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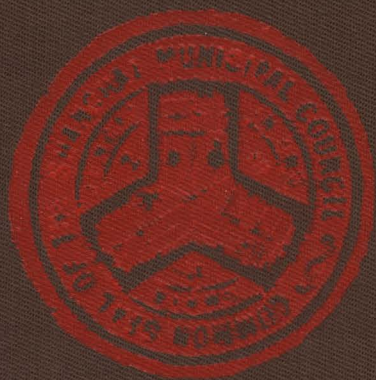


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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

(1905—1907)

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room at No. 23, Hongkong Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 17th January, 1905, at 4.30 p.m.

Present:

M. P.

J. Clouston. (Chairman)
 A. W. Durrill.
 D. Soudale.
 E. S. Lill.
 A. M. Marshall.
 E. M. Houser.
 C. W. Wrightson.
 Secretary.
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent:

J. De Gray
 J. Prohace.

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

Cash Statement for past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police Weekly Reports.

✓ Russian Sailors — The Chairman, alluding to the agitation & amongst the Ningpo community and the possibility of disturbances or strike arising therefrom, expresses the opinion that it is advisable to approach the Russian Consulate with a suggestion that they should, upon conviction of the accused, arrange for their imprisonment ashore and not on board one of the Russian vessels, a point about which the Chinese appear to be considerably exercised. Mr. Little raises the question as to the Council's right of interference after the advice recently given in this matter by the Senior Consul, viz. Sir Polham Murray, and it is eventually decided to take no official steps.

✓ "El Hamra" — The Chairman's letter of the 3rd inst. to the German Consul General is read, expressing the Council's satisfaction.

fashion at the result of the judgment given at the German Court and suggesting that the Council's legal expenses be defrayed out of the moneys seized at the Vittoriana on the 31st December.

Dr. Krappke is therein also requested in future not to communicate with the Police, but with the Chairman or the Secretary's office.

As regards continuance of the proceeding in the Italian Court, it is decided that the Police will attend to give evidence as originally arranged.

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The Superintendent of the Jail, reporting on the proposed construction of the grill, expresses the opinion that the large expenditure therein involved is unnecessary; the Watch Committee has therefore suggested further consideration of the question before the Council's decision is carried into effect. It is noted that Major Watson considers that there are other and more urgent requirements for the proper custody of the prisoners and the question is therefore referred back to the Watch Committee for definite recommendations, to be submitted at next meeting. Mr. Wrightson is of opinion that since the Superintendent considers that the regular use of the master-key should prevent any further escapes, it would be well to postpone other measures until this necessity has been demonstrated.

The Minutes of the Works Committee of the Trust are reviewed and confirmed. Having reference to the Electricity Department's Extension of Mains, the opinion of the Council is generally in favour of extending the department's operations with a view to meeting future requirements, even though no large immediate return is to be expected. It is asked that estimates will be submitted in regard to the Sticowis and Gordon Roads.
Building Regulations - Limit of Height - Considerable discussion takes place upon this subject, having reference to the proposed building on the Quare at the corner of the Canton Road. The Chairman proposes the view, which is supported by a majority of the members, that the construction of high buildings on the Quare frontage lots is unobjectionable; at the same time, the Canton Road being a narrow thoroughfare, a building 115 feet high is undoubtedly undesirable therein; the question of this particular building is referred back to the Works

works Committee, and further information in regard to previous similar cases will be obtained from the Engineer.

✓ Private Drainage — After considerable discussion, the matter at issue in the Brightons case is referred to the arbitration of Mr. Kewdale, who consents to act.

✓ The Chairman of the Works Committee expresses the opinion that the Council will be well advised to discontinue entirely contracting for private work of this kind, which is in the nature of a Municipal trading, and interferes with the proper duties of the Engineer Department staff.

✓ Budget of 1905 — The Finance Committee's attention having been drawn to certain results which might follow from carrying into effect, in their entirety, the various of Taxes recommendations for changes in the existing schedule, it is decided to reconsider the same, having especial reference to the proposals for levies of spirit houses and shops, the Chairman being of opinion that the revenue obtainable from the proposed increase of the latter tax might with advantage be obtained from other sources.

✓ Local Tax — In this connection it is suggested, and the Council unanimously approves, that a resolution be submitted, at the ensuing Ratepayers' Meeting, prior to the introduction of the Budget, with a view to a general increase in land assessments by the addition of one-third to existing rates, it being generally recognised that the present valuation is extremely low, and that equity in taxation calls for its revision.

✓ Goal — (Down Council) — The Council notes the arrangements made by the Government, whereby space for two women convicts only will be provided, the rest of this ward being used as the Boys' Reformatory, and the latter building being restored to ordinary goal purposes.

✓ Newspapers — "The Band" — After some discussion as to the advisability of continuing the proceedings against this paper, a course to which the members of the Health Committee were opposed, it is decided by a majority of votes that the prosecution be abandoned.

✓ Fire Department — The Council is informed of the re-election of Mr. R. W. Campbell to be Chief Engineer of the Brigade, and of the small chance of the improbability of this gentleman being able to obtain the post. The objections of the French Company to serve

serve under a paid Chief except if their own nationality were again expressed, and there would therefore appear to exist an opinion amongst members of the Brigade that it would be generally advantageous if first in the Truck Battle -

Consulting Surgeon - London - The appointment of Dr. Henderson, Junior, to this post is noted and approved.

Route to the Hills - A letter from the Postmaster making enquiries as to the Engineer's Department filling in of a creek on the boundary of the Isingpo district, is submitted. The Council & conspire that this communication calls for reply.

Drainage - Water & Closet system - Noting the increased frequency of applications for the provision of water closets in new buildings, and having especial reference to applications by the St. Xavier's School and the Palace Hotel, the Council, acting upon a report by the Health Officer, unanimously endorse the latter's recommendations and decide to introduce forthwith an addition to the Building Rules prohibiting this system of drainage and making provision for the proper supervision and control of existing cesspools. The necessary addition to Rule 76 will be drafted and circulated for approval without delay.

Port Dealers - In accordance with the recommendation of the Water Committee, it is decided to refuse an application, submitted by Mr. J. B. Bodemeyer & Co. for the issue of a proclamation intended to afford them certain special facilities and privileges vis-a-vis their competitors, the native dealers in ports. Noting that the Chinese associated with this firm's business have allowed it to be generally intimated that they were under special protection of the native authorities, it is decided to inform the firm Bodemeyer & Co. that any interference with the rights of other ^{necessary intervention by the Council} dealers will ~~be necessary~~.

Reading Room - The Council sanctions an expenditure of £5, to be added to a subscription recently received, for the purchase of books to form the nucleus of a library at the Home, with the special object of supplying reading for sailor patients.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

J. P. [Signature]
Secretary

[Signature]
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
No. 23, Raffles Place, Singapore, on Thursday, the 11th
January 1885 at 11.30 A.M.

Present

M. J.

- F. Anderson (Chairman)
- C. W. Burkill
- H. De Gray
- D. Langate
- E. S. Little
- U. M. Marshall
- C. Muses
- C. W. Wrightson
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

and

Absent

J. Spratton

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

Administrative Reports &c. — The following are submitted: —

- Wharfage Invo. December quarter
- Depts' Offices. for "
- Quarries. " "
- Coal Superintendent. " "
- Cash Statement for past week.
- Return of Prisoners captured
- Police Daily Reports.

✓ Russian Sailors — Having reference to the minute recorded at last meeting on this subject, the Chairman states that he has had an interview with Captain Sheu Jun Ho, representing the Singapore Guild, and has impressed upon him the serious responsibility which will attach to the Guild and its principal members in the event of any disturbance of the peace in the Settlement or strike, with which the Council will be compelled to deal firmly.

The Chairman further states that he has called upon the Russian Consul General in reference to the questions of Russian

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Russian refugees coming to Shanghai, on which subject due notice will be given to the Council and all possible measures taken for sanitation and the maintenance of order.

He availed himself of this opportunity to discuss informally the conditions for which the Chinese were pressing in regard to the trial of the Russian sailors, and advised that, in the interests of the Foreign Settlements, a conciliatory attitude might be adopted so far as possible in view of the unprecedented nature of the case and of the desirability of maintaining friendly relations between foreigners and Chinese in Shanghai.

Shanghai Fire Department

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It is decided to apply to the Truck Council for an increase of the annual grant in support of the Fire Brigade from £4,000 to £5,000, the Council considering that in the event of the secession of the Truck Municipality from joint working of the Fire Brigade, the result will be advantageous in restricting the inconveniently large area of the Brigade's operations.

The Annual Report of the Brigade having been compiled and forwarded by the Engineer in Chief, Mr. Campbell, the Secretary is directed to thank him for the same and at the same time to express the Council's appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the Brigade during the past year.

Electricity Department

The Chairman draws attention to the coincidence of two recent articles in the local press which place the blame for the recently defective lighting on the Council, alleging it to be due to failure to provide the Engineer with proper machinery and tools. The Chairman of the Works Committee having explained the causes which have led to the recent insufficiency of pressure and expressed the opinion that they were unavoidable, it is decided to publish a minute based on his summary of the Engineer's report.

At the same time, the Works Committee is requested to draw the Electrical Engineer's attention to the articles above referred to and to obtain his assurance that they were not the result of any communications from or through himself to the press.

The Finance Committee's Minutes of the 10th instant, are read and confirmed.

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✓ Equipments - In regard to the Housing Com, the Health Officer is to be directed to forward the recommendations of local medical practitioners with reference on the question of staff for this institution, under the Municipal Hospital.

✓ Loans - As the result of discussion of the general financial position, it is decided to continue advertising the loan of 1904 until the closing of the Municipal books and to include in the Budget for submission to the Ratepayers the raising of such a loan as will cover the deficit carried forward from 1904.

✓ Prison

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- As the result of further consideration of the question of constructing an iron grill in the prison buildings, it is decided to postpone this step applying, in the first instance, the other precautionary measures recommended by the Superintendent, and report their results.

✓ Sanitary Commission 1905 - It is resolved to invite Mr. D. J. H. to continue to serve as the Council's representative on the Commission for the ensuing year.

✓ Ricksha Coolies - Controlling Nuisance

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Mr. Little submits for discussion a complaint which has been received to him on the subject of the nuisance caused by Coolies carrying, chiefly amongst others, in the interests of the Scott Road Brothers.

While recognising the difficulty of dealing effectively with this matter, the Council decides to convey an intimation to the principal ricksha owners that such practices must be discontinued and the Secretary is directed to take the necessary steps in the matter.

✓ High Buildings

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Noting a report by the Municipal Engineer on the subject of Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co's application to build on the corner of the Canton Road, the Council concurs generally in the opinion expressed by the Chairman, of the Works Committee that any increase in the standard height of buildings is inadvisable in the case of roads 27 ft in width or less. On the present instance, however, and taking the case on its merits, the general opinion of the members appears to be in favour of sanctioning the application. It is eventually decided that the Engineer be instructed to endeavour to arrange for the widening of the Canton Road at this point, reporting the results.

results to the Works Committee at their next meeting; the question of the building application being meanwhile postponed.

Iron Works - How Case - Payment of a claim of £1000 to the Piece Goods Guild and certain native shipper is authorized to cover their legal and other expenses in connection with the prosecution of Iron Works How.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

F. Anderson
Chairman.

J. De Gray
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 18th January, 1905, at 4.30 p.m.

Present - Mr. H.

- F. Anderson (Chairman)
- E. D. Bunkell
- A. De Gray
- E. S. Little
- E. M. Marshall
- W. Meuser
- E. W. Wrightson
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

and

Absent

- D. L. Laidlaw
- J. Pruzbice

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

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

No partments

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted: -

Cash Statement for past week
 Report of prisoners apprehended.
 Police Daily Reports.

✓ The Minutes of the Works Committee of the 16th instant are read and confirmed.

✓ Restaurant Licenses - Parking Road - The Council endorses the opinion of the Committee, placing the Parking Road on the same footing as the Broadway, as regards the issue of licenses.

✓ The Minutes of the Works Committee of the 16th instant are read and confirmed. In regard to: -

157 ✓ Electricity Department - Sale of Fittings - it is decided that as no satisfactory tender has been received for the goods offered by public invitation, the Council would not be justified in disposing of the same at a heavy loss to the public funds, and it is therefore resolved to instruct the Electrical Engineer to resume and continue the sale of the existing stock of lamps, fans, wire etc, until the same is exhausted.

✓ Independent Installations - A report by the Electrical Engineer in the case of Mr. Daniel's wire across the Astor Road is submitted, and the Council concurs in the recommendations therein made and upholds the decision not to permit the use of any wire whereby current would be carried across a street for lighting purposes.

150 ✓ Drainage - Water Closet System - An application by Messrs. Scott & Carter, for installation of a water closet system at the new Palace Hotel building, is discussed and, noting the Health Officer's recommendations in regard thereto, it is decided to reply pointing out the Public Health objections to this form of sewage disposal and requesting the firm's reconsideration of the matter. At the same time it is decided to notify Messrs. Scott & Carter that in the event of their introducing this installation the Council will make a charge of £150 per annum for removal of the ordure. At the same time the Council will require the provision of movable instead of fixed tanks.

The proposed amendment of Building Rule 76 is again submitted for discussion, the Health Officer considering

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that the wording approved by the Legal Adviser is of too permissive a construction. The Council is of opinion that the wording of the rule is satisfactory but in order that there may be no doubt as to the restrictive intentions under which it is framed, it is resolved to publish a Minute intimating clearly the Council's unwillingness to entertain any applications for installation of the water closed system, together with the reasons which have led to this decision.

Creeks in the Western District - Referring to the creek drainage work recently undertaken in the Gordon Road and to the application made by residents in the vicinity for the erection of a railing, the Chairman criticises the Works Committee's decision and expresses the opinion, which is supported by Mr. Little, that the expenditure for the purpose is fully justifiable by the danger caused by this defect to vehicular traffic. The matter is referred back to the Works Committee for further consideration.

Work on Private Premises - After discussion, the Council decides to discontinue all undertaking of work on private gardens and compounds by the Engineer's department which, in the opinion of the Works Committee is prejudicial to the general efficiency of the Department.

Cleaning and Sweeping - Considerable discussion arose in regard to the Finance Committee's recommended reduction of expenditure under this heading, the Works Committee being of opinion that the cleanliness and general maintenance of the streets in Shanghai has hitherto been of a standard far higher than that of other eastern cities and that any attempted economy must produce results which the Council and the public would disapprove. The Chairman lays stress on the suggestions contained in the Engineer's report, that to insist upon any change or reduction of native staff might lead to a strike amongst the coolies and he expresses the opinion that without co-operation and intelligent interest on the part of those members of the staff immediately concerned, any attempt at reform is useless. The opinion of the members appears to be generally in favour of an experiment being made in the Central district, excluding the Bund, and the Hanking Road, by substituting one daily cleaning of the streets for the present system.

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system, and raising, if possible, the number of men working with a each cart. The Works Committee undertakes to consider this question more fully and to institute the desired experiment.

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/ Public Works — Discussion takes place in regard to certain items of extraordinary expenditure specially referred to by the Works Committee upon the motion of the Chairman, it is decided to include in the Budget half the cost of the Pigeon Fire Station, £15,000 and to eliminate the appropriation for Avenue Road quarters for the Engineer's staff to the same amount.

The India foreshore works, to cost £3,000, is allowed to stand.

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/ Kingsford Guild — Draft of a letter in reply to the recent communication from the local Guild is discussed in detail, and approved with certain amendments.

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/ Police — Case of Sergeant Woodcock — The Council endorses a recommendation of the Watch Committee to issue a special gratuity of £100 and passage to Sergeant Woodcock invalided, with chronic brain trouble after 15 years good service.

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/ Waterworks Agreement — Letter from the Waterworks Company forwards a draft of the proposed amendment of the existing agreement. The Secretary is directed to circulate copies to the members and to forward the document to the Legal Adviser for his consideration and approval.

The Meeting adjourns at 8.45 p.m.

Frederick J. C.
Chairman.

J. J. J.
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangsi Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 25th January 1905, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

J. Anderson (Chairman)

C. W. Barkill

V. De Gray

D. Landale

E. A. Little

W. H. Marshall

C. Meuser

Secretary

and

Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. Freutice

C. W. Wrightson

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports — the following are submitted:—

Cash Statements for past week.

Return of Prisoners apprehended

Police Daily Reports.

Historic Works Agreement — The Chairman observes that the time which has elapsed since circulation of copies of the Waterworks Company's draft of proposed new agreement has not been sufficient to allow of its careful consideration; it is therefore decided to postpone final discussion of this question until next meeting when the Royal Advisor's views on the matter may be reported.

A memorandum by Mr. Marshall points out the inadvisability of eliminating Clause 7 and discusses in detail the negotiations and action of the Council during the past year. While referring this memorandum, of which copies will be circulated to the members for consideration, to next meeting the Chairman observes that the Council's action has been taken after most careful enquiry and deliberation.

