount already approved.

Electricity Committee. The Council confirms the arrangement under which Mr A.W. Burkill, who has acted on this Committee during the absence from Shanghai of Mr C.R. Burkill, will remain a member until the end of the current Municipal year. Mr C.R. Burkill will act on the Special Electricity Committee, as announced in the Municipal Gazette of May 22.

Central Municipal Offices. After a protracted interview with Mrs Chin Chin Chee, the Engineer has secured her assent to a formal arbitration of the amount to be paid to her for cancellation of the lease. She will be represented by Mr Gilbert Davies, and the Council by the Engineer, with Mr Amrose to act as umpire in the event of disagreement. The Council accepts this proposal, it being understood that Mr Godfrey will refer to the Works Committee before finally accepting any figure.

The Municipal Gazette for October 30 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.15 p.m.

W. Hurson

Secretary.

E. C. Pennington

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 5, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 The Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.I. Ezra

The minutes of the meeting of October 29 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 3 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of November 4 are submitted and confirmed with the following note:-

New School Compound. The Council is of opinion that as the path on the east of the site is destined to be closed hereafter, it is inadvisable to permit its use for any other purpose than that for which it has been left, viz. access to the Range. It is therefore decided to allow no gate on the school compound. The Latrine on the south-west corner will be removed so soon as tramway extension carries the terminus to a point further along the road. The Council considers that a properly equipped flag-pole in the compound would be more dignified and suitable than the small flag-staff on the roof. The other changes suggested by the Committee will await the return to Shanghai of the Chief Architectural Assistant, whose personal work on the designs met with the Council's approval. Mr White-Cooper takes occasion to record the general satisfaction of the Committee with the School-house, noting only that in the rough-cast of which the building consists it would have been preferable to have used pebbles rather than chips.

Volunteer Corps. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the following commissions are authorised for issue:-

Light Horse. To Mr P. Grighton as Captain.

German Company. To Mr E. Röhreke as 2nd Lieut.

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Police Force, Foreign Branch. With regard to the case of Constables Reed and Buckley, the latter, on learning that his application has had the effect of causing Reed's to be refused as well as his own, now withdraws and in these circumstances the Watch Committee, in re-consideration of its former decision, is prepared to allow Reed to retire from the Force so soon as the new draft, expected in January, has arrived. The Council is disinclined to make any further concession than this, Mr Fidge pointing out that if the British-American Tobacco Company really desires the man's services, they will keep the vacancy open for him until the date named. At the Council's request Mr Morrigan undertakes to see the Manager of the Company, to ask him to keep the post open in this instance, but at the same time to express the Council's hope that the Company will not encourage negotiations for employment with men under agreement with the Council.

Riverine Frontage Lots. Noting that Messrs Hanson, McNeill & Jones are interested in this matter on behalf of their clients, Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co.Ld., the Council confirms the arrangement by which the proceedings against Mr Tam Wa will be conducted by Messrs Platt Macleod & Wilson.

Land Commission. Correspondence with the Commission during the course of the week is confirmed, and, in accordance with the Commissioners' request, authorised for inclusion in this week's Gazette.

Special Electricity Committee. Draft "terms of reference" for this Committee are considered and some discussion ensues as to the actual questions to be submitted, the finally approved text being as follows:-

I. Does the connexion of the Electrical undertaking with the Council adversely affect the Council's credit and financial facilities, or is there any probability of its doing so in the future?

II. Does the connexion of the Electrical undertaking with the Council adversely affect the prosperity and development of the undertaking, or is there any probability of its doing so in the future?

III. If the answer to either of the foregoing questions is in the affirmative, what steps are desirable with a view to counteracting the effect.

IV. Is a further immediate extension of plant necessary or desirable?

The Council trusts that the Committee's Report in reply to the foregoing questions, may be received before the end of the year, but in view of the trade conditions as regards electrical machinery, and of the fact that an order for electrical plant takes a very considerable time to complete, the Council expresses the hope that the Committee may formulate a reply to Question No.IV with as little delay as is possible, giving it precedence over the more fundamental problems in Questions I to III.

With regard to Questions I and II the Council will be glad to have the general views of the Committee as to the present status and control of the Electricity Department.