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but that if Mr. Marshall feels obliged to dissent from the Council's action, it must remain for him to take such action as he may consider necessary.

✓ Road Extension No. 14 W. — (A letter from Mr. E. J. Parker is submitted stating that he has purchased land on this road extension to the south of the Customs property on the understanding that the road would be constructed as scheduled, and he now indicates that he will hold the Council responsible for any loss which he may incur by failure to complete this thoroughfare.

On this occasion, the Chairman states that Mr. Harcourt has informed him that negotiations for the suggested exchange of property between Mr. Ad. Brown and himself are proceeding satisfactorily, and he hopes to be able to report before long that they have been brought to a conclusion.

✓ Fire Department — The Secretary of the Fire Commission reports the resignation of Chief Engineer Campbell and the election of J. Redwell in his place. The Council's thanks are voted to Mr. Campbell for his excellent services.

The results of the election of officers to three companies of the 62nd Brigade are submitted and approved.

✓ Road to the Mills — The Council is informed that the work is now proceeding, delay having occurred therein owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the Engineer's Department as to the definite nature of the Council's instructions recently received.

✓ Misc. Cont. — Considerable discussion takes place in regard to the Council's attitude towards the present Magistrate whose methods and general administration have attained unusual notoriety. The Council is informed that when, as a result of a native petition to the provincial authorities, the removal of this official was recently ordered, he was enabled to retain his post owing to the intervention of the Council taken upon the advice of the three Assessors. The latter, while recognizing the corrupt practices of the Magistrate and the effect of his Court's mispractices on the general administration of the Settlement, felt it their duty to object to his removal on the ground that their special work is transacted by the Magistrate without friction and in a fairly efficient manner. The Council is unable to support this action, and considers that the rights of native residents and their better protection call for the removal of this Magistrate.

Magistrate in accordance with the rules of the Court. It is therefore decided to entrust the Consular Board with the appointment of a new Magistrate to replace Mr. Hering.

The Secretary states that in interviews with the British and German Consuls, the former stated that if the Councils should take action for the removal of the Magistrate he would not oppose it. The German Consul, on the other hand, suggested the advisability of applying to the Hamburg Viceroy for the appointment of a second Magistrate of equal rank, whose duty should be confined exclusively to native cases. The Council considers that this measure would be detrimental to the general interests of the community and would tend to strengthen that unwise control by the native authorities which it is their chief object to attain. The Chairman undertakes to see the German Consul General and explain the Council's views before communicating officially on this subject.

River Conservancy — Noting the report of the Douga of the Diplomatic Board, as communicated in a despatch from the Senior Consul, and observing with satisfaction that the recent negotiations in speaking have produced certain definite results, the Council decides to apply to the Diplomatic Body for information in respect of the newly adopted scheme of River Conservancy.

Volunteers — The Council approves the recommendation of the Major commanding in respect of issue of commissions ^{as Lt} to W. J. E. Orr and as Lieutenant ^{to Mr} J. H. Crossley, both of the Artillery Company.

The Meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

Hendershott
Chairman.

Secretary.

The Joint Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
14, 23, Strand Road, London, on Wednesday, the 1st February,
1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

Mr. M.

- J. Anderson (Chairman)
- W. W. Bantlett
- A. B. ...
- A. ...
- W. ...
- W. ...
- W. ...
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

Present

Mr. ...

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

Department of Agriculture, the following are submitted,
Electricity Department, Admiralty and Revenue
Cash Statement for past week.
Reports of Discourse of ...
Miscellaneous Reports.

✓ Agree to the Minutes — Regarding to the minutes of last meeting on this
subject, the members are informed that a further communication
has been received from the Senior Council to say that the
Sachai has expressed his suspicion of this work on the
ground that the Treasury is opposed thereto. It is noted
that the Senior Council proposes to go to Agincourt in the matter.
While ordering suspension of work, the Council decide to
agree with the purchase of the land.

✓ Mr. ... — The Chairman states that he has not yet seen the
Senior Council on this matter but that the removal of the
Majistrate has now become a matter of urgency owing to the
total inhibition of his incapacity and mal-practices in the
proceedings against the accomplices of Van ...

He describes the position of affairs in this case, and the Council concurs in the view that its dismissal by the Court cannot be accepted without further efforts to obtain a conviction. It is therefore decided to place the matter in the hands of the Council's Legal Advisers and to appeal for a re-hearing before the British Consul General and the Judge, the prisoners being held in the meantime by the Police.

Passing Quarantine Stations — As the result of a question raised by Mr. Marshall, it is decided to request the Commission of Customs to forward a statement of the nature and cost of the work of the removal of the Stations from *Ching-pao-sha* to *Shenau-tai*. Mr. Marshall, considering that this expenditure is properly payable by the Chinese Government.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee of the 20th January are read and confirmed. Department of Public Health —

A letter from the Sub-manager of the Hong Kong Bank is submitted, advising the Council that the Bank is not in a position to print and circulate cash notes, and that it would appear advisable to extend more generally the use of *Expos* — cash pieces and to hold a stock thereof sufficient to meet emergency.

Quarantine Ticket Office — Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it is decided to carry out the proposals of the Director of Public Health for a reduction in the number of tickets sold in the \$1 books so as to avoid recurrence of the high expenses in 1904; publication of the report submitted on this subject is ordered.

Sixauai Observatory — The correspondence on this subject, together with a report by the Electrical Engineer, is discussed and the Council concurs in the view that the cost of removal of the Observatory, if necessitated by the construction of a Tramway System, should properly be borne in part by the Municipality concerned. It is therefore decided to invite Father Midway to call at the Municipal Office for discussion of this matter with the Chairman, with a view especially to obtaining an accurate estimate.

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estimate of the cost of removal and the proportion which, in his opinion, the Council should recommend for payment by the Ratepayers.

Waterworks Agreement — The Chairman, referring to Mr. Marshall's recent memorandum on the present negotiations, expresses the opinion that it is not possible for the Council to revert from the decisions recorded during the past year, the elimination of Clause 4 is the approved having been decided upon as reasonable and advantageous to the Community in view of the concessions made by the Company. Those concessions, according to the statement of Mr. De Lee, would involve an annual reduction of the Company's income of £35,000. While recognizing Mr. Marshall's right to independent opinion on the subject, the Chairman holds that the Council, as a body, is pledged to lay before the Ratepayers the new agreement when finally drafted.

Discussion proceeds in regard to certain details of the agreement, having especial reference to the question of the daily limit in the public water supply, the proportion of that water supply to the total output of the Company, and other questions. Directed to the Arbitration Clause, the members consider that the nomination of the Chief Justice of the British Supreme Court as final Referee is advisable, but subject to the nomination of arbitrators as proposed in the Company's draft.

Upon the motion of the Chairman, it is agreed that a Sub-Committee be appointed consisting of Messrs. Burkill, Little, Mercer and himself, to meet the Waterworks Company's Directors at an early date, with a view to final settlement of the several points outstanding.

Licensing of Private Markets — Having reference to a report on this subject by the Health Officer, which has been circulated for the information of members, discussion takes place as to the Council's policy in dealing with existing private markets. From a plan submitted, it is shown that the only private markets required for the Community's convenience, that is, those in districts where no public facilities are yet available, are two in number, namely, one at Hangleston and one in the Holywell Road. The latter appears to fall in public

After discussion, it is decided to include in the Licensing

licensing schedule, fees for private markets identical with those paid by stall-holders and others in the Municipal markets, and in the case of Mr. Morris, to encourage to encourage with him for the purchase or lease of his property for a term of years. Mr. De Gray dissents from the Council's decision on the ground that it is not just to the land-owners concerned to impose fees calculated to result in the closure of their market property.

The Bazaar

Mr. Lewis proposes proceeding with the proposition of Mr. Clegg with a view to preventing him from returning to Shanghai after taking out American naturalisation papers, but the members consider it inadvisable to take further action in this matter.

Overhead

Technical Wires — Upon the motion of Mr. Little, it is decided that the Works Committee shall enquire into the question of overhead wires with a view to ascertaining, for the information of the public, that every reasonable precaution is being observed for the protection of life in the public streets.

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The Chairman of the Works Committee considers this course unnecessary, regarding such danger as very slight and unimportant, and being of opinion that the best protective system has been adopted; the proposed report will, however, be called for and submitted, in due course.

Sale of

Liquor — Mr. Burkill, referring to recent statements in the press, recommends that the Works Committee obtain samples of the liquor sold in various and other local establishments with a view to their analysis and publication of its results. Suggestions to this effect are given.

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Hoisting

Home — The members were informed that as a result of a joint report by the Engineer and the Health Officer, it has been decided that the construction of a lift in the Home is at present impracticable; the question is asked for attention hereafter should any extension of the building take place.

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Road

Plans, 1905 — The Chairman of the Works Committee, referring to the plans submitted for approval to day, raises a question as to the width of the Canton Road from the Home to the Range Road, and expresses the opinion that

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that the 30 feet width therein laid down is insufficient.

The Council agrees to increasing the standard width of the thoroughfare within the limits named to 40 feet.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

F. Anderson
Chairman.

J. C. [unclear]
Secretary.

Meeting of the Special Sub-committee of the Council, with the Waterworks Engineer, held on the 10th February 1905 at 7.15 p.m.

Present

Of the Council:

Mr. W. McLeod, (Chairman), Mr. W. D. Pitts, (Secy),
Mr. C. G. Wood, (Secretary and Engineer-in-Chief).

Of the Engineer:

Mr. G. Anderson, (Chairman),
W. D. Bunkley,
E. S. Little,
W. H. Mason,
[unclear],
Secretary.

and the

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Chairman states that this meeting is held with a view to concluding, if possible, the negotiations for the proposed new agreement to be submitted for approval of the Ratepayers. The several questions remaining for settlement have been recorded in various memoranda, one of which is forwarded by the Engineer. He proposes to discuss the draft agreement clause by clause, and to embody therein such

such alterations as may be agreed upon.

Mr. McLeod states that with one or two exceptions, the amendments suggested by the Council's Legal Advisors are accepted by the Company. Discussion thereupon ensued taking the clauses of the agreement in their order, from which result the following amendments of the draft:

Preamble

(The Council's amendment of this article is accepted.)

Clause 1

The new agreement shall come into force, if assented to by the Ratepayers and Company, on the 1st July 1900.

Clause 2

The words "so far as practicable" are eliminated and the conclusion of the clause now reads "shall be speedily and speedily restored by the Company". The words "as well as" after the word "time" are eliminated and the Legal Advisor will be requested to amend the wording of this paragraph so that it may not conflict with the Council's insertion to Clause 5.

Clause 4

It is noted that the revised schedule of free water supply as mandated by the Council and the Council's Engineer, is substituted for the figures set down in the draft Agreement. The amended schedule providing for varying daily maximum in accordance with the Council's actual requirements is recorded in a letter from the Engineer under date 10th February, and the total annual supply thereby afforded amounts to about 43,000,000 gallons. It is understood that this schedule, is not liable to reduction hereafter, even if the total output of the Company should fall below its present figure. It is noted also that the memorandum referred to in the concluding sentence of this clause is adjustable, namely, the existing schedule standing good for the present.

The fourth paragraph of this clause is amended.

amended to read as follows:

- " It being agreed that the free supply provided for in
 " this agreement will be approximately equal to 5% of the
 " Company's total output (exclusive of water supplied to
 " shipping) for one year from the date of this agreement,
 " the Council shall be entitled to give notice to the
 " Company in any year during the continuance of this agree-
 " ment to provide a free daily supply for the succeeding
 " year equal to a total of 5% of the Company's total
 " output (exclusive of shipping) for the year in which
 " such notice shall be given."

The above amendments to Clause 4 are the result of considerable discussion, in the course of which, the Council suggests the substitution of an annual for the daily maximum of free water supply. To this proposal Mr. Leo takes strong exception, stating definitely that his Company is not prepared to conclude an agreement on these terms which he regards as impracticable and unreasonable. The Council's representatives regarding this point, the Company in its turn proposed to limit the proportion of the free water supply to the Company's total output, to 4% but eventually agrees to increasing it to 5%, leaving the figures for the current year as already agreed upon. It is noted that 5% on the total output of the Company in 1911 amounted to about 8,000,000 gallons, and that allowing for normal increase in its business, the same percentage in 1925 should give over upon 90,000,000 gallons. The proportion of the Municipal water supply to the total output, under the existing agreement has recently been between 3 and 4%. It is further explained, in reply to a question by the Chairman of the Council, that the output is accurately calculated by continuous and careful records of revolutions of the machines, whereby reliable data are afforded, the Council asking these figures and reserving its right to have them audited, if necessary, and finally agrees unanimously to acceptance of the terms above recorded.

Clause 5

It is understood that the words "in the absence of an agreement to the contrary" in this clause are intended

intention, to apply to cases wherein residents in districts to which no pipes or mains are laid, require to be supplied with water, and where the Council sees no necessity for such installation for public purposes; and it is understood and agreed that in such cases the Company is entitled to make special terms for laying down its mains. On the other hand, it is stipulated that since water cannot be supplied except where district taxes are paid, the Council's amendment of this clause appears to require further revision in view of the fact that any resident paying taxes can rightly claim limitation of water rate within the maximum prescribed by the agreement. The Legal Adviser will be requested to reconsider the draft in question, the members of Council being of opinion that the Municipality should not pay the costs of mains wherever taxes are paid by residents for the benefit of this agreement. The other verbal alterations noted by the Legal Adviser are approved, and in the concluding paragraph before the word "watering garden" the words "or for" are inserted. The third paragraph of this clause is amended to read as follows:—"Should the Company be in a position to submit to the Council satisfactory proof etc. etc."

Finally, on the motion of Mr. Durkitt and after discussion, it is agreed to include after the paragraph referring to water for ordinary domestic purposes, a clause stipulating that in the event of the Company insisting upon the use of a meter and payment based on its records, the consumer will be entitled in such case to pay by meter only and for such water as he may actually use. No meter rate should be charged.

Clause 5

The Company agrees that the amount payable by the Council under this clause shall be the difference between the net profit, earned by the Company on such mains etc., and 10%.

Clause

Clause 10. The concluding paragraph in this clause is deleted.

Clause 11. The Company agrees to provision being made for the installation of accounts for the purposes of verifying the expenditure of the Company referred to in Clause 8.

Clause 12. The amount named in this clause is increased to £100. per day.

Clause 15. is amended, leaving the arbitration conditions in the existing agreement and providing for final decision by the Chief Justice of the B.M. Supreme Court acting as umpire in case of necessity.

The revision of the various clauses of the agreement, thus concluded, is left for further consideration, the introduction of a bacteriological standard of purity, was recommended in a letter of this date from the Health Officer. The Company undertakes to consider this matter as well as the question of cheap water supply to licensed premises for public health purposes, and to communicate its decision therein without delay.

The Company also proposes for the Council's consideration an amendment of the schedule of existing foreign houses and their water rates, now in process of compilation, desiring to strike a general average for such rates in the case of any terrace or block of houses where the charges are at present irregular and therefore calculated to give rise to questions of unfair discrimination hereafter. The Council is asked for consideration of the Finance Committee the proposed list of these alterations, to be dealt with at the earliest possible date, and agrees to lend the services of a member of the Tax Department staff to assist the Company in compiling the same.

It is also noted for record, that the Company claims no monopoly or special privilege in regard to the provision and installation of water supply fittings.

The Meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.

F. A. [Signature]
Chairman

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Nassau Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 10th February, 1905, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

J. Anderson

(Chairman)

W. W. Burkitt

H. De Gray

S. Hamilton

E. J. Little

A. M. Marshall

C. Moser

E. W. Wrixson

Secretary

via

Assistant Secretary

J. Forester

Absent.

The Members of the incoming Council attend by invitation, namely

M. M.

Shurg, Kewink, Kiddle and Mackay.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

Notice of Mr. F. J. Morrison — The Chairman moves a resolution, adopted unanimously, as follows:—

"Before beginning our proceedings to-day I wish to express our sincere regret at the sad intimation which we have received about the late Mr. Gabriel James Morrison, and our sense of the great loss which the Community has sustained by the death of this public spirited citizen. Mr. Morrison did a great deal of good work for the public of Shanghai in many different capacities, both here and at home, and throughout his career he spared neither time nor trouble in carrying out well the work which he undertook to do. In later years his valuable criticisms of public affairs was always welcomed by the Community because it was felt that when he had any thing to say we were listening to a public straight forward

forward, our honourable man, whose sole aim was to do what in him lay to promote the public welfare. He has left behind him the good name which is better than riches. May it move that we tender to Mrs. Morrison, and to those who were connected with him, our deepest sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

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

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted:
 Municipal Rate, Native, for December, 1905.
 Summary of Revenue - " December and January.
 Grant - " January.
 Cash Statement, for past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended
 Police Daily Reports.

✓ Budget for 1906 - The Chairman explains that the attendance of the new members of Council has been invited, in accordance with the usual custom, for discussion of the Budget, and submitted prior to its publication. After a general explanation of the subject, Council's intentions, the Budget is passed with out amendment.

✓ Water Supply - The minutes of the Special Committee Meeting with the Directors of the Waterworks Company, held on the 15. instants are read and confirmed with two amendments. It is urged that the arbitration clause will require revision to provide for the case of absence or unwillingness of the Chief Justice of the S. B. M. Supreme Court. The final draft of the agreement will be submitted for formal approval of the members after its revision by the Legal Advisor, and in the meanwhile Mr. Brennan is directed to circulate copies of the minutes, and approved, for the information of the Council.

✓ Magd Court - Draft of a letter to the British Consul, already circulated to the members, is approved, herein the Council asks for the removal of the present Magistrate and for the introduction of certain urgently needed reforms in the practice and procedure of the Court itself.

✓ Having reference to the re-hearing of the case referred to in the minutes of last meeting, the Chairman states that, as the result of an interview with Sir Polham Warren, and complying

complying with the latter's request, it would now appear advisable to instruct the legal adviser to apply to the Mixed Court for a rehearing which will be granted and will probably result in judgment being given in accordance with the Council's view. The members concurring in this proposal it is desired to instruct the legal adviser accordingly, requesting him to frame the charge and conduct the case.

Referring to the action of Mr. Teyman in this matter, the Chairman further states that the Consul General has expressed a wish that any request made for the introduction of reforms or revised procedure at the Mixed Court should not include any personal reference to Mr. Teyman or any reflection on his conduct of the Court's business; he is of opinion that although errors of judgment have undoubtedly been committed, their cause does not rest entirely with Mr. Teyman.

The Council records the opinion that for the future all serious police cases before the Mixed Court should be conducted, not by the Inspectors as at present, but by the Captain Superintendent or his Deputy, and more especially in cases where Councils has been engaged for the defence.

Annual Meeting — It is decided to request the Consular Body to convene the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers for Tuesday, 25th March at 3 p.m.; upon the conclusion of the business of the Annual Meeting, a special meeting will be held to submit for the approval of the Ratepayers the proposed amendments to the Local Regulations and Bye Laws.

Report to the Mills — Having the Engineer's latest report on this subject, it is decided to suspend all further operations until the matter has been settled between the Consular Body and the Tachai.

Siencowai Observatory — The members are informed of the result of the interview which took place between Father Hoitroy and the Vice Chairman on the 6th inst., from which it appears that in the event of the road to the Mills not being constructed, it will be necessary to remove only a portion of the instruments etc. from the Observatory and that the cost of such removal should not amount to more than £15,000; at the same time, this arrangement would necessitate an addition to the Observatory staff.

The Council decides to write a further communication on this subject, informing Father Mooney in the meanwhile that the Council is prepared to recommend to the Ratepayers that a reasonable proportion of the cost of any removal necessitated by townways should be borne by the Local Municipalities.

✓ Fire Department — The Council is informed that the Bruch Municipality for the current year, has agreed to increase its contribution for the maintenance of the Fire Brigade to £s. 1000, it being understood that this sum is liable to reduction hereafter should the Departments of expenditure be reduced. In the absence of any definite recommendations from the Fire Commission, the Council decides to approve this arrangement.

✓ Construction of Fires — It is decided to re-publish the notification on this subject, drawing the attention of the Community to the Police Regulations for maintaining order at fires.

✓ Gas Contract — The Shanghai Gas Company having signified its willingness to renew its agreement with the Council for a further period of two years, the matter is referred to the Works Committee.

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The Chairman points out that this Company is at present making no return or payment for the privilege of using the public streets for its business and it is suggested that an application might properly be made for a reduction in the price of public lighting, in view of the very prosperous position of the Company.

✓ Road Extension 1st St — The Council is informed that the Chinese owner of the property adjoining Mr. Nelson's has expressed his willingness to effect the desired exchange and will forward a written undertaking to that effect. It is decided to transmit this offer with accompanying plan in due course to the Commissioner of Customs and to await his formal acceptance of the arrangement.

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✓ Townways — A letter from Mr. W. Dickinson, representing the Shanghai Electric Tramway & Limited is read, asking the Council to appoint a sub-committee to discuss and settle with himself the conditions of a tender for the construction of townways on the understanding that the Council should be at liberty to accept any better offer that might be received on the St. Marks.

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The Council is disposed to comply with this request on the ground of its unfairness to other competing companies, and the Secretary is directed to reply accordingly, at the same time informing

- informing Mr Dickinson that all possible expatriation will be afforded him by the Municipal Engineer.
- 122 Shanghai General Hospital - A letter from the Secretary to the Hospital submits the names of four gentlemen willing to act as jurors for the ensuing year if elected by the Rate payers. The Council approves their nomination.
- 137 Thomas Sandbury School - The Honorary Treasurer submits the usual annual statement in regard to the working of this Institution, together with the names of ladies and gentlemen willing to act on the committee. To represent the Municipality, the Council selects Mr D. S. C. Bourne, ~~Mr G. G. G.~~, Mr R. W. J. Walker and Mr W. C. G. Platt.
- 130 Municipal Dispensary - Expatriation of a Dispenser - It is decided to act upon the recommendation of the Health Officer, as contained in his report, of the 15. inst, and to sanction the expatriation of a qualified Dispenser to be engaged in London under conditions stated; his employer's services will be available for all Municipal institutions requiring the use and preparation of drugs and medicines and he will also perform clerical duties in the Health Department's Offices.
- 1708 Coal Supplies - Having the latest report by the Colonial Engineer on this subject, the Council decides to call for tenders for the supply of coal for the Department as well as for the Municipal Office generally, such tenders to be forwarded not later than the 31. inst.
- 1706 Licensing of Private Markets - The Council authorises the issue of a notification on this subject, informing the public that stall holders and others in private markets will be subject to the payment of license fees identical with those of public markets on and after the 1. April, subject to confirmation of Budget by the Ratepayers.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Fluderson
Chairman

Secretary

The general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
to 23, High Street, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 27th
February, 1905, at 11.30 p.m.

Present:

M. Lit.

- H. Anderson, Chairman
- W. W. Bankitt.
- A. De Gray.
- W. S. Little.
- W. M. Marshall.
- W. Meuser.
- W. W. Wrayton.
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary.

Absent:

- D. Gaudale
- J. Spratice.

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

Reports: The following are submitted:—
General Municipal Rate, 1904, 1st Quarter & 2nd Quarter.
Sanitary Officer's Report for January.
Health Officer's Report for January.
Cash Statements for past week.
Return of Prisoners apprehended.
Police Daily Reports.

Wisea Court — Referring to the minute of last meeting on this subject, the Chairman states that a petition by the Spice Trade Guild and native shipping firms has been forwarded to the Saotai, charging the Magistrate with accepting bribes and protecting white dealers; a copy of this document which refers particularly to the case against Pung and Lin, has been sent to the Council.

In reference to this case, the Chairman is informed by the British Consular Officer that a preliminary hearing, with Counsel on both sides, has been arranged to decide as to the formal re-hearing of the case, but there appears to be no doubt that the latter will take place in due course.

Roast

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Proceed to the Hills — The Junior Council has informed the Chairman that, in view of an undertaking given by Mr. Ferguson, it has been arranged that further operations for the construction of the road will be deferred for a period not to exceed two months, by which time the present Saktai will have been transferred to another post, and according to his statement, there should be no further difficulty in arranging the matter.

Discussion of Private Markets — The Council is informed that arrangements have been made to lease Mr. Morris's markets for a period of five years at a rental of Rs. 250. per annum —

The Minutes of the Finance Committee of the 17th instant are read and confirmed. — During reference to the

Waterworks Schedule of Rates — Discussion ensues as to the advisability of publishing this document with the complete agreement. The Chairman proposes that the schedule be filed for reference at the Council Office and be not published. Since the information therein recorded is calculated to produce a certain amount of undesirable discussion.

Mr. E. G. Kettle moves an amendment which is seconded by Mr. Marshall that the schedule, be published together with the agreement, and upon a vote being taken, this amendment is carried by four votes to three. It is therefore decided to issue a special pamphlet in due course recording the preliminary correspondence, the agreement and the schedule of water rates.

The Minutes of the Works Committee of the 17th instant, are read and confirmed.

Electricity Department — The Council disallows the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer for an increase of salary to Mr. Payne, holding the opinion that no sufficient grounds have been brought forward for alterations in the terms of this employ's agreement.

Hinu Poring Abau — Before proceeding to take action at the High Court against the natives referred to in the Works Committee's minutes, it is decided that the members of the Committee will inspect the site to enable them to form a definite opinion whether the property affected will be benefited by the road extension.

Sanctions — It is noted that the Committee has now sanctioned acceptance.

✓ Receipts of Long Rice timber for supply of timber during 1905.
(Louisiana and Georgia) — Mr. Burwell observes that the
 receipt of garbage by the Health Department shows a consider-
 able falling off in the amount delivered from the Western District
 at the Charles which is accounted for by the fact that the wheel-
 barrow men are depositing garbage in open spaces and points.
 The attention of the Health Officer is to be drawn to this matter
 without delay.

✓ London Road — The Council decides that it is not expedient
 to collect subscriptions towards the cost of the proposed railing
 from adjoining owners, and the Council will therefore defray the
 entire cost of this improvement.

✓ Staff — Gratuities and Bonuses — The gratuitous
 recommended in the case of the District Superintendent, Clerk
 and Room are sanctioned, but it is to be noted for the
 future guidance of the Engineer and other heads of departments that
 no such special grants will in future be made unless authority
 is asked in advance stating definitely the extra duties and
 hours of work involved.

✓ Road Extension Plans, 1905 — are placed on the table for signature by
 the Chairman, together with a memorandum by the Engineer explaining certain
 recent additions and amendments of scheduled road lines.
 The plans are approved and the usual notification will be issued
 in due course.

✓ Waterworks Agreement — The Council decides to instruct the Municipal
 Engineer to verify the figures given by the Company in regard to the
 total output of the Company during the past year.

✓ The draft agreement, as finally revised by the legal adviser, is sub-
 mitted and discussed. Its provisions are approved with the exception
 of Clause 11, in regard to which Mr. Little suggests that the Company
 should agree to allowing the Council a daily maximum quantity of
 350,000 gallons in the understanding that the total annual supply does
 not exceed 125,000,000 gallons under the present agreement and for
 5% of the total output hereafter. The Secretary is directed to see
 the Chairman of the Waterworks Company and endeavor to arrange for
 the modification of the clause in this sense; in the event of this
 not being agreed to, the clause will be revised to permit of annual
 readjustment of the figures for the monthly Municipal water supply.

✓ House Assessments — The Council sanctions publication of an annual
 return

- 1 / Special Meeting of Ratepayers — A legal advisor's letter of this date, forwarding drafts of proposed amendments to Law Regulation XIX and By-law XXIV is submitted. After discussion, the Council decides to insert the words 'Native Clubs' in the By-law, it being understood that the Chairman will explain the necessity for this measure in introducing the resolution at the Special Meeting.

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- 1 / Courts of Law — The Senior Counsel forwards a letter informing the Council of the constitution of the Court for the ensuing year.

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- 1 / Shanghai General Hospital — On the same letter, the names of the Consular representatives elected to act as Governors of the Hospital are communicated for the Council's information.

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- 1 / Municipal Debentures — When 5% and 5 1/2% loans are issued at 80 and 85 respectively, as recommended by the Secretary suggests that the Council should instruct one or more brokers to purchase this stock, paying for the same out of the year's appropriation for Drinking Fund. The matter is referred to the Finance Committee for consideration, and it is decided to obtain the legal advisor's opinion as to the propriety of the Council proceeding in the manner suggested.

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- 1 / Volunteers — The Committee is informed that the Annual Inspection of the Corps will take place on the 1st of April and that, acting upon the recommendation of the Major Commanding, the G.O.C. in Hongkong has been requested, as usual, to send a Field Officer to Shanghai to conduct the Inspection.

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- 1 / Volunteers — Authority is given for the usual qualification suspending the weekly Drill performance at the Towns Hall during the Volunteer training.

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- 1 / Shanghai Museum — Upon the application of the Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Royal Asiatic Society the Council sanctions a special grant of £500 to be expended in overhauling the natural history sections of the Museum.

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- 1 / Electricity Department — The Chairman states that the Electrical Engineer's

Chairman's report for the past year has this day been received but that the accounts have not yet been passed by the Auditors, and no estimate have been submitted. The Chairman states that the continued failure of the Electrical Engineer to carry out the Council's instructions is a matter for serious consideration, and he expresses the view that Mr. Christie should be severely reprimanded for ignoring the definite instructions conveyed to him in this matter.

The Chairman of the Council Annual Report much progress in last year, without including the Electricity Department's Report and Estimates.

The Chairman of the Works Committee expresses the opinion that it was impossible for the Electrical Engineer to forward his account any sooner, and he suggests that the Chairman should communicate with Mr. Christie and obtain a general explanation of the facts. This is agreed to; at the same time, the members remain in the view expressed by the Chairman.

✓ Pontoon and Jetties — A letter of date from Messrs. D. H. & Co. is received, drawing attention to the serious condition of cargo at the piers, and requesting certain remedial measures. They suggest, with reference to the recent sinking of the Kinkiang Buoys piers that the moorings of these structures should be strengthened. The matter has been referred to the Police and Engineer's Department for reports.

✓ Lycium Licence — This question referred by the Watch and Finance Committee is discussed and settled by the Council. It issues an annual licence to the lessee of the building at a fee of £50.

✓ "Dufao" Case — The Chairman states that inquiries have been made by the British Government as to the future disposal of the two men and birds in custody at the Municipal Jail. The Secretary is instructed to ascertain whether their sentence included deportation and the Council concurs in the view that in any case the Municipality will take such measures as may be required to deal with this matter hereafter.

✓ Building Regulations - Limit of Height — The Vice-Chairman refers to the question of the proposed building on the Plot 12 and the Council's view, stating that Messrs. Dodwell & Co. have signified their intention of abandoning the enterprise if the Council adheres to the decision not to allow the standard height to

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to be opened. The opinion of the members being divided on this point, it is decided to obtain the Engineer's further report as to the possibility of widening the road in the immediate vicinity of the proposed building area to refer the matter again to the Works Committee for consideration.

The Meeting adjourns at 7.30 p.m.

Frederick
Chairman

J. S. [Signature]
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Conque Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 1st March, 1925 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

- J. Waterson (Chairman)
- W. D. Dunlop
- A. De Groot
- A. [unclear]
- E. J. [unclear]
- C. M. Marshall
- O. Meuser
- C. W. [unclear]
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

and

Absent

J. [unclear]

The Chairman calls the Meeting to order and reads the Minutes of last Meeting, which are read and confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental

Special Minutes Reports - The following are submitted:

Work Statement for final week
Return of prisoners apprehended
Alice Dally Reports.

✓ Interwork's Agreement -

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The Chairman states - Since the last meeting, the Japanese have accepted the provisions of amendment of Clause A, and the Legal Advisor has been engaged in redrafting the same, to meet its altered conditions. While difficulty has been experienced, however, in arriving at satisfactory wording, and it has therefore been suggested by Mr. Mc Hertz that the matter be referred to Mr. Foster upon his return from Japan, inasmuch as the clause was originally drafted by him. It is understood that Mr. Foster will give the matter immediate attention and that as soon as approved by both parties, the completed agreement will be published.

✓ Special Meeting of Residents - Discussion of By-law 311.

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The Council, having approved the draft of the By-law as submitted, and circulated, it being explained that the powers for licensing liquor shops, etc., were not necessarily intended to come into universal effect and that, whenever explained, the objections of licensees would naturally be submitted, and Council's approval of

✓ Amendment of Liquor Regulation XXX -

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Draft of this amendment, provision for the issuance of franchise to efficient Volunteers and members of the Fire Brigade is also approved, to be published forthwith, together with the text of By-law XXXIV.

✓ Public Health By-laws -

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Discussion takes place as to the advisability of re-introducing, in whole or part, the by-laws approved in 1903 and submitted at the advisory special meeting of that year.

The Chairman expresses the view that no public urgency exists in this matter, nor any reason for departing from the opinion held by last year's Council; he characterises the By-laws as unnecessarily stringent, and calculated to arouse serious opposition amongst the native community. Mr. Pro, Messrs. Hall, and Stewart, on the other hand, hold the view that inasmuch as these regulations were introduced

intended to give the Council certain powers now lacking for dealing with any serious epidemic of plague or other emergency, the opportunity of the instructing meeting should be seized to place the bylaws in question before the Ratepayers for discussion, thus relieving the Council of responsibility in the event of their not being accepted. It is eventually decided that, omitting the vaccination regulations, the Health Officer should forthwith be instructed to draft the remaining bylaws with a view to making them as far stringent as this redraft is to be circulated for the information of the members and final discussion at next meeting.