Central Municipal Offices. Draft agreement with Mrs Chin Chin Chee for the settlement of her claim for cancellation of lease is submitted, and, upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, approved. It is noted that the Engineer has been authorised to agree to an amount not exceeding \$50000, referring the case to the umpire, Mr J. Ambrose,

if unable to arrange acceptance at or below this figure.

Riosha Tickets. A Report by the Overseer of Taxes is submitted, to the effect that, in accordance with the Council's instructions, the redemption of old issue tickets ceased on October 31. The loss due to tickets apparently redeemed in excess of those issued, is \$617, while the profit in exchange, after deduction of the cost of the issue, is \$1302. There is thus no actual loss to the Council in this matter.

The Municipal Gazette for November 6 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 19, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of November 5 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman. With regard to that under the heading Special
Electricity Committee, Mr Figge is under the impression that in the
 wording of the terms of reference the word "adversely" should have
 been before the words "in the future". The Council, however,
 considers the wording correct as it stands, and in this case Mr
 Figge records his dissentient view.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of
 November 6 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the:-
Headmastership, the Chairman of the Committee has interviewed the
 two selected candidates, and his recommendation that the post be
 offered to Mr Stewart, unanimously endorsed by the Committee, now
 receives the Council's sanction.
New Building. Mr White-Cooper states that it is the Committee's
 hope that the plans for the new building will have been approved
 before the present Council goes out of office, so that the building
 may proceed immediately after the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.
 This question will therefore engage the attentinn of the Works
 Committee forthwith.

Volunteer Corps.

Commissions. Those of Lieut. W.B. Billinghamst, Medical Staff,
 Captain C. Stepharius, German Reserve Company, and Captain J.
 Nolasco, Portuguese Company, are, upon the recommendation of the
 Commandant, authorised for renewal with effect from their respective
 dates of expiry.

Light Horse. The resignation of Lieut. W.J. Ralphs is forwarded
 by the Commandant and accepted with regret.

New Municipal Buildings. The paragraph in the letter of the London Agents of October 31 relating to this matter is read, and as regards the Perspective Drawing, the Council is of opinion that copies when completed may suitably be issued with the Municipal Gazette. Final decision as to the number of copies to be ordered, will await receipt of the proof via Siberia.

Markham Road Foreshore. A note from Mr C.R. Holcomb is read, applying for a permit to fence in U.S. Lot 875, and, in accordance with the suggestion of the Engineer, it is decided to decline the application, adding that the Council's reasons are sufficiently set out in the Gazette of October 23.

Town Hall, Fire Protection. The Reports of the Chief Officer and Engineer on this subject are submitted, and the various improvements proposed are authorised, except that relating to emergency exits, the Council being of opinion that the simplest and most efficient method of dealing with this matter, would be to convert two of the western windows into doors leading to an iron verandah and thence by steps to the Kweishow Road pavement. It is noted that the Kweishow Road, south of the Nanking Road, extends for one block only, and carries little or no traffic.

Electricity Department.

Extension of Plant. Letter from the Special Electricity Committee is submitted, recommending that the order for additional plant, already provisionally made public, be now definitely placed. Considerable discussion ensues as to power rates, and as to whether the extension is or is not likely to be profitable, Mr Merriman being still unconvinced in the matter. Mr Owen is of opinion that some steps are necessary making for uniformity of rates for large power users, to avoid the undesirable suspicion which obtains that certain industrial establishments have more favourable treatment than their neighbours. Mr Figge points out that, whatever doubts may remain in the minds of the Council, it has publicly been announced that if the Special Committee recommends the purchase of the plant, the Council will confirm and act upon the recommendation. In view, therefore, of the unanimous opinion which is before the members, he considers that no other course remains. This view is eventually unanimously adopted.

Tenders for Cable. With regard to the tenders received in response to Specification No.80, the Engineer reports recommending the lowest, that of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., for £6037. His remarks on the

subject of this tender are read, and Mr Figge recalls the fact that the Council has experience of non-compliance with Specification in the past, and must therefore observe the greatest caution in the present case. In view of the general standing of the tenderer concerned, and of the unanimous recommendation of the Electricity Committee, it is decided to approve the tender, the Chairman undertaking to draw Mr A.W. Barkill's attention to the views which have been expressed.