Electricity Department - Estimates and Accounts

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The Secretary reads a memorandum recording the result of a meeting held on Saturday last, to enquire into the delay which has occurred in submitting the report, accounts and estimate of the Department. The speaker thinks, the Chairman states that after consideration of all the facts, he is of opinion that no good cause has been shown for this delay; he points out that the time now remaining for a publication of the estimate is insufficient to permit of their full discussion and revision by the Finance Committee and it must therefore be distinctly understood for the future that no such delay will be allowed and that the accounts of the Department must be completed and submitted to the Council not later than the 31st January. Comparing the work of the Department with that of other industrial undertakings, he sees no reason why stock-taking should require so much time, and he expresses his view that the incoming Works Committee should make careful enquiry into this and other similar questions and impress upon the Engineer the necessity for more efficient organisation of the clerical side of his work.

Considerable discussion ensues as to the form in which the Department's accounts should be prepared for publication, the Chairman holding the view that the statement, as submitted and signed by the Auditor, is liable to provoke criticism, especially regarding the workings for conversion or appreciation of stocks. It is, however, the opinion of the Council that whatever the facts, the Auditor is acting within

within his duties in formulating the published statement, so he thinks it should be more and the matter is therefore left for his decision.

As regards the Estimates for 1908 for ordinary and a plank extension expenditure, the Chairman observes that unless these estimates are more reliable than those submitted last year, they are practically of little value. Mr. De Gray, concurring in this opinion, alludes to the inadequacy of the estimates for 1908.

After considerable discussion of the whole question, it is decided in the first place, to sanction applications to the Ratepayers for a loan of £200,000 for plank extension in 1908 and for repayment of the department's overdraft. As regards the 'ordinary' estimates, the Finance Committee will meet at an early date to discuss the same and to make a definite recommendation to the Council in regard to maintaining or increasing the present price of lighting. On the latter point the Vice Chairman is of opinion that full time must be allowed for the complete reorganisation of the plank and working to produce its effect in improved financial conditions.

The general policy of the Council as regards the Department's Sinking Fund and depreciation account is considered, and noting the decision already published in regard thereto by the Council in 1908, the Finance Committee undertakes to discuss the price of lighting in accordance therewith.

Motor Cars — Upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, it is decided to publish a notification requesting that owners of motor cars should use horns exclusively and that other vehicles should use bells or other suitable alarm signals. The necessary amendment will be made in the motor car licenses.

Municipal Debentures — Noting the opinion of the Legal Adviser, it is decided to authorise the purchase of Municipal Debentures at existing quotations or at a slight advance thereon, all fees and charges being referred for sanction of the Finance Committee.

River Conservancy — A letter from the Senior Council is read forwarding the Diplomatic Body's reply to the Council's application to be furnished with the details of the proposed modification of the Conservancy scheme; this request is declined on the ground that the arrangement has not yet received the sanction of the Treaty Powers concerned.

Boatmen and Jetties — The reports on this subject have been circulated.

circulated and it is urged that special police arrangements have been made for the supervision of cargo traffic also, that the Engineer will take steps to strengthen the fronton moorings at an early date.

The Secretary is directed to enquire of the Customs authorities whether any special reasons exist for the withdrawal of the River Police constable hitherto charged with the supervision of cargo boats working at the jetty, and if possible to secure his re-appointment for this duty.

181 Municipal Engineer's application for leave — An application by the Engineer to be permitted to leave on the 27th instant is disallowed; the Council considering that his presence is required until the boundary tenders have been submitted and reported upon.

180 Height of Buildings — Mr. J. Dredwell No. 1's application — A further report by the Engineer on this subject is read, and after discussion of the matter, the Council decides to inform Mr. Cardile that his application to erect a building 115 feet high will be sanctioned on the understanding that the owners of the property will defray half the entire cost of the widening of the road to a width of 140 feet, the widening to be effected from Industrial Lot 56 and to the point in Industrial Lot 55 where the open space terminates.

04/68 Public Garden Reclamation — The Chairman draws attention to the fact that Mr. de Rijke's recommendations involved draining works at the mouth of the creek and enquires under what conditions the mud is being removed. It is explained that the reeds contract to remove mud by local labour at 50 cents a day is intended to supplement the operations of the dredger and that the total estimated quantity to be removed is 12000 cu yds.

174 Seawater Observatory — The Council sanctions correction of the recently published minute on this subject to conform to the explanation now conveyed in a letter from John Meidrey.

177 Scale of Liquor — Analysis of Specimens — The Health Officer's report on certain samples of liquor taken from various local bars &c. is submitted, from which the Council learns that, while frequently adulterated with water and colouring matter, and often composed of common alcohol labelled as whisky

Whiskey or brandy, the fluids are not generally more unwholesome than other forms of alcoholic stimulants.

House Assessments - The Chairman requests the Council's consideration of a question which has been raised in the local press, namely, the exemption of unoccupied houses from payment of the general Municipal rate. A memorandum by the Overseer of Taxes on the subject is submitted and ordered to be circulated, the local Adviser's opinion has been requested on the question in general and existing practice in England. The matter will be discussed at next meeting.

"Dufao" Case - The Council is informed that the prisoners have elected to be sent to Japan upon the expiry of their sentence on the 20th July, and instructions are therefore issued that the necessary steps be taken to ensure their safe and secret departure.

The Meeting adjourns at 7.20 p.m.

F. Anderson
(Chairman)

J. L. ...
Secretary

At the general Meeting of the Council; held in the Board Room
No. 23, Leungse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 8th
March 1925 at 11.30 a.m.

Present, M.M. F. Anderson (Chairman)
 C. W. Burkill
 A. de Jong
 J. L. ...
 C. J. Little
 C. M. Marshall
 C. Meuser
 Secretary
 Assistant Secretary
Absent
 J. ...
 C. W. Wrightson

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

Departmental Returns — The following are submitted:

Health Officer for February
 Cook Statement for past week
 Return of Prisoners apprehended
 Police Daily Reports.

Travellers — Referring to the leave of absence granted to the
 Municipal Engineer, the Chairman states that Mr. Mayne has
 suggested the advisability of authorising him to make certain
 enquiries in the United States into tramways working and
 construction, and other Engineering matters, in regard to
 which he will report hereafter for the information of the
 Council; under these circumstances, the Chairman recommends
 and the Council approves, that Mr. Mayne's travelling and
 ordinary hotel expenses, while engaged on this special
 duty, be defrayed.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee of the 31st inst are read and
 confirmed. In regard to:

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Electricity Department Estimates for 1905, the Chairman
 states that after full consideration of all the facts brought
 before the Finance Committee, the latter is of opinion that the
 estimates may be taken as sufficiently reliable and that they
 will not be exceeded during the current year.

The Minutes of the Works Committee of the 31st inst are read and
 confirmed. In regard to:

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Staff Assistants' Agreement the Chairman
 points out that the recommendation of the Works Committee
 should have been considered by the Finance Committee before being
 placed before the Council, in accordance with the Standing
 Orders; this usual procedure is necessitated by the fact that
 any conditions granted in one Department are quoted as
 precedents by other employes, and a generally applicable system
 is therefore essential.

Mr. Purcell expresses the opinion that the Council
 will be well advised to sanction the increase in Mr.
 Godfrey's salary recommended by the Engineer; the matter
 is referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Meeting

- ✓ Meeting of Ratepayers — It is resolved to request Sir Arthur Wilkinson, to take the Chair at the impending meeting of Ratepayers.
- ✓ Public Health Legislation — Asking the opinion expressed by the legal advisers, also the Health Officer's report wherein he recommends the adoption of a general License Regulation in substitution for the By-laws previously submitted, it is decided to publish the text of said Regulation XXXI as now drafted, and to submit the same for consideration by the Ratepayers on the 21st instant.
- 201 ✓ House Assessments — The Council decides to await the legal advisers' opinion, before proceeding to discuss this question.
- ✓ Road Division No. 14 W — The Commissioner of Customs letter of the 13th February is read, from which the Council learns that Mr. Hobson still adheres to his proposal that an alternative road line should be adopted, and expresses the opinion that Sir Robert Borth is unlikely to sanction the surrender of the land required for the road as now scheduled. The Chairman states that he has seen Mr. Hobson on the subject and expresses the hope that he may deal with this question on broad lines, for if it should become the subject of litigation, the whole question of local administration is likely to be involved with prejudicial results.
 After consideration and discussion, the Council resolves that the matter must be proceeded with and the Council's rights under the Road Regulations enforced. It is therefore decided to reply to Mr. Hobson, placing the Council's intentions in a definite form and at the same time accepting the conditions which he suggests for compensation to the Customs Authorities in the matter of replating buildings, culverting & crucks, etc.
- ✓ Fire Department — The Council votes and approves the election of foremen to the Victoria, Mackenzie Leong and Thompson Companies as reported by the Secretary of the Fire Commission.
- 207 ✓ Police Staff — Upon the recommendation of the Writch Committee, it is decided to grant six months leave of absence to Mr. M. Cum from the 30th May. Instructions are given that Mr. Trotter should in the interim take command himself and fulfil as far as possible with the conditions of programme and the Major Cook and other police duties.
- ✓ Health Department — Mr. — A letter from Inspector Johnstone records his decision to terminate his engagement of the Council, with arrears here on wages payable and it is therefore decided to issue pay to the expiry of his engagement, i.e. until the end of the year, together
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together with the hotel account standing to his credit in the
Information Book, 1890.

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Local Regulations - Limit of Height - A letter from Mr.
Carlisle informs the Council that his firm has now decided
to abandon the intention of constructing the proposed bridge
existing at the Round corner of the Canton Road.

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Circular Office - Boundary Stone Regulations - A letter
from the United States Consul General is submitted accepting the
Council's proposals for regular enforcement of the regulation.
The Meeting adjourns at 6.30 p. m.

Flanders
Chairman.

Secretary.

Of the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
at No 23, Queen's Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 15th
Nov., 1905 - at 11.30 a. m.

- Present -
- J. Anderson, (Chairman)
 - W. W. Burkill.
 - H. de Gray
 - D. Landale
 - W. W. Marshall
 - W. Moses
 - Secretary
 - Assistant Secretary -

- Absent -
- E. J. Little.
 - J. Peckice
 - W. W. Wrightson

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

Engineers for February.
 Revenue Return —
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 Cash Statement — for past week.
 Review of prisoners apprehended.
 Police Daily Reports.

✓ Waterworks Agreement — The Chairman states that with a view to obviating criticism of the proposed agreement and removing the strongest argument of those who oppose it, it has occurred to him as advisable to suggest to the Directors an amendment whereby, instead of free water supply, the Company should give to the Council shares in the undertaking to the amount of, say, £150,000, the interest on which, calculated on the Company's latest revenue and present exchange, would approximately equal the estimated value of the annual free water supply. The memorandum detailing this proposal has been circulated to all the members of Council, and the amendment has been discussed and accepted by the Directors of the Company. At the same time, the Directors have expressed their opinion that if this amendment is introduced into the contract after its submission to the Ratepayers, the Council would hereafter pay only for water actually consumed without the intervention of any daily maximum. The Directors have concurred in the view that these conditions should fulfil in a satisfactory and business-like manner the original intentions of the Ratepayers of 1886. The Council considers that the Directors desire by making this further concession to avoid all further friction and litigation.

The members of Council cordially supporting the proposed amendment it is understood that a letter, embodying the same, will be forwarded as soon as possible by the Chairman of the Company and that the correspondence when complete will be published for the information of the Ratepayers.

With regard to the agreement itself, nothing that it has been shown to contain doubtful passages and conditions which

etc.

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do not coincide with the Council's intentions, it is resolved that the final draft shall be forwarded officially to the Legal Advisor, drawing his attention to those defects, and requesting that the entire document may receive further careful consideration, and scrutiny, so that the Council may receive his assurance that it eventually fulfils the required conditions.

Foreigners — Cases having recently arisen in which certain Consulates have claimed exemption from responsibility and payment of burial and medical treatment, of their nationals of the pauper class, it is decided to formulate a definite scale of charges under both headings, and to communicate the same to the Senior Consul requesting that the Consular Body may proceed to a definite agreement on the subject so that all local Consulates may hereafter pay at the rates named, it is of course understood that the provisions of the free beds at the Nursing Home will continue under existing conditions.

Having reference to an application by the U.S. Consulate for treatment of a negro convict at the Municipal Hospital, it is decided to limit the charge for treatment in this instance to 10% per diem.

Nursing Home — The Council sanctions exception of the rule submitted by the Health Officer having reference to the depositing of security for payment of fees in unknown or doubtful cases.

Medical Council — The Council is informed that Mr. Dwyer has notified the Legal Advisor that the proceedings in the case of the alleged associates of Van Kuhl Dec will be resumed tomorrow. The British Consulate has not yet been informed that the Magistrate has been cashiered by Dupre's Decree. Under the circumstance, it is decided to ask for an adjournment until the appointment of the new Magistrate has taken effect, and thereafter to proceed with the re-hearing.

Staff — Assistant Engineer's Agreement — It is decided to offer a renewal of Mr. Spafford's agreement at an increase of £50 per annum. At the same time, a coincident and equal addition to the salary of the Assistant Secretary is sanctioned.

Chinese Public School — The resignation of Mr. Sheu Pao Tai is notified. He recommends Mr. Sheu Sun Ho as his successor on the Committee, a suggestion which the Council approves.

✓ Shanghai Public School — Mr. De. Gray observes that, in the absence of Mr. Curtis and Mr. White-Cooper, it is advisable that another member be added to the Committee; he suggests, and the Council approves, that Mr. Hanson be requested to serve.

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✓ House Assessments — The Royal Adviser's opinion is submitted on the subject of the proposed taxation of unoccupied premises; he advises the Council against the measure, holding it to be opposed to the intention of Law No. 19.

✓ Assessment of Waterworks Premises — A protest having been raised against the recent assessment of the Company's new premises, the Council concurs the rate named by the Overseers of Taxes to be reasonable, but, in deference to the views expressed by the Chairman, it is decided to let the matter stand over until after conclusion of the new agreement, and thereafter to charge at the rate of £11200 per annum, leaving the assessment of the water towers unaltered.

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✓ Fire Department — A letter from the Secretary of the Fire Commission states that as a result of a meeting of the members of the Fire Brigade, a resolution has been adopted stipulating the standard of efficiency required for the franchise of the proposed amendment of Law No. 19. The Council, while accepting this definition, considers that the franchise thirty conferred on residents in the French Settlement may possibly be open to objection, and that the constitution of the Fire Department may consequently require revision hereafter.

✓ Ground No. 17, 18 — A suggestion that the Council should now proceed to make up this road adjacent to the various properties, so much of the land as has been required by agreement with the Italian Consulate, is referred to the incoming Council.

✓ Italian Consulate — The Secretary states that at an interview with Mr. Hobson, the latter has stated that he has never contemplated recommending to the Dispositio General that the road as scheduled be constructed and that the exchange of property, recently arranged was only intended to facilitate the diversion of the road through the lots of Sutterfield & Jones premises. The Chairman states that this construction of the arrangement, verbally made by himself is incorrect and must undertake to see Mr. Hobson in the matter.

✓ Italian Consulate — Mr. Cyril Booth having again inquired whether the Council desire to acquire this property, an informal expression of opinion is recorded that it would be reasonable to make an advance of £10000 on the price offered by the Council last year, that is to say, to pay £50000 for the lot.

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Markets

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The Health Officer having advised purchase of the Highwalk Road market in lieu of the lease recently arranged, the matter is referred to the incoming Council with a recommendation that the purchase be arranged if it can be done at a reasonable price.

Police

The Watch Committee refer to the Council a question as to special promotion of two constables, recommended by the Captain Superintendent, and without coming to any decision on the case submitted, the opinion is recorded that such recommendations should be discussed at Committee meetings when full information can be afforded. In the present instance, no sufficient explanation having been given, the matter is referred to the first meeting of the incoming Watch Committee.

"The Bunch"

Mr. Little, in a letter to the Chairman, recommends reopening the prosecution of this journal for continued indecency. The matter is referred to the incoming Council and the opinion is expressed that as Mr. Davidson has recently resumed editorship of the paper, the Police will probably have an opportunity before long of effecting proceedings.

George Breezer Contract

The Secretary states that a misunderstanding has arisen in regard to a point which was the subject of negotiations prior to conclusion of the new agreement.

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The matter concerns the hours of work, which firms may be required to do for garbage removal and public works; the agreement was made on the understanding by the Company in a Memorandum to the Finance Committee that the Council was entitled to require up to 8 1/2 hours of work per day of all firms under this contract except those in water-carts; it now appears that the Directors do not confirm the result of their meeting with the Secretary in this matter. Under the circumstances, and inasmuch as the point is one of considerable importance, it is desired that the incoming Council shall refer the matter with the Company and endeavor to come to a definite and satisfactory understanding.

Garbage Collection - Western District

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Considerable discussion takes place as to the comparative advantages of removal of garbage by wheelbarrow and by cart, the Vice-Chairman expressing the opinion that although the new system is undoubtedly a more economical than the old, its general adoption in the Central District and the newer portions of the City would meet serious

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serious objections from the Ratepayers. On the other hand, a report by the Health Officer, which is the first result of the change of system, is favorable, and expresses the opinion that from the public health and general points of view the removal of garbage by dustbarrow is entirely unobjectionable. It is decided to leave the matter in abeyance, the number being of opinion that any serious nuisance or inconvenience caused by the new system will inevitably be brought to the notice of the Council at the commencement of the hot weather.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

F. A. C. [unclear]
Chairman.

[unclear]
Secretary.

~~Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council with the Representatives of the Waterworks Company held in the Board Room on Saturday, 18th December, 1900.~~

Present

Of the Council,

- J. H. [unclear] (Chairman)
- U. W. [unclear]
- Mr. [unclear]
- A. [unclear]
- E. [unclear]
- W. H. [unclear]
- C. [unclear] sec. the
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Representative the Waterworks

Company

- U. [unclear] (Chairman)
- U. [unclear] Secretary
- W. [unclear] Legal adviser

~~The Chairman calling the Meeting is broken as read.~~

The Chairman of the Council states that this meeting has been convened with a view to arriving at a final understanding in regard to the proposals contained in the Company's letter of the 1st March in the matter of an amendment of the terms of the proposed new agreement and having particular reference to the substitution of certain financial conditions for the original proposal for a free Municipal water supply. The Council accepts the conditions stated in that letter with the exception of the final sentence of the second paragraph, in regard to the meaning and necessity of which some doubts exist. For the purpose of discussion the Chairman divides this sentence into two parts. In regard to the first, namely the Company's proviso that the shares be untransferable, he recognises that the object of the Company in substituting the present proposal for those of free water supply is to ensure that the Council's interests and those of the Company may hereafter be equalised, and he endorses the views of the Waterworks Directors, that this condition would be nullified in the event of the Council's disposing of the shares. Having made this admission, however, he expresses the opinion that it would be better not to include any reference to the untransferable nature of the shares in the formal agreement, but to record it by interchange of letters or a subsidiary agreement.

Similarly, with reference to the second part of the sentence under discussion, Mr. Anderson observes that the Company's proposals as to the cancellation of those shares in the event of the Council exercising its powers hereafter to purchase the undertaking under Clause 10, is evidently unobjectionable in itself, but inasmuch as such a condition could produce no practical results in determining the price payable for the undertaking, he sees no reason for its introduction.

Mr. McKee, discussing the question generally, states that the object of the Company in making this new proposal was, by equalisation of the Ratepayer's interests with those of the Company, to obviate for the future all possibility of friction by giving effect to the original intentions of the Ratepayers who granted the franchise. Proceedings discuss

the questions of cancellation of shares, he points out that the Director's object in this matter is to prevent any possibility of the Council's holding being used by the arbitrators under Clause 10 in a manner prejudicial to the lawful rights of the original shareholders. He states, however, that the Company is prepared to eliminate the sentence under discussion from their letter of the 17th instant, on the understanding that the Council will make a subsidiary agreement to the following effect:-

- (1) That the Council undertakes not to sell or dispose of the new shares issued under this agreement except with the expressed sanction of the Water-works Company; and
- (2) That the Council undertakes that, in the event of the Company's business being purchased hereafter under the provisions of Clause 10 of the agreement, the arbitrators shall be instructed to value the entire property (including of the Council's holding (975 shares) and thereafter to add the value of these shares to the amount payable by the Council to the Company.

At the same time, Mr. McLeod points out that certain legal and financial difficulties are inseparably connected with the issue of new shares in London; he states that payments have to be made for every issue of new capital, in accordance with British law, and that a contract must be filed before a Registrar showing the consideration given for the shares, etc. To avoid these difficulties he suggests, as an alternative scheme, that the Council should receive an annual royalty from the Company based on its actual earnings, such royalty to take the form either of a percentage on the year's dividends or of a percentage on the gross or net profits of the year's working, as the Council may prefer.

After consideration of these proposals, the Council unanimously elects to adhere to the conditions stated in the Company's letter of the 17th March, eliminating the final sentence of its second paragraph and substituting therefor a subsidiary agreement or interchange of letters, giving the undertakings stipulated for by Mr. McLeod.

It is noted that in the event of any further issue of new capital, the Council would be free to dispose of such
Shares

shares as it might thus require by purchase, but the Chairman records the opinion, which is endorsed by the members, that any such sale would be opposed to the spirit of the present agreement, whereas the first object is to qualify to the utmost the interests of the Company with those of the Ratepayers.

As regards the cost of the issue of the new shares to be allotted to the Council under the agreement as thus modified, it is resolved that the expenses of such issue will be shared equally between the Company and the Council.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Anderson
(Chairman)

J. Slane
Secretary

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
110, 23, Strand Road, Dublin, on Wednesday, the 27th
March, 1885, at 4.30 P.M.

Present:

- J. Anderson (Chairman)
- A. Deegan
- W. L. Barry
- A. Kewick
- J. Keenan
- G. L. Kelly
- G. J. Mackay
- E. Meenan
- W. A. & Platt
- Secretary

Assistant Secretary, together with the retiring Member of the Council of 1884.

The Secretary reading the Minutes is taken as read

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed and signed to be correct.

after an expression of the Chairman's thanks to the outgoing members the latter withdrew and the Chairman vacated the Chair.

Upon the motion of Mr. Mowat and seconded by Mr. Little, Mr. Anderson is re-elected Chairman. Mr. Mowat is subsequently re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman then proposes and it is agreed that the constitution of the several Committees be as follows:—

Finance Committee, Mr. Anderson, Hurry, Little,

Watch do do De Gray, Kesswick, Wall.

Works do do Liddell, Mackay, Mowat.

The Chairman proposes, and Mr. Little seconds, and it is agreed after some discussion, that for the ensuing year a special Committee be appointed to deal with the business of the Electricity Department and with Foundry, this Committee to consist of the Chairman of the three ordinary Committees, who will be elected in the Committee's first meeting.

The Council's representatives on the Yanghai Public School and the Chinese Public School, namely, Mr. De Gray and Little, are re-elected and consent to serve.

Mr. Mackay undertakes to represent the Council on the Recreation Grounds Committee.

Administrative Reports — The following were submitted:—

Cash Statement for past week.

Return of Programs apprehended.

Police Daily Reports.

1 Harbour Works Agreement — The minutes of the Special Meeting of the 18th inst. having been confirmed and signed, the Secretary is directed to forward a copy thereof for formal confirmation by the Harbour Works Company.

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2 Notice — The Chairman explains in detail the position of this matter and expresses the opinion that, pending receipt of reply from Sir Robert Mark, it is inadvisable to proceed with making up that portion of the road which has been required by arrangement with the Italian Consulate; the Council's action is therefore postponed for the time being.

The Chairman undertakes to see Mr. Hobson with a view to expediting matters if possible; he mentions that the Customs Store would be disposed to raise a question as to the form of official advice given to land owners in regard to the scheduling of roads by publication in the "North China Daily News".

Shank Market — The proposed purchase of this property for the sum of Rs. 5000, is referred to the Works Committee.

Mixed Court — It is noted that the proceedings against the alleged confederates of Van Kulu, doo will await the arrival of the newly appointed Magistrate, who is expected to return from Hoachow next week.

In regard to the case of a coolie condemned to two years imprisonment as the result of prosecution by the Portuguese Consul, the Chairman undertakes to see the British Consul in the matter and to suggest modification of this harsh sentence. In the meantime, the coolie will be held under custody in the Police cells and not sent to the gaol.

Saua Assessment — Following upon Resolution V adopted at yesterday's meeting of Ratepayers, it is decided to issue a notification requiring Saua-owners to forward any protests they may wish to make, before the 27th April.

Sale of Salted Meats — A letter from the Truck Council suggests co-operation in the closer supervision, by licensing, of local establishments dealing in hams and saltmeat, with a view to protection of the public health. It is decided to request that the Truck Council's veterinary surgeon (may) furnish the Health Officer with forms that under existing conditions the sale of such meat adversely affects the public health.

Health Matters — The Chairman expresses the opinion that the present Health Committee might with advantage undertake to visit the Nursing Home regularly once a month, and he also suggests that the Committee should meet at regular dates.

Electricity Department's Tenders — Referring to the tender of Kien Hong for Rs. 25000 installation work, the opinion is expressed by the Chairman, and generally approved, that for works or material involving any large amount, tenders should be called for as widely as possible. The matter is referred to the Special Committee for further consideration.

The Meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

F. Anderson

Chairman.

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
No. 23, Klause, Rona, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 29th
March, 1905, at 11.30. P.M.

Present.

M. M.

J. Munson (Chairman)
 H. De Grey
 C. H. L. Berry
 A. Krawick
 G. B. Little
 E. J. Mackay
 W. Mercer
 H. W. Platt
 Secretary

and

Absent.

J. Little.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

Cash Statement for past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police Daily Reports.

Mixed Court — The Chairman states that he has discussed with the Senior Consul the question of the Portuguese Consul's coolie case and that the only means of obtaining a re-hearing of the case or a reduction of the sentence appears to lie in an appeal to the Tribunal, for which procedure there is no precedent in native criminal cases. The Chairman therefore suggests that the coolie's petition be forwarded to the Portuguese Consul General direct, Dr. Krawick having stated that if this is done, Mr. Potter will probably agree to refer the matter to the Consul General.

Agenda No. 17. H. — Mr. Munson has explained to the Chairman that it was under his intimation to agree to the construction of the road as scheduled, and that the recent exchange of property was agreed to by himself merely with a view to facilitating the diversion of the road through Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's premises. The Chairman now suggests that Mr. Mackay, representing

representing Messrs. Butterfield & Swire should ^{discuss} the question with Mr. Hobson on the ground, with a view to arriving at an amicable settlement if possible. The members concur in this proposal, it being understood that such discussion of the question is informal and will not affect the Council's position.

The Minutes of the Works Committee of the 24th inst. are read and confirmed; the Council unanimously supports the decision of the Committee in regard to Favour Licensing.

Bubbling Well Police Station — The Chairman of the Works Committee observes that as the result of the joint inspection of those premises on the 18th inst., it appears that, whereas the main exhibition is generally satisfactory and its workmanship good, the construction of the prisoners' cells is undoubtedly defective and inadequate for the safe custody of prisoners. It is understood that the Engineer is now taking steps to have the cells strengthened but the Council records its opinion that this construction should have been more carefully supervised in the first instance.

Referring to the inspection, on the same day, of the Vienna Station, the Chairman of the Works Committee observes that there are certain arrangements in the cells appear to be capable of improvement, and it is therefore suggested that the Captain Superintendent and the Engineer should give the matter their joint attention before the building is occupied.

Native Newspapers — The Chairman states that the prosecution of the "Clarin Bell" in which matter the Acting Magistrate at the District Court refused to issue a warrant is due to the firm action taken by the Joint Consul. Some discussion ensues as to the advisability of demanding the Magistrate for his connivance with the publishers of this seditious paper and the escape of the Editor but the Council decides to proceed against the prisoners in custody without raising other issues.

Nursing Home — While concurring in the Committee's recommendation as regards the conditions of service of Probationary Nurses, the Chairman expresses the view that, inasmuch as the success of the Ratepayers' meeting appeared to endorse Mr. Little's recommendation for better payment of the probationers, the Council would be well advised to issue salary to these employes at the rate of \$10. for the first year, \$20. for the second and \$30. for the third. The matter is discussed at considerable length, the sense of the

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members being generally opposed to modification of probationers' agree-
ments, as calculated to affect the general discipline of the Municipal
Service, and also because Mr. Little's statements, though well received, by the
meeting, were not entirely confined to the facts. Mr. Heswick eventually
suggests that the Works Committee should have further time to go into
the whole question of the pay and conditions of service at the Hursing
House, and the question is therefore postponed.

✓ The Minutes of the Works Committee of the L.P. Trust are read and con-
firmed. Jaeger's

✓ Staff - Case of Mr. Dobie - it is decided to write, under
the Royal Advisory direction, to this employe, requesting him definitely to
state whether he desires to perform the duties of District Engineer and to
conform to the hours laid down for such duty by the Engineer. In the
event of his refusal to fulfil his agreement, the Council will pro-
ceed against him for breach of contract.

✓ Emergency Work outside Settlement - The Chairman suggesting
that this matter should receive further consideration by the Council, its
discussion is postponed until next meeting.

✓ Shanghai Public School - The election of Mr. J. C. Houston, to
replace Mr. Adams on the Committee, is notified by the Honorary Secretary.
✓ Chinese Public School - The Council is informed that Mr. Shen Tzu
Ho has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of
Mr. Cheu Pao Fay. The Committee has also agreed to its amended by-
laws, and the election of Mr. F. C. P. P. who will undertake the duties of
Honorary Secretary for the future. The minutes of the last meeting
of the Committee are read, and the recommendations therein contained
approved.

✓ Private Markets - Acting upon the recommendation of the Health
Officer, it is decided to postpone the imposition of fees on private markets
until the 1st May; in the meanwhile, notices will be given to all con-
cerned, and arrangements made for better organization and control of these
establishments.

✓ Electricity Department - The Chairman states, that upon further con-
sideration, he considers it inadvisable to separate the accounts of the
Electricity Department from those of the Council's other business for the
reason that by so doing (a) under the heading of interest will
very probably be incurred. There being a difference of opinion on this
question, it is resolved to refer it once more to the Finance Committee
for a final recommendation.

Volunteers.

Volunteers

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On the recommendation of the Major Commanding, the Council authorizes the issue of commissions to Lieutenant A. H. Pitcher to be Captain of "A" Company and to Second Lieutenant J. D. Smoot to be Lieutenant of the Customs Company.

Municipal Regulations

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The Council discusses the Police procedure as recommended for revision in the Swiss Consul's letter of the 23rd. instant, it being understood that, subsequent to the meeting of the Watch Committee, it was decided to refer his communication to the Council for reply. The members are divided in opinion as to the practical nature of Dr. Knapp's suggestions and Mr. H. Wicks expresses the opinion, that it is not advisable to allocate in Police procedure between German residents and those of other nationalities. The Council's decision is finally recorded to request the Swiss Consul to forward officially the proposals of the Consular Body, accepted by all its members as applicable to their respective nationals, and to state that the Council is prepared to give effect to any practical modifications of the existing Police regulations.

Motor Busses

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A letter from Messrs. C. C. & Co. submits an application for the licensing of three vehicles, to ply in certain thoroughfares indicated on a plan attached. The members concur in the opinion that no restrictions beyond those ordinarily imposed for traffic in persons on licensed vehicles should be exacted in regard to motor busses. While enquiring as to the size, weight, etc. of the proposed vehicles, the Secretary is directed to inform Messrs. C. C. & Co. that the Council would probably impose license fees hereafter on a scale higher than those actually in force, which were intended only to apply to private motor cars.

Recreation Ground Committee

Rescue Work in Antier Brothels

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The Secretary of the Recreation Fund notifies the appointment of Mr. H. E. Hunter to represent the Trustees on the Recreation Ground Committee, which is approved.

The Chairman submits certain proposals made on behalf of the Rescue Society by Mr. Sheu-Tsun-ho, involving the posting of the Society's officers in Brothels + where the Council's opium licenses are held. The Secretary is directed to enquire as to the conditions of opium licenses referred to, and to call for a Police report on the question which will be considered by the Watch Committee in due course.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

J. H. Gland
Secretary

F. Andersen
Chairman

11th Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Abchurch Lane, Southampton Row, London, the 5th April, 1902. At 4.30 p.m.

Present

At 4.30

- J. Anderson (Chairman)
- A. De Grey
- W. L. Sturgis
- M. Fawcett
- J. H. Little
- E. J. Little
- J. F. Mackay
- C. Messer
- H. C. Platt
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary

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

Departmental Reports — The following were submitted:

- Cash, Balance for past week
- Report of Prisoners re-forewaded
- Police Daily Report

Road Extension, No. 14, H. — The Chairman states that Mr. Wright has definitely informed him that under no circumstances will Messrs. Butterfield & Co. require in the supposed diversion of this road through their property, under the circumstances, therefore, Mr. Mackay has not discussed the matter with Mr. Hobson. The Chairman has written unofficially to the latter expressing the hope that the question of the Council's rights under the Street Regulations may not be raised in this matter.

Street — Case of Mr. Dobbie — The Council is informed that this engineer has now withdrawn his resignation and is prepared to observe the usual conditions attaching to Council's agreements.

Agencies — Home — The Hotels Committee reports having inspected the Home and Mr. De Grey states that, after an interview

✓ interview with the Health Officer, he is prepared to support the Chairman's proposal to issue salaries to the nurses as suggested at last meeting. He is informed that the trained nurses will not raise any objection to this course, and that, under existing conditions, there are not many applications from suitable candidates for the positions of probationers. The matter is put to the vote and the Chairman's proposal is adopted.

✓ Reserve Work in Public Brothels. — A request by the Council of Juxes on this subject has been forwarded to the Captain Superintendent of Police; the Council states that 504 opium smokers are licensed in brothels, at the usual rates and under the ordinary conditions of opium house licenses. The Detective Department has been instructed to furnish a report for the Health Committee, information relating as to the probable results of complying with Mr. Chen Jue Ho's request.