Permanent Educational Committee. An unofficial note from Dr Hawks Pott to Mr Hide refers to the fact that the Committee's recent Report on Local Schools has not been officially acknowledged, and adds the opinion that the Committee should have been consulted on the subject of the recent selection of a site for the new Thomas Hanbury School for Boys. Draft reply from the Chairman in explanation of the course which the Council has followed in these matters, is read and approved for despatch.

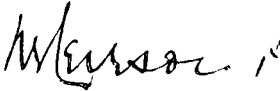
Land Tax. Draft pleadings by Messrs Platt Macleod & Wilson in the forthcoming prosecution of Mr Tam Wa are submitted and approved.

Public Lighting. A number of members draw attention to the increasing number of faulty lights in the streets, notably electric arc lamps, and Mr Gulland states that this matter is having, and will have, careful attention at the hands of the Works Committee.

Rumour of Disturbances. Mr Owen is of opinion that the Council should make some announcement on the subject of the utterly baseless rumours as to renewed disturbances, which have been heard throughout the Settlement during the past week. The Chairman states that these rumours were fomented by Colonel Bruce, but neither he nor the Watch Committee attach any importance to them. It appears that the attention which the Chinese are devoting to the fortification of the Arsenal caused a scare amongst Chinese residents in the neighbourhood. Upon the whole it appears to the members injudicious to pay more than passing attention to the matter.

The Municipal Gazette for November 20 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the Police Report for October, Mr Owen considers that this monthly document should be issued earlier than the 20th of the month ensuing. Mr McEuen's allusion to Traffic is omitted, pending consideration by the Watch Committee of the question of unnecessarily brilliant head-lights for motor cars.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 26, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figg
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of November 19 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of November 20 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the Financial Statement, the point at issue is a small one, the total excess to which the Treasurer alluded in a strictly formal manner, being only £450. The Council has in the past endorsed the Treasurer's dictum that underspending under one estimate is not sufficient reason for excess in another.

Park for the Western District. It cannot be said that the Council's views on this subject have changed, since both in 1909 and in 1913 there were members in favour of and against the proposition. The records show that the Council's interest in the matter this year was due to references to the matter "in the press and elsewhere". The Council has done no more than state that they will put the offer received privately through Mr Peebles, before the Ratepayers. It is agreed that each member of Council will vote as he wishes in the matter, since the desirability of a park is unquestionable, the only point for consideration being whether current heavy calls upon the public purse will allow of its purchase. The Council's minute suggests private munificence.

Park for Chinese. The concluding remarks in the former paragraph refer equally forcibly in this case. The Committee's minute says "a new park to be reserved for the use of Chinese", but the Council assumes that the Committee did not mean that Foreigners were to be excluded. It is considered improbable that the Ratepayers will approve of both schemes in one year.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 24 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the House Refuse Depot, the Council is informed that the Engineer is now able to purchase Lot 4420 for the sum of \$2244, and the transaction is accordingly confirmed.

Access to the Rifle Range. A plan showing the proposals indicated under this heading is submitted, and the Council approves the suggested entrance to the Range from the North Szechuen Road, a gate, and a 25 foot cross road 25 feet in rear of the 1000 yards firing point.

Staff. As regards Mr Turner, the London Agents wire that he left via Marsailles on November 15, and will arrive in Shanghai about December 20.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 25 are read and confirmed. In the matter of Police Officers' Locomotion, it is pointed out that the proposal to purchase the motor cars of Captains Hilton Johnson and Barrett will improbably be accepted by the officers concerned. After considerable discussion the minute is confirmed as it stands.

Chinese Authorities functioning in the Settlement. Mr Figge states that he has been requested by Colonel Bruce to suggest the issue by the Council of three passes, to be carried by Chinese Government detectives, for the purpose of identifying criminals, and securing their apprehension through the Municipal Police. Colonel Bruce stated that this course has been adopted with success in the French Settlement, and allusion is made to a recent comparison in the press between the methods of the two Police Forces. Mr Ezra considers that such a course would be highly dangerous in view of the inevitable misuse by the Chinese Government employes of their passes, and of the indirect power which they would wield by virtue of the passes. He deprecates the introduction of any Police agents in the Settlement except the Council's Police, and points out that any such introduction would be a serious reflection upon the intelligence work and efficiency of the Force. While aware that there are doubtless a considerable number of spies of the Chinese Government already at work in the Settlement, Mr Ezra considers that formal sanction would be a very grave mistake. The Chairman apprehends that the course suggested would forecast native intervention in the policing of the Settlement, would in fact be the thin edge of a wedge, and at his suggestion the matter is deferred for consideration at next meeting.