✓ The Minutes of the Finance Committee of the H. Council are read and confirmed. Some discussion takes place in regard to Survey Work, outside Settlement, Kowloon, the Chairman of the Works Committee considering that the additional surveying staff named by the Engineer will be found necessary to deal with the works; the opinion of the members is however in favour of the Finance Committee's recommendation of proceeding with the surveying economically as used in the Assistant Engineer's Agreement. After explanation by the Chairman, the Committee's recommendations are approved.

261 and the Secretary is directed to draft a letter embodying the same.

✓ Proceedings — The Engineer's report on the four tramway tenders submitted is read and the matter referred to the Special Committee for consideration. In the meanwhile, the Electrical Engineer will be requested to forward his report in as soon as possible.

✓ It is noted that the Engineer refers to the question of the possible substitution of motor omnibus traffic in lieu of trams, forwarding a letter from Dr. Macleod on the subject. The Vice-Chairman expresses the opinion that the Council would not be justified in deferring settlement of

of the boundary question on these grounds, and that if any of the present terms offer sufficiently good terms, the Council is pleased to select the best one to proceed with the undertaking.

✓ Public Peace

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A communication from the Bandmaster forwards a complaint from Sanderson Hill, having reference to an alleged assault committed by an officer of the Volunteers during the recent inspection. A report by the Major Commanding the Corps on the same subject is also submitted; from these documents it appears that the status and duties of the bandmen as Volunteers are wholly defined, and that under existing conditions, the men claim the right to take orders from the Bandmaster or his Assistant only. Noting that 21 of the bandmen decline to receive their engagements which expire in May, the Council directs that in engaging these men, or engaging others in their positions as members of the Volunteer Corps, must be strictly refused. The matter is referred to the Works Committee, and in the meanwhile, the Secretary is authorized to telegraph to Manila and ascertain if possible, on what terms a band of bandmen can be engaged forthwith.

✓ Li-Hong-Kuei - Proffered - Police Raid

A letter from the Captain Superintendent forwards a report by the Detective Department, drawing attention to the fact that this district, on the outskirts of the Settlement, has again become the gathering place for thieves, gamblers and bad characters generally; he states that a special warrant has been issued by the Mixed Court Magistrate to raid their dens and effect arrests, but suggests in the first instance the assistance of the Consular Body and the Chinese Authorities be invoked. The Council considers that no good object can be obtained by seeking the co-operation of the present Tao-tai and it is therefore decided to instruct the Police to take steps to raid the gambler's headquarters, adopting such precautionary measures as may be advisable.

✓ Mixed Court

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The Captain Superintendent forwards correspondence of this date with the Mixed Court Magistrate, from which it appears that the latter now proposes to refuse to issue warrants or to hear cases in matters arising beyond Settlement limits. The Chairman is of the opinion, that this departure from established procedure is one of the numerous indications of an obstructive policy adopted by the local Chinese authorities,

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and that unless the Magistrate withdraws from this position, the matter will require the energetic intervention of the Consul-Board. Noting that the Captain Superintendent has written the Magistrate for some explanation of his action, it is decided to await the result of this correspondence.

Sedan Chairs

The Council is informed that no license has yet been issued for hired chairs and that a meeting of owners and others concerned has been held in the native city to protest against the imposition of the license fee.

The Council's authority is given for the issue of free licenses for 8 private sedan chairs to be used for the staff of the Singapore Consulate in accordance with the understanding recorded in 1899.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

J. Anderson
Chairman.

Secretary.

At the Council Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 28, Cross Street, Singapore, on Wednesday, the 12th April, 1908, at 8.30 p.m.

Present

W. M.

- J. Anderson, Chairman
- H. DeGruy
- C. F. L. Thurg
- J. Kintoch
- J. Little
- S. D. M. S. S. S.
- H. Jones
- W. C. P. Little
- Secretary
- U. S. P. S. S.
- J. K. S. S.

Absent

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

Departmental Reports, &c. — The following are submitted:—
 Summary of Revenue for March.
 Harpagon's Bill
 Health Officers
 Court
 Clerk's Statement for Book week.
 Returns of Prisoners apprehended.
 Police Daily Reports.

✓ The Minutes of the Police Committee of the 17th inst. are
 read and confirmed. In regard to the question of
 ✓ Police Promotions, the Council, while confirming the proposal
 that advancement should hereafter be dependent upon the
 results of a definite system of competitive examination,
 expresses the opinion that the Council's instructions in
 regard to encouragement of the study of Police by the
 Senior members of the Force have not been satisfactorily
 carried out. The Chairman suggests, and it is agreed, that
 in every meeting of the Police Committee be held to go further
 into the matter, at which Inspector Wilson should
 attend, when the requirements of the Council will be clearly
 explained.

✓ Noting the case of Constables Wilson and Vickers,
 it is concluded that even if no definite objection was
 required Police Study can be attributed to the Inspectors,
 there has certainly ^{not} been the loyal co-operation to encourage
 efficiency therein which the Council expects; in this
 connection the view of the members is recorded that the
 Captain Superintendent should not have left the selection
 of men for promotion and for Charge-room duty to the
 District Inspectors.

✓ The Council is informed that Constables Wilson and
 Vickers, decline to withdraw their resignation, and it is
 therefore decided to accept the same on the understanding
 that their men return to England, at their own expense;
 should they not accept this condition the Council will
 insist upon fulfilment of their agreements.

Police

Police Inspection — The date is postponed until Thursday next, the 20th inst.

Nursing Room — Having reference to the recent visit of the Works Committee, the Secretary is directed to communicate with the Health Officer in regard to the improvements required, and at the same time, to obtain the Complaint Book for the inspection of the Committee.

The Minutes of the Works Committee of the 10th inst. are read and confirmed. Having regard to

✓ Public Lighting, the Council decides to adhere to the provision of electric light of the Municipal Corporation in regard to the Public Roads, it is agreed, that the economical advantages of continuing the gas lighting of this locality outweigh the Council's preference for extension of electric light.

✓ Quarters for Engineer's Staff — While confirming the Committee's minute on this subject, the Chairman draws attention to the necessity for restraining the continual tendency to erect new buildings which he regards as the chief cause of unnecessary expenditure.

Volunteers — The Council confirms the recommendation of the Major Commanding that a Commission as Captain of the Customs Company be issued to Lieutenant Cubitt of the Reserve, replacing Captain Wade who resigns his Commission, proceeding on leave. The Council's thanks are to be conveyed to Captain Wade for his excellent services.

✓ Commandant — The Chairman suggests that the question of the removal of Major Watson's term of service upon its expiry in March next requires the Council's consideration and that, with a view to enabling Major Watson to retain the command, the Secretary be authorized to submit a request to the War Office, on behalf of the Council, that this Officer be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on the half pay list, thus enabling him to leave his Regiment.

✓ This proposal is approved, and the Council, at the same time, authorizes provision of furniture for the Commandant's quarters, a detailed estimate of which will be submitted to the Com. for the sanction of the

the Finance Committee. It is noted that if Major Watson's agreement is renewed, his salary will undoubtedly be at a higher rate than that now issued.

✓ Sedan Chairs — A letter from the Junior Consul forwards a despatch from the Sackai objecting to the imposition of license fees on these vehicles; it is decided in reply to remind the Sackai that the Council acts within its authority under the Land Regulations, in this matter.

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On compliance with a request from the Shanghai City Magistrate, the Secretary is directed to issue a free license for a Sedan Chair to this official.

✓ Cattle Supply — A petition by the native cattle herds about the N. District, is submitted together with a translation of a proclamation by the Japanese Magistrate referring to the recent impositions of taxes on cattle from that district.

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The Council is notified that unless this petition is withdrawn, the cattle supply will be curtailed. It is decided to communicate the facts for the information of the Consular Body without delay and to request that the Dutch be required to put a stop forthwith to their illegal exactions, which threaten to interfere with the food supply of the Settlement.

✓ Foreign Paupers — The Junior Consul, replying to the Council's letter of the 21st March, intimates that all the members of the Consular Body, with the exception of the Portuguese representation, accept the arrangements proposed for hospitals, accommodation, and burial of foreign paupers.

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The Portuguese Consul has referred to his Government for instructions.

✓ Tramways — In the absence of the Electrical Engineers' report on this subject the members have not yet been considered by the members of the Special Committee; the Secretary is directed, however, to circulate one tender to each member so that, before the Committee meets, they may have received individual attention.

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✓ — A letter from Messrs. Strickland, Karberg & Co. forwards a scheme for spacing the main thoroughfares of the N. District to be considered by the Council simultaneously with their Tramway tender. Decided to reply that while no modifications

modification of the tenders can be permitted, until a decision has been arrived at on the offers as actually submitted, the Council will be glad to receive any separate proposals which the firm may desire to make in regard to wood procurement.

Some discussion takes place as to permitting modifications of particular clauses of the various tenders, the sense of the Council is opposed to discussion of the matter with any tenders until a final selection has been made.

✓ In this connection, the Chairman observes that the Municipal Engineer has applied to be informed as to the date which the Council can conveniently allow him to proceed on, leaving after discussion the decision is recorded, that no definite date can be named inasmuch as the examination in detail of the tenders cannot be hurried, and the Engineer's presence is unnecessary until settlement of the matter.

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✓ Recreative ground Committee - The Honorary Secretary submits that the Council approves the constitution of this Committee for the coming year year as follows:-

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314 Mr. W. H. McLeod, Chairman,
Messrs. A. E. Stubbs, E. P. Mackay, R. McEggar and
A. C. Cunningham, Honorary Secretary,
Mr. Mackay, being the Council's elected representative.

✓ Miscellaneous - The Chairman explains in detail the case of a native named Itang Lou Yu whose order for release after criminal proceedings was formally recorded by the Court on the 10th March, but who, owing to the subsequent orders of the Tribunal, has not been released.

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Information having been received from the British Consular Officer that the Chinese authorities proposed to send the man for trial at Hsichik, on charges which have never formed the subject of summons or formal hearing, instructions were issued, as a matter of urgency, to the Captain & District Officer to place Police at the Court with a view to preventing any such violation of local regulations. The Council concurs in the view that the opportunity is a good one to insist upon maintenance of regular supervision, and the Court and it is decided to forward a letter.

letter to the senior Consul, stating the facts of this case, and recommending that this recommendation be permanently made.

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Portuguese Consul's Case — Letter from the senior Consul states that this matter is one for settlement between the Portuguese Consul and the Board. The Chairman undertakes to see Mr. Spiller's view to ascertain whether he is liable to recommend a reduction of the coolies' sentence.

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Shay's

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Recesses since 1901 — Proposal by the Engineer recommends payment of half a month's salary as arrears due to Messrs Stratton, for work on the 1st Brownway works. On authorising this payment, which was discussed before the Council's meeting, recorded in February 1901, the Chairman considers it advisable to re-affirm that decision, which the members concur in regarding as unnecessary.

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Income Commission

— The Council is informed that the millwork of five cases obstructing is fast found, owing to the absence of Mr. W. R. Little.

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Hospital

for Disease Cases. — The Health Officer again draws the Council's attention to the urgent need for providing a ward for the accommodation of lunatics; the matter is referred to the Health Committee.

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Rescue Home Work in Brothels

— The Captain (Superintendent) having reported in favour of compliance with the proposals of the Society, it is decided to have the Rescue Home widened & fitted up in all union brothels in the settlements. Mr. Little considers that the opportunity is a good one generally to introduce direct supervision, and licensing of all such establishments, but the opinion of the Council is opposed to undertaking such responsibility.

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Public School Committee

— Mr. De Grey states that Mr. Rye, Secretary to the Committee, has resigned, and he suggests that Mr. Rye, who acted as Secretary under a former Committee, should be requested to fill the vacancy.

The Council approves this proposal.

The Motion informs at 10.5 p.m.

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Chairman

W. D. Land
Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No 23, Raffles Place, Singapore, on Wednesday, the 19th
April, 1900, at 11.30 A.M.

Present.

M. S.

- J. Anderson. Chairman
- A. de Souza
- C. H. L. Stang
- H. F. ...
- J. ...
- C. ...
- E. P. ...
- V. ...
- H. C. ...
- Secretary,
- Assistant Secretary.

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

Reports — The following are submitted:—

- Cash Statement for past week
- Report of prisoners apprehended
- Police Daily Reports.

Police — A further letter from the Police, forwarded by the
Police Officer, is read, requesting his demand that the new
license fee be withdrawn, on the grounds that the vehicles do little
or no damage to the roadway, and contravening the Council's rights
to impose it. The members unanimously hold the view that
compliance with his request is impossible, and it is decided, in
reply, to explain fully the reasons which actuated the previous
Council in inaugurating the tax, and to show that it is not
directed against any one section of the Community.

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Wattle — The Chairman states that he has been in-
formed by the Police Officer that the Police disclaims responsibility
for the recent imposition of lathes on wattle imported into
the Settlements from the interior; moreover that he has telegraphed
to the Governor of Borneo in the matter. The Council is
informed that the wattle dealers have expressed their intention to
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continue the importation, and then hope that the Council will persist in its intention to remove the obnoxious levy. It is decided to await the receipt of the reply to the Factor's telegram, and, in the meanwhile, to watch the effect of the tax on the local meat supply. Should the market report show any upward movement, an endeavor will be made to bring in cattle, mutton, hams, &c., and under the organization of the Market Inspector.

✓ Portuguese Consular Police — It is noted with satisfaction, that the creation on the coast has been reduced to one year as the result of the Committee's interview with Mr. Polier in the matter.

✓ Foreign Paupers — With regard to the recent arrangements for the hospital treatment and burial of paupers, the Portuguese Consul explained that he has at present no funds to defray the necessary expenses in connection therewith. It is decided therefore not to press the matter until a reply is received to his application, to the Portuguese Government. Mr. Polier suggested that the Council undertake the custody of Portuguese subjects sentenced to imprisonment, in regard for consideration by the Market Committee.

✓ The Minutes of the Market Committee Meeting on the 11th inst. were read and confirmed, and in reference thereto:

✓ Police Promotions — A discussion ensued on the generally unsatisfactory results obtained in the matter of Police instructions under the system of Mr. J. J. Smith, and, adopting the Committee's recommendation on the subject of J. J. Smith's resignation, it is decided to offer Mr. Smith six months' salary in return for the cancellation of his agreement forthwith; if he declines, his services will be discontinued, and his salary issued monthly.

The members were of opinion that the acceptance of the resignation of Constables Watson and Holberton, unless they undertake to return to England, would have a bad effect on the Force generally, and, failing such return, it is decided to insist upon their completion of their agreements, also, if vacancies occur, the men may be offered transfers to other Departments.

Two similar features which have been brought to the Council's notice as a result of this case are (1) that considerable friction in the Force has arisen, directly traceable, to lack of system in the matter

matter of promotion, and (2) that transfers have been made only upon application, and without due regard to individual merit or the exigencies of the service. These matters, in the Council's opinion, require more careful personal attention by the Captain Superintendent, whose management of the Police Force will hereafter receive special consideration by the Committee.

The Council expects good results from the system of examinations for promotion, and directions are given that the papers and reports in the matter are to be carefully tabulated for the Committee's information.

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Public Gambling — The Secretary states that the advertisement of a public Race Lottery, recently reported by the Police, has been discontinued, and, after some discussion, the Council decides to continue to ignore the existence of public gambling during Race days, as heretofore unless and until it be shown that the practice is opposed to the public convenience.

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Mixed Court — In conversation with the Senior Consul, the Chinese man claims that the Chinese authorities resent the presence of the Sikh constable, recently placed on duty at the Court, and a letter from the Magistrate on the subject is read. The Council decides to take no note for sending reply to the communication addressed to the Consular Deputy on the 13th inst., but the opinion of the members is expressed that the Tachie's breach of the local regulations affords an excellent opportunity for enforcing the foreign community's undeniable right to executive supervision of this mixed tribunal and its presiding. It is understood that Sir Pelham Harmer fully concurs in this view but it appears to be the opinion of the Senior Consul, that the Chinese authorities' objections to Police supervision at the Court cannot easily be overcome.

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Proclamations — The Council is informed that a proclamation on the subject of new subsidiary census has been circulated in the Settlement, bearing the Senior Consul's seal, without the sanction of the Hatch Committee or the assistance of the Police. It is decided to bring in the proclamation, forwarding the necessary applications for the Council's endorsement, and to refer the matter to the Hatch Committee, with a translation of the document.

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Volunteers — Mounted Infantry — The Commandant notifies the resignation of Lieutenant Hudson, and in accepting the same, the Council's thanks will be conveyed to this officer for his services in

Volunteers - in the formation and command of the Company.
Annual Inspection. - General Hutton's report on the inspec-
tion is received and ordered for publication as usual.

Fire Brigade - The Secretary of the Commission notifies that the Annual
332 Parade and Sports Competition will take place on the 27th
instant.