With regard to the very general ^Axiety which has followed numerous cases of murder and attempted murder in the Settlement Mr Figge states that the Captain Superintendent is, with the Watch Committee's approval, about to search certain Chinese Licensed Lodging houses, and to apprehend persons in possession of arms or explosives or being otherwise open to suspicion of criminal intent.

Volunteer Corps.

American Company. The resignation, owing to his forthcoming return to America, of 2nd Lieut. A.H. Brown, forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted by the Council with regret.

Artillery. A proposal of the Commandant is read, suggesting that permission be obtained for the Artillery to practise over a convenient stretch of water at Woosung. He also suggests transport to and from Woosung by railway. The Watch Committee considers that such a request might create an undesirable excuse for the Chinese Authorities to ask for permission for their troops to march through the Settlement, and Mr Figge undertakes to discuss the matter informally with the Commandant.

The Municipal Gazette for November 27 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

G. C. [unclear]

Chairman.

W. Furson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 3, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Mr A.R. Burkill. The Chairman alludes to the death of Mr A.R. Burkill, the news of which has been received by telegram from England during the past week. Mr Burkill was Chairman of Council in 1897, and during subsequent years interested himself in Municipal affairs, acting in the Council's interests on many occasions. At Mr Pearce's suggestion it is decided to address a letter of sympathy with Messrs A.W. and C.R. Burkill, the sons of the deceased gentleman.

The minutes of the meeting of November 26 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The first page thereof has been circulated for the information of the Parks Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of November 27 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the suggested duplication of the supply at the Victoria Nursing Home, Mr Figge points out that it would perhaps be desirable that the alternative supply be gas, and a Report from the Health Officer on the point is directed.
Street Obstructions. Mr Figge further alludes to numerous instances during the past two weeks where the Department has cumbered the streets with cable drums and other obstructions without lights at night, and it is directed that immediate steps be taken to prevent the recurrence of this cause for complaint.

Chinese Authorities in the Settlement. A letter from Tseng, Military Governor of Shanghai, is read, putting into official form his request for six passes for Chinese Government detectives to function in the Settlement. The Chairman states that, upon consideration of this matter during the course of the week, he has formed the opinion that the issue of the passes would be an unquestionable mistake.

Mr White-Cooper points out that it is open to any person to give information to the Police which will lead to the arrest of any criminal or political offender for whom a warrant has been duly issued, and, although he was at first of opinion that it was preferable to have six properly authorised agents rather than an indefinite number of others not so regularised, yet in view of the timid and credulous character of the Chinese coolie class, he now feels that the risk of terrorism on the part of the holders of passes would be too great, and that their official recognition by the Council would be injudicious.

Mr Figge states in any case that he learns from the Captain Superintendent that the suggested scheme would be utterly unworkable. He found the French Consul General reticent as to the system in vogue in the French Settlement, but that no passes are recognised by the French Police. Admiral Tseng's letter indicates a desire to arrest revolutionary sympathisers at sight, a course to which the Council would be opposed, and, in Mr Figge's opinion, this alone indicates some of the dangers which lie beyond the present application.

It is unanimously decided to reply in the sense of the foregoing, refusing sanction to the scheme.

Captain Barrett's Quarters. The Council is informed that Captain Barrett finds himself in the position to vacate his present quarters and secure a house at a rent of \$85 per mensem, with effect from January 1. The Council recognises that the Central Offices Building Scheme bears hardly upon this officer, and sanctions an increase of \$10 in his Pay under his present agreement.

Deputy Electrical Engineer. Noting that Mr Blagden has been granted nine months leave from December 2, and that his agreement will expire in June next, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Electricity and Finance Committees, to offer a renewal at the recorded maximum inclusive rate of \$700 per mensem.