Secretariat Staff - Upon the recommendation of the Accountant,
it is decided to offer Mr. Rosestone a new agreement, to take
327 effect continuously from the date of expiry of his former one, at
a salary of £250 a month.

Road to the Mills - The Chairman has information to the effect
that the Taster's opposition to the construction of this road is
withdrawn, though he is anxious to make no written statement
in the matter. It is decided therefore, to continue the laying out
of the road provided no opposition is experienced locally.

Factory Chimneys and Smoke Nuisance - A suggestion is made
that by an addition to the Building Rules the height of all
factory chimneys be made not less than 100 feet, and the matter
is referred for discussion by the Works Committee.

At the same time the Council calls for a report on the results
of the smoke abatement plant installed at the Electric Light
works.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

J. Anderson.

Chairman.

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Assistant Secretary

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
at No. 23, Kings Row, Shanghai, on Wednesday the
26th April, 1905, at 5.30 P.M.

Present

M.M.

- J. Anderson, Chairman
- H. Dickinson
- E. H. L. Young
- H. Keswick
- J. Little
- E. S. Little
- E. F. Mackenzie
- C. Messer, and
- Assistant Secretary

Absent

W. A. C. Platt

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

Departmental Reports — The following were submitted:—

- Cash Statement for past week.
- Report of Finance Committee.
- Police Daily Reports

Report to the Society — The Chairman states that he is informed

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by Mr. Ferguson that the money to be paid to various owners
for land for this road will with improbability, if paid in one
amount to unintentionally fail to reach the real owners. He
suggests for the consideration of the Works Committee that, when
the survey is completed, a day for payment be publicly notified
and that Chinese-speaking foreigners supervise the issue of
the amounts.

Chinese Study — Upon the recommendation of the Works Com-

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mittee, Mr. Doer's proposal is accepted, where-
under his classes will be continued for such employees as
may still desire to avail themselves thereof until the half-
yearly examination in June next; the matter will then re-
quire the further attention of the Council.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Exhibitions and Transport Committee of

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✓ The 25th instructions are read, and in reference thereto:—
Tramways — The Chairman gives out further leaflets, the reasons which actuated the Committee in formulating their recommendation in this matter. He alludes to the great outlay which will be involved in the re-erection of the Preston and Chobling Road Bridges in steel, and the paving of the roadway from Croydice to the Country Club in wood, both of which projects appear to the members to be almost essential for the establishment of an efficient tramway service. Mr. Nicholl raises a point as to whether a maximum fare should not be fixed, and it is decided to refer thereto in the negotiations with Messrs. Bruce Froebles & Co. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Committee's recommendation is adopted *unanimously*.

✓ Coal Supply — The Chairman alludes to the unauthorised action of the Electrical Engineer in arranging a contract involving a sum of £15,000, without consulting the Secretary's Office or the Chairman of the Committee concerned. Mr. Moss holds the view that, having regard to the precarious state of the coal market, the Engineer did the right thing under the circumstances, but that members are strongly of opinion that to condone so flagrant a breach of the Council's standing orders would be inadvisable. Mr. Aldridge's action is subjected to the severest criticisms, and upon a show of hands it is decided not to confirm the arrangements with Messrs. Stephens Down & Co.

The Secretary is directed to ascertain whether the terms of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company may be considered upon which the due of the work, and a decision in the matter will be made so soon as the Engineer's trials are completed.

✓ Chinese Proclamations — A translation of the proclamations on the subject of 5 cash pieces has been circulated for consideration by the members, and it is decided to point out to the Government the irregularity involved in the posting of this document in the Settlement without the Council's stamp. It is further decided to allude to the fact that the proclamations involve a breach of China's treaty obligations in respect to a uniform national coinage, particularly observing that the matter is a national and not a municipal one.

✓ Mixed Court — The Junior Council's vote of the 24th instructions forwards a direct demand by the Patrie for the removal of the District Constable

constituted, now stationed at the Court, in reply to which, the Council will refer to its letters of that date and of the 13th instant preceding, wherein were fully stated the reasons for the action taken in this matter; it is hoped that the unanimous support of the Council Body will be obtained after consideration of these dispatches.

A further case of native official obstruction has arisen in the matter of the refusal of the Mixed Court Magistrate to apply for the handing over of a Chinese criminal accused of robbery in the settlement and now in custody in the native city. From the Police report on the case, it appears that a letter has already been dispatched by the Captain Superintendent to the Magistrate on the subject, and it is decided pending official intervention in the case, to ascertain from the Magistrate definitely his reasons for non-compliance with the established rules of the Court.

Horse Bazaar Contract — A letter from the Secretary of the Horse Bazaar Company is submitted, enclosing for signature a draft and agreement for 1905/6. It is pointed out that as a result of the misunderstanding which arose in regard to the hours of work for services, the Council directed and the Company agreed to reconsideration of the entire terms of the contract, and it is decided to request the presence of the representatives of the Company at a meeting of the Works Committee for further discussion of the case.

Public School — The Council endorses the appointment of Mr. H. L. Olson (who has consented to act) as Honorary Secretary of the School Committee. Mr. De Grey states that, with the Council's permission, Mr. De Grey will be requested to fill the vacancy on the Committee, which will result from the departure from Shanghai of Mr. W. H. Anderson.

Stalls of Refreshments in the Public Garden — Four applications for the privilege of selling non-alcoholic refreshments in the Garden during the summer months are submitted, and that of Messrs. Bonmore's Brothers, who have done this work for many years, is approved. The Council assents to the firm's proposal to erect a small temporary wooden shed for this purpose, noting that its design and location will hereafter be approved by the Works Committee.

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✓ Public Band — Confirming the recommendations of the Bandmaster, the Council, who took 15 musicians will resign on the 30th June next, that Bandmaster, Mason and Bagaman are granted two months leave of absence from the 1st July, that Bandmaster G. Valenza's services will be retained for the present without agreement, and that the agreements of 6 musicians will be renewed at increased rates of pay.

✓ Sale of liquor without a License — The Council is informed that Messrs. Locksmith & Co. are willing to pay the license fee for the current quarter and have expressed regret for their recent action, which they state was due to ignorance of local conditions. The summons against this firm is ordered to be withdrawn.

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, special terms of license will be granted to Mrs. Esmer, whose application in writing will be submitted hereafter for consideration by the Finance Committee.

✓ Use of the Town Hall — Free use of the Hall is allowed to the "Boys' Brigade" on the 1st and 7th proximo.

✓ Public Conveniences — In reply to an inquiry by the Chairman, Council and Members, it is decided to state that, upon the establishment of a system of public conveniences in the Settlement, a reasonable rate of license fee will be proposed for adoption by the Ratepayers.

✓ Fire Brigade — Referring to the approaching Annual Inspection of the Brigade, the Chairman alludes to the greatly increasing number of fires in the Settlement, and a discussion ensues as to what steps may be taken in the matter. He refers to the apparent disability of the Insurance Companies to insert a clause in their policies subjecting policyholders to examination after every fire; further, to the procedure in force in the French Settlement under which a fine is inflicted on every householder whose premises are burnt. The matter is now for further consideration by the Council hereafter.

The Mayor, responds at 7.25 p.m.

F. H. D. Webb

Chairman

M. Mason

Assistant Secretary

At the annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
 No. 23 Chinese Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the
 10th March 1905 at 4.30 P.M.

Present

M. J.

- J. Anderson, Chairman
- H. De Gray
- A. Aspinall
- J. L. Smith
- E. D. Little
- O. H. Mason
- W. A. C. Platt
- Acting Secretary

Present

- Chk. Burg
- E. J. Mackay

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:

- Health Officers for April
- Summary of Revenue
- Cash Statement for past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended
- Police Daily Reports.

Mixed Court — The Council is informed that the Mixed
 Court Magistrate has stated his readiness to secure the pro-
 secution of the criminal Soh Sang Ting at the Court, and
 that the objection, thereto emanates from the Taobai, to whom
 the British Consul General is writing in the matter.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee of the 10th
 ultimo are read and confirmed. In reference thereto:

Public Lighting — Some discussion issues as to
 the new lamps proposed for the Northern District, and
 a further report in the matter by the Engineer is read
 stating that he has ascertained by personal inspection
 that the lights recommended are necessary; the expenditure
 is sanctioned, and it is ordered that the lighting of the
 district will be revised throughout hereafter.

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Road Extension, L^o ... — Mr. Meuser has ascertained from the Chairman of the Waterworks Company that the Company does not desire that this road shall cross their property even on the new line, further that the Company is willing to pay a sum of £5000 upon condition that it be abandoned. The matter is referred for re-consideration to the Committee.

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Water Contract — The Chairman enquired as to the number of horses which will be put out of use in the event of the transfer of the entire scavenging of the settlement to the Health Department, observing that it may be necessary to secure a further reduction in the minimum number of animals supplied under the contract.

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The Minutes of the meetings of the Health Committee of the Town — The minutes were read and confirmed. In reference thereto; —

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Equal and Mutual, Water Buildings — The Committee directs that the plans and estimates for these buildings be submitted for the members consideration in the first place and before they are presented for the Council's approval. It is agreed that the latter building shall be in the same architectural style as the Victoria Nursing Home.

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Cattle Supply — A reply from Mr. Gibson of Chingking is read, quoting the prices at which he is prepared to supply cattle and sheep for use in the Shanghai market.

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There is also submitted a report by the Health Officer on this subject, stating that these prices are too high to render it advisable that the Council should experiment in cattle importation through this source. Dr. Stanley's recommendations are adopted, viz., (1) that in view of the reduction of the tsetse charge on cattle from Tsingmu from £600 to 1800 cash per head, an increase in the price of beef to the extent of 1 cent per pound only, be permitted to the local butchers, and (2) that official representations be made to the Chinese authorities protesting at the monopolies for selling sheep issued by the Hoochow and Kiangsu officials.

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Case of K. C. Whitney — The Committee's decision to prosecute this constable is endorsed in the Council, in the opinion that the publicity which prosecution involves will have a deterrent effect in future cases.

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Public Soliciting — Mr. Little enquires why it is left to the initiative of private individuals to force steps are taken to prosecute those offenders, he has attended a meeting of the residents interested in the question, which is considered to be one of great importance. Mr. Newick states that under the direction of the Watch Committee the Police will take every possible step to put down this form of public nuisance.

Fraudulent Gambling Case — A discussion arises in respect to a recent case in the British Police Court where J. C. Mills was charged with assault, as a result of his action at the Union Race Stand while in the execution of his duty. It is noted that no report of the case reached the Watch Committee until the following morning. Directions are given that in future the Committee have as early notice as possible of all legal proceedings against Municipal employes.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee the 3rd instant are read and, with some amendments, adopted. Directions are given that a copy of these minutes be forwarded to Mr. J. W. G. D. G. whose reply to the various points contained therein may be expected shortly.

Rate of Electricity Department — The Council considers the offer of Messrs. Nichol, (Harbors) Co. to purchase the business and maintaining of the Municipal Electric Light works. The Chairman states that the Electrical Engineer's report thereon was as more unfavourable view of the offer than the facts warranted. It is of opinion that some difficulty may be experienced in raising the additional capital which will be required during the next few years at the present rate of interest, in view of the large borrowings for other public works which the Council will have to undertake during that period. He further points out that it will be impossible for the price of electric light and tramway fares to reach their lowest limit, while the management of the two concerns remains in different hands. The Special Committee will give these points careful consideration at its next meeting, the minutes of which will be circulated for the Council's information.

Resignation of Member — A letter from Mr. E. J. Mackay is read stating that for reasons connected with his firm's business, he is compelled to tender his resignation as a member of Council.

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At the suggestion of the Chairman, it is decided to defer acceptance until next meeting, during which time an effort will be made to induce Mr. Mackay to reconsider his decision.

✓ Finance

Five proposals are submitted against the increased business assessments authorized at the recent Annual Rate Payers Meeting, and are referred for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

✓ Fire Protection

A memorandum by the Chairman has been circulated to the members containing the outlines of a scheme for the establishment of a Board of Investigation, with authority to hold an enquiry into the origin of every fire in the Settlement. It is decided to communicate the contents of this document to the Fire Insurance Association, and to ask for an opinion thereon.

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✓ Road Extension, 17th. & Douglas Road

A letter from the Commissioner of Customs is read, giving the result of his application to packing in regard to the shops of Customs property required for the road. Sir Robert Hunt requires that the Council should arrange for the withdrawal of the Post-office endorsement on the title deed in respect to the preservation of the creek on the west of the property, and it is decided to effect this by application to the Italian Consul General, upon the assumption that his area contains a like endorsement.

✓ Suicide of Luatic

A letter from the Senior Consul is read on the subject of the recent case of suicide at the Victoria Nursing Home. It is noted that this matter does not come officially within the cognizance of the Consular Office, but it is decided in reply to state that it is the Council's intention to take a word for mental cases at an early date.

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✓ Chinese Troops in the Settlement

A further letter from the Senior Consul, dated the 27th inst., notifies the Council of the passing of 200 Chinese troops through the Settlement on that day, and it is decided to request that the attention of the Town Authorities be drawn to the fact that earlier notice of such matters should be received, so that the Police may make the necessary traffic and other arrangements.

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✓ Mixed Court

The Senior Consul also forwards a dispatch from the Judge in regard to the presence of the Municipal Constable within the Court's precincts, in reply to which it is decided to reiterate the Council's firmly established opinion that it is necessary in the interests of the good government of the Settlement that

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that the entire functions of the Mixed Court be subject to foreign supervision.

Successive Observatory Father Ministry notifies the Council that the removal of instruments crossways upon the establishment of tramways will involve a capital outlay of £10,000 and that after an annual increase of expenditure of £1,500.

41/ HK2 The Secretary is directed to reply that the Council anticipates that, by a system of rubber feeders and brackets, freedom from disturbance will be secured to the Observatory.

Hereafter should this not prove to be the case a recommendation will be made to the Railways to share a reasonable proportion of the cost of removal.

Coal Supply Two letters from Messrs. Hopkins, Dunn & Co on this subject are submitted, together with the report thereon by the Colonial Engineer. It appears that the firm has been unable to dispose of the 2000 tons of coal in question at profitable rates, which concludes the case in point, but for further guidance it is advised to point out that no contract is binding on the Council, except after submission to the Committee concerned and confirmation in writing by the Secretary.

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Shipping Accommodation A letter from the Chamber of Commerce is read, giving cover to a communication signed by a number of firms on the subject of the inadequate facilities for loading and shipping cargo on the Bund frontons. It is desired to ascertain the Harbour-Master's attitude in respect to this matter, whereafter it will receive the attention of the Works Committee.

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Highway Road A petition is submitted from Messrs. G. R. Wingrove and other residents in this road, requesting that the ditches at the eastern end be extended, in view of the public nuisance at present caused thereby. The matter is referred for the consideration of the Works Committee.

The Meeting adjourns at 7.45 p.m.

F. Anderson
Chairman

M. J. ...
Clerk Secretary

At the annual Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room No. 23, Lincoln House, Southampton Row, London, on Wednesday the 1st May 1902, at 10.30 a.m.

Present.

- J. Anderson
- A. De Gray
- A. H. Christie
- J. Kitchin
- C. S. Mills
- C. Moore
- W. R. Shuttle
- Acting Secretary

Minutes

Absent.

- C. M. & J. Jones
- C. J. Mackenzie

The Minutes relating to the Meeting is taken as usual. The Minutes of Council Meeting are read & confirmed signed by the Chairman and Secretary for publication.

Administrative Reports — The following are submitted: General Management Report, Finance, March Quarter Report, Statements of expenditure to 31st May, Cash Statement, Return of prisoners apprehended, Police Force Reports.

Resignation of Member — The Chairman states that Mr. Mackenzie has himself written to withdraw his resignation, which is accordingly accepted; to fill the vacancy thus caused it is decided to request Mr. J. Prentice to resume his seat on the Council.

Transactions — The Chairman states that the Finance Committee has met for the discussion of the final letter from Mr. Geo. Alfred Deane & Co. concerning the amount of Mr. Geo. Deane's Probable No. 4 due to S. S. Ltd towards the cost of the Gordon Bridge, and to take continuous current from the Council at 11.8 for the first three units, and 11.0 for all current used above this amount. It has been pointed out to the Electrical Engineer that

that the Council's consideration of this rate will be based upon his calculations of the cost of production, and his attention has been drawn to the necessity for the greatest care in the construction of this figure.

The Chairman states that the members of the Special Committee, after careful consideration of all points bearing on the matter, have arrived to break with Messrs Bruce Brothers & Co. when tender presented in the first place the most favorable terms, and their opinion is recorded that the tender as now improved is a very good one. The question has been complicated by the consideration of proposals for the sale of the Electric Light Works, but the Committee considers that at present it is inadvisable to discuss this subject, since, if a contract for the supply of current for traction, is made upon terms advantageous to the Council, the Electric Light Works as a saleable asset, will be thereby increased in value. Mr. Reswick is of opinion that the control of tramways and electric light should be in one management with a view to lowering of charges to the public, and he is of opinion that the tender which contained proposals to this end should have consideration. After further discussion, the Committee's recommendation is passed without dissent, that a firm offer be made to Messrs Bruce Brothers & Co. to be formulated by the Council.