Map of Shanghai. The reply of the North China Daily News to the Council's letter on this subject, offers the sum of \$250 for the sole right of reproducing copies of the official plan, apart from the Council, during a period of five years. This proposal meets with the Council's acquiescence.

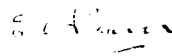
Land Commission. The Awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos. LXXXVIII and XC are submitted and ordered for publication as usual.

Council for 1914. In reply to the Chairman's enquiry on the subject of next year's Council, Mr Clark states that his approaching departure from Shanghai renders it inadvisable that he should serve again. Mr Owen is also doubtful as to whether his business responsibilities will allow of his nomination. Mr White-Cooper anticipates three months holiday next summer, which, however, will not prevent his serving the Council if elected. The remaining members are willing to allow themselves to be re-nominated.

The Municipal Gazette for December 4 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.15 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 10, 1913,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)

E.E. Clark

E.I. Ezra

H. Figge

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

W.L. Merriman

AS.P. White-Cooper

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

A.R. Owen

The minutes of the meeting of December 3 are confirmed and signed by
the Chairman. With regard to the:-

Victoria Nursing Home, a note from the Health Officer is read,
recommending the installation of gas lighting in the operation room.
This proposal is approved, to be carried out forthwith.

Chinese Lodging Houses. With regard to the paragraph in the minutes
of the meeting of November 26 on this subject, Mr Figge has pointed
out that he did not, as a fact, inform the Council of the Watch
Committee's intention to search these establishments. The search
is proceeding, and the matter is worthy of note only so that the
minute in question may not stand in an inexact form.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of December 2

are submitted and confirmed, Mr White-Cooper indicating the important
points therein. With regard to the:-

Flooring in the new School for Boys, he points out that the mistake
which has occurred is an unfortunate one, but that the Committee
prefers to await Mr Turner's return before recommending what shall
be done.

Laboratory Requirements. The attention of the Finance Committee has
been drawn to the proposed expenditure of £90 on chemistry equipment,
and some discussion ensues as to whether the proposed expenditure
should not be spread over two years. Mr White-Cooper has satisfied
himself that the requisition in question is justified, and he points
out that a large part of the sum required will be expended in
permanent equipment and stock. The two indents are accordingly
approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of December 4 are submitted and confirmed. With reference to the question of the:-
Redemption of Debentures, the further Report required from the Treasurer has been submitted and will receive the Committee's attention at its next meeting.
Trust Funds Investment. The Council approves the investment of \$220000 in 6 per cent debentures of the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. at 103½.

Chinese Educational Committee. Noting that Mr H. Phillips has left Shanghai for a period of at least one year, it is decided to request Mr O.R. Coales to take his place on this Committee.

Mixed Court Building. The Senior Consul has telephoned to say that the construction of the suggested wall and outhouses at the Court has been approved by the Consular Body. He bespeaks for the work the utmost despatch, and the Council's directions are given accordingly. In this case, as in the case of hoppers for the windows, the Engineer will call for tenders from reliable contractors unofficially, to avoid the publicity attendant upon the use of the Municipal Gazette for this purpose.

Settlement Extension. The Chairman states that, learning in Peking that Mr Yang Toheng, the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, was directed to discuss with him the various outstanding questions connected with the Settlement, he has already had a preliminary interview with Mr Yang. At the end of that interview Mr Yang stated that he was not authorised to negotiate, and it was agreed that Mr Pearce should address a letter to him on the subject to which he would reply in the above sense. A draft letter is accordingly read and, after some discussion, approved for despatch. Therein it is made clear that Mr Pearce writes wholly unofficially, stating that his negotiations will bind neither the Council nor the Ratepayers nor the Foreign Consular Authorities. Mr Figge deprecates reference among the matters outstanding to such points as the rendition of Yingshiangkong or the status of the Mixed Court, the former because it will always remain for the Council to agree when asked to the exclusion of the village from the Settlement, and the latter because the Mixed Court is, from a certain standpoint, outside the Council's province. Mr Hide is inclined to the same view, but, as the prepared letter only confirms what has already been stated in conversation, and as it does not more than furnish a list of matters for discussion, it is finally adopted as drafted, the Chairman undertaking to assure himself that the Senior Consul does not disapprove of its contents.

Sikh Watchmen. Mr White-Cooper has learnt from Mr Strickland that about 40 unemployed watchmen have presented themselves to the Supreme Court for relief. The Watch Committee has no official knowledge of this condition of affairs, and it is decided to call for a Police Report on the subject.

The Municipal Gazette for December 11 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.53 p.m.

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B. C. Bevan

Chairman.

M. J. Wilson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 17, 1913,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

- Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of December 10 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 15 are

submitted and confirmed with the following comment:-

Central Offices. The Council concurs in the view that £23340 is too high a figure to pay for temporary accommodation, particularly in the face of the Engineer's certificate that the assessed rentals of the present accommodation is no more than £16000. The rent of No. 15 Canton Road is considered especially exorbitant when it is recalled that these premises have been on offer for a considerable time at perhaps one half this figure. It is admitted that the Municipal staff labours under some disadvantage, vis-a-vis outside agents, in securing inexpensive premises, the tendency to take advantage of the Council's urgent requirements being natural. The Council, however, awaits alternative proposals in this matter.

Great Western Road. Considerable discussion ensues on the advisability of the reverse of rating premises inside and beyond the Settlement boundary at the same figure. The aspect of the case as regards the North Szechuen Road district is particularly difficult by reason of the competition of the Shanghai and Chapel Waterworks, and Mr Owen advocates separate treatment for the premises on the south of the Great Western Road which have given rise to this discussion. The matter is eventually referred for consideration by the Finance Committee when framing the Budget for 1914.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hambury School Committee of December 16 are submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Annual Inspection. The reply of General Kelly to the Council's application is read, from which it is noted that he will conduct this annual function in person on April 25.

Various Promotions. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following commissions are authorised for issue:-

Light Horse. To Mr H.S. Lindsay as 2nd Lieut.

Artillery. To 2nd Lieut. F.R. Barry as Lieut.

Maxim Battery. To 2nd Lieut.H.E. Middleton as Lieut.

Customs Company. To 2nd Lieut.H.S. Sweeting as Lieut.

Bubbling Well Cemetery. The Health Officer reports, expressing regret that the work of preparing an additional section of this cemetery for use has been delayed owing to misunderstanding, and the Council is informed that bad work on the part of the original contractor and a mistake in the estimated cost have been responsible for the delay. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee it is decided to push the work rapidly to conclusion, charging all cost beyond the original estimate to the accounts for 1914, with the necessary Budget appropriation accordingly.

Chinese Education. A letter from Mr Chi Cheh Nieh is submitted, containing the offer of a site in the Eastern District for a school for Chinese. Mr Nieh appends certain suggestions with regard to the curriculum of the proposed school, and the Council, while appreciative of his generous gift, refers the matter for consideration and report by the Permanent ^{a Chinese} Educational Committee.

The Chairman reads a private note from Mr White-Cooper, who enquires on behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association what the attitude of the Council would be towards a proposal to make a census of boys in the Settlement, with a view to ascertaining the extent to which education is reaching and the number who are receiving no education whatever. The Association proposes distribution by hand of a series of question to schools, industrial establishments, and private residents. Mr Ezra points out that replies to such enquiries should not be obtained on any but a voluntary basis, and in the course of discussion it appears that the members are favourably inclined towards the proposal. Mr White-Cooper undertakes therefore to inform the Association that the Council will receive their enquiry sympathetically and will refer it for consideration by the Permanent Educational Committee.

Acting Pay. The reply of the Hongkong Government to the Council's enquiry on this subject, indicates that the practice obtains in Hongkong of allowing an officer doing duty for a superior on leave to draw half his own pay and half that of the man for whom he acts. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, therefore, it is decided to leave the Standing Orders on this subject unchanged.

Chinese Government Detectives. Mr Figge draws attention to a note in the Police Daily Report of this date to the effect that French Police Court enquiries on December 16 have brought to light evidence associating Admiral Tseng's detectives with ~~placing bombs and trumping up a charge against a resident in the French Settlement.~~ ^{a recent murder in the Settlement} The importance of this Report is such, in view of recent correspondence in the press, that the Council considers its publication desirable, and Mr Figge undertakes to ascertain the exact source of the information and to consult with the French Consul General as to the advisability of publishing.

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The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.