Bridges

Sketches of the proposed Jordan and Chikiam Road bridge are laid on the table for general approval, previous to the preparation of working drawings. Mr. Reswick, in reference to the former, points out that the result to be achieved by the usual operations at the mouth of the Soochow Creek, viz. the scour by the flood tide of the Jordan Coule, of foresure, will be impaired by the bridge piers shown at the north end of the bridge, and it is decided to refer the question to the Engineer and to the Harbourmaster with a view to constructing the bridge with two spans only.

Volunteers

Mr. Cox's Company — The resignation of Captain Saunders, submitted by the Commandant, is accepted, and it is decided, in reply, to convey to that officer an expression of the Council's appreciation of his excellent work while in command of this

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this Company. Upon Major Skelton's recommendation a commission to fill the vacancy thus caused will be issued to Captain J. G. Stewart.

✓ Hibernian's Agreement — Printed proofs of the draft agreement are submitted for inclusion consideration, and upon the recommendation of the Finance Officer, it is decided to seek the Company's consent to substitute for the words "flashing circuit" the words "Sounding circuit." In the meantime, the draft will be forwarded for approval by the legal advisers.

✓ Public Soliciting — Having the attitude of the Russian Consulate in respect to Police evidence in cases of soliciting the Chairman undertakes to see Mr. Klimentov and to point out to him that the Council's efforts to remove this public nuisance will be strengthened if the request to hear Police evidence is unobtainable.

Upon the question of brothels generally Mr. Little expresses the view that public opinion in respect to licensing has undergone a change during the past few years, and he proposes the appointment of a Special Committee to examine into the matter.

He undertakes to make full enquiries and report to the Council, hereafter.

✓ Henry Jones & Co. Messrs. — With reference to the proceedings instituted in the Mixed Court against the brokers who negotiated the purchase of this property, the Engineer reports the receipt of faintains for a further 20 more, leaving 26 more still to be required. In the belief that these will shortly be received, it is decided to take no further steps for the present.

✓ Road Extension, 17th — Chamber Board — Translation of a despatch by the Factor is submitted in which, acting on the application of the Commissioners of Customs, he draws the Council's attention to the necessity for obtaining official sanction to the proposal to culvert the creek on the west of H.S. 122 33y.

On this occasion the Council is informed that a protest at the nuisance caused by the creek may be expected from Mr. Riva, whose claim, however, makes no reference thereto, and it is decided to reply that the Council's proposed operations will improve the flow of water and render the locality more sanitary.

✓ Telephone Service — The Chairman states that in conversation with the Chairman of the Telephone Company, he has discussed a proposal under which a definite franchise will be given to the

The Commission upon a basis similar to that recently arranged with the Shanghai Underworks Company and a draft letter in confirmation is approved. It is suggested that so far as the sum of \$5,000.00 to be issued to the Council, which at the present estimate totals \$750, would amply cover the cost of Mercurial treatment.

Mr. Keedell then withdrew.

Mr. Keedell. The Engineer states that if and when the scouring of the Settlement is performed by means of a hoist-borrow, the number of points required under the House Borrower will not exceed 12%. After further discussion of this matter, it is deemed to ask for no change in the terms of the agreement arranged in January last.

The Meeting adjourns at 9.30 p.m.

J. Anderson.

Chairman

W. H. Gray
Acting Secretary

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 27, King's Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 18th May, 1905, at Noon.

Present.

- J. Anderson, Chairman
- A. de Grey
- J. Keedell
- E. C. Little
- H. Hansen
- W. C. Platt
- Acting Secretary

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken up read.

The Chairman, states that this meeting has been convened for the purpose of discussing an offer of land inquisition, made verbally to himself by Major Urquhart, Kerberg W.D., that it is their intention to enter a special meeting of Rate Payers to authorize the Council to sell the Archbishop's Department business and undertaking in connection with the tramway lines. The Chairman stated that they were prepared to offer £150,000. Thereby was requested, if no final understanding had been arrived at in respect, to tramways, that the Council would defer action while the necessary formalities for a Rate Payers meeting are completed, etc. After considerable discussion, it is arranged that the Chairman shall inform the above firm of the Council's intention in respect to the matter, and state that the Council will oppose any other course than that of making the firm offer to Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co. which was decided upon. If this step fails to have the effect of inducing the firm to abandon their project, it is desired to defer writing to Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co., as requested, until after the meeting is held. The members are confident that the support of the Rate Payers will be given to the course which the Council had decided to take.

The Meeting adjourns at 1.10. p.m.

J. Anderson
Chairman

M. Wilson

Acting Secretary

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Of the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 13, Queen's Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the 14th March 1906, at 4.30 P.M.

Present

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- J. Clausen, Chairman
- H. De Groot
- E. A. K. Thurg.
- H. Rosvick
- J. Daniels
- C. P. Little
- C. McCusker
- H. U. E. Dull
- Victory Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.
The Minutes of the Meeting of the 17th and the Special Meeting of the 18th inst are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:
 ✓ Quarantine for U.S.S.
 ✓ Civil Statements for past week
 ✓ Return of prisoners apprehended
 ✓ Police Daily Reports

Public Notice — The Chairman states that he has not seen the Russian Consul General as arranged, since it appears, from recent reports in the newspapers, that negotiations have been obtained, in these cases on Police side, are alone.

The Minutes of the Italian Committee of the 18th inst. are read, and in reference thereto.

✓ Scavenging of the Settlement — The Council unanimously endorses the decision to extend the system of scavenging by wheelbarrows to the Central District.

✓ Cattle Supply — A letter from the Senior Consul notifies the Council of a reduction in the tax charged on cattle from Tientsin. It is decided to ask that the Duobai will be requested to specify exactly what number of casks has been fixed per head of cattle.

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✓ Victoria Nursing Home - Mental Home - Mr. De Grey states that Dr. Reid has called upon him in connection with the mental case recently under notice, and stated that he is unwilling to take the responsibility of removing the case from the Home. It is decided, under the circumstances, to forward the case to remain, directions being given that for the future, no case of similar nature is likely to prove a nuisance to the other patients in the Home is to be admitted.

✓ The Works Committee has again visited the site, and expresses the view that the Council should take an early opportunity of purchasing the scheduled piece of land on the east thereof. This course will involve modification of the plans for the Mental Ward, which will be undertaken without delay. An advantage which the purchase of the additional land will secure is that the erection of Chinese houses in close proximity to the main building will be prevented.

✓ Genl - Female Ward - Having reference to a recent instance in which the Maysa Court Magistrate refused to hear a case which would have involved a sentence of imprisonment, stating that he wished settlement of the Female Ward question by the Troiki, the Chairman suggests, and the Council, concurs in the proposal, that for the future, women taken into custody on a warrant be forthwith admitted into the Female Ward, and that, in the event of the Magistrate declining to hear the case against them, they be released in the Female Ward until such time as it may appear to the Works Committee that their detention has been sufficient.

✓ Muzzling Order - After some discussion, the Council records the opinion that no practical result will accrue from an official letter to the French Council on this subject, and in lieu of this course, directs that the Captain Superintendent approach the head of the French Police and ask for a stricter interpretation of the order. If necessary, an offer will be made that the Police assist the French Police by shooting dogs in the district beyond the French Settlement.

✓ Mafia Court - With reference to the procedure for arrests without warrants, Mr. Platt considers that the present system is one which, for every purpose, is sufficient. He will make further investigations and the matter will hereafter receive the attention of the Committee.

Treatment of Prisoners — The Council is informed that, from statements by the Physicians in Charge of the Shortland Road Hospital, it is their opinion that the food supplied to prisoners in the Central and Lounge Stations is insufficient; the Secretary is directed to make inquiries in the matter for the Committee's information.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee of the 22nd District are read, and in reference thereto:—

✓ London Bridge — A report by the Engineer is read on this subject, and three alternative designs for the bridge are inspected. The Council is of opinion that the one shown in the report is not so unsightly as has been stated, except in reference to the pier towers. In any case, and noting that a telegram has been despatched through Messrs. J. J. & Co. asking for quotations, the Council will take no step in the matter until comparative estimates are received.

Mr. Kendall expresses the view that the bridge should be built of not less a width than 50 feet, to provide for congestions of traffic in the future. The Engineer will be directed to make a memorandum on the point, stating the extra cost involved.

✓ Local Operations — The Council expresses its invitation to Messrs. Buckland and Whistock to attend the proposed meeting on the spot in this matter, and Mr. Henry Council to represent the Council thereat.

✓ Tramways — A notice of the Special Meeting of Ratepayers to be held on the subject of tramways is submitted to Messrs. Buckland and Whistock & Co. previous to publication. Considerable discussion ensues on the suggestions of Mr. Little that an amendment be proposed, leaving it open to the Council to consider the advisability of dropping of the Electric Light Works, but it is decided to adhere to the course already approved by the Council in this matter, and a draft of the Chairman's speech will be circulated for comment by the members.

✓ A letter from Messrs. Alfred Duck & Co. is read, in which they desire to be informed of the proceedings at the meeting of Council of the 17th District, in reply, it is decided to state that the Council has resolved to attend the 18th of the following Ratepayers Meeting, before resuming the correspondence with Messrs. Alfred Duck & Co.

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Special Meeting — The Council decides to take this opportunity to re-
instate the four bills of special legislation which were to be
brought forward in March last, but which failed in
the absence of the necessary quorum.

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Volunteers — A letter from Major General. Norton, Commanding the troops
in South China, is read, forwarding a copy of a communication
from the War Office, approving of the grant of local rank of
Lieutenant Colonel to Major Hudson, while employed as Com-
mandant of the Corps.

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— The resignation of Major Kaswick, forwarded by the
Commandant, is submitted, and accepted, and it is deemed to
convey to this officer an expression of the Council's appreciation of
the very valuable services rendered by himself since his com-
mission with the Corps.

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— The Commandant also forwards comments on the Despatch re
Report of Major General Norton, and it is noted that the question of
the issue of 12 for guns for the use of the Corps is receiving the attention of
the War Office.

The Meeting adjourns at 7.30. P.M.

F. Hudson
Commandant

W. Hudson
Cobling Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Niagara Road, Vancouver, on Thursday the 21st May, 1905. at 11.30. p.m.

Present. Mr. [unclear]

- D. Curson (Chairman)
- M. De Grey
- E. H. Harvey
- J. Liddell
- E. J. Little
- C. [unclear]
- W. C. [unclear]
- Edmund [unclear] Secretary

Absent.

H. Kaswick.

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

Reports — The following are submitted: —
 Mechanical Engineer for March and April
 Cash Statement for past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police Daily Reports.

Mixed Part — The Chairman has learnt, in conversation with the Senior Consul, that the Chinese authorities are still obtuse in the matter of the occupation of the Temple house at the Canal, and that the Indian declines to make a visit of inspection. A further communication in this matter may be expected later.

Proposals — Mr. E. J. Little has drafted amendments which he proposes for adoption by the Council at the forthcoming Special Meeting of Ratepayers, and some discussed issues. The Chairman finally points out that when the wording of the resolution is communicated the details of the Council's procedure, already proposed, generally will be communicated to members, and a special meeting of the Council convened if necessary.

Public Soliciting — From a Police report the Council learns that

that the Russian Consul has stated that there are difficulties in the way of depositing officers even on a special convention. It is decided to take no further steps in this matter pending receipt of Mr. S. Skellie's report thereon.

Telephone Service

The reply by the Mutual Telephone Company is read, agreeing in principle with the Council's proposals for a definite franchise. The Chairman points out that the granting of a monopoly to this Company will effectually prevent the establishment of long distance telephones to Stockholm and elsewhere, except under efficient foreign management, since the Company will not cooperate with any other system unless the control of the service is in their hands. He further states to the effect that owing to the co-operative character of the Company, the number of shares proposed to be issued to the Council will constitute a very large share in the management. It is agreed that no power be given to the Company to dispose of the concession to others. Finally the question of concluding an arrangement with the Mutual Telephone Company on the lines suggested, for ratification by the Ratepayers is left in the hands of the Council to consist of Mr. Geo. Murray, Messrs. and Platt.

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Piccadilly Observatories

A further letter from Father-Moisy has been circulated, in which he asks that the Council will reconsider their attitude in regard to the removal of the meteorological instruments to the Hills. After some discussion, it is decided to reply that the Council will insert in the Budget for next year an appropriation of £5,000 to represent this Council's proportion of the total cost involved. The opinion is expressed that the Ratepayers should not reasonably be requested to pay more than this sum.

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Constitution of the Council

A letter from Mr. H. Koswick is read, containing the resignation of his seat, as a result of his approaching departure from Shanghai. It is decided, in reply, to convey to Mr. Koswick an expression of the Council's regret at the loss of his services.

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After some discussion, it is decided to ask Messrs. H. J. Jesson and F. C. Hoffer to fill the vacancies at present existing in the Council.

Mr. Platt

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Mr. Hall is appointed, and consents to serve as the Council's representative on the Recreation Ground Committee in place of Mr. Mackay.

Public Porticoes — Mr. Henry reports the result of the meeting for the discussion of this subject with the Harbourmaster and others. He states that it is as generally considered inadvisable to place new porticoes ^{along the wharves and the P.O.} ~~along the wharves~~ at the ^{Publican's} ~~Publican's~~ and the Russo-Chinese Bank.

Also, it was strongly recommended that a roof should be put over the ~~portico~~ porticoes for the protection of passengers & loading in bad weather. The Council unanimously endorses the latter suggestion, but before proceeding further in the matter of the new porticoes, it is decided to write officially to the Harbourmaster and request that he will be good enough to state whether any amendment of the existing regulations would, in his opinion, effectively mitigate the congestion of bridge at the jetty.

Museum Room - Heating — A letter from Messrs Alfred & Co. is read, containing a claim, on behalf of the owners, for the pieces of property scheduled, of Essoahul lots 17 and 18 for the improvement of this road in front of the Lyceum Theatre. Noting that the claim amounts to £25,000 for the work required, the Council decides that at present, on financial grounds, the improvement cannot be effected.

Volunteers - A Contingent — The Council endorses the proposal of a contingent to be detailed.

Medical Staff — Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a Commission is authorized for issue to Dr. R. J. Marshall as Lieutenant.

Thameside Public School — Noting an application of the Reverend C. P. Parker for a permit to raise the same schedule for the extension of the School site, the Secretary is directed to ascertain Dr. Parker's intentions in respect to this property, with a view to its purchase.

The Secretary notifies the Council of the nomination of Dr. R. S. Joy to fill the vacancy caused in the School Committee by the resignation of Mr. W. H. Anson.

Fire Companies — The reply of the Fire Insurance Association to the Council's letter on the subject is submitted, in which

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they definitely state that the request for the insertion of a clause in policies on the subject of inquiry after fire is, from the Companies' point of view, impracticable. The communication notes that the question of contributions by the companies towards the expense of the Fire & Marine Court is a matter which can only be dealt with by the Head Offices. It is therefore decided to approach the two prominent Companies whose Head Offices are in China and ascertain their views on this point.

Breach of Building Regulations

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A report by the Engineer to the Works Committee is read in relation to the neglect of Messrs. Clegg & Bentley to put concrete under the floor of Mr. E. S. Little's house on Cadogan Rd. S.B. 3. 6, in accordance with the provisions of the Building Rules. It is stated that both the architect, the contractor, and Mr. Little himself, were duly notified of this omission. Mr. Little at some length points out the inconvenience to himself and his family which the correction of this omission will now involve, but states that he is willing that the Council compel the Chinese contractor to do the work.

The Works Committee's response in the matter is to the effect that the provisions of the rule should be worked out, and the Chairman points out the necessity for the strictest observance of all regulations by Mr. Little, while a member of Council. Mr. Little claims exceptional treatment on the line of that already accorded to Mr. Jones in regard to his liquor licence, and it is decided that the matter be laid at a later convenient time to the occupier of the premises.

Public Garden Reclamation

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Alternative designs for a railing to be erected round the new water frontage are submitted, and the Council decides to continue the style of railing already in position, on the Goodnow Creek boundary, upon the Engineer's assurance that, in the event of the levee being altered, the posts and rails can be transferred. The total cost involved is estimated at \$6,100.

The Meeting adjourns at 7.35 p.m.

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Chairman

M. J. Wilson

Acting Secretary

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiang or Room, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 7th June, 1900, at 8.30 p. m.

Present

Mr. M.

- J. Anderson. (Chairman)
- H. De Gruy.
- C. H. L. Burg.
- J. Lidgate.
- C. S. Little.
- C. Messer.
- H. E. Platt and
- Eeking Secretary

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:
 Health Officer for May
 Summary of Revenue
 Cash Statement for past week
 Return of Prisoners apprehended
 Police Daily Reports.

Constitution of the Council — Upon further consideration, of the question of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Mackay, it is decided to leave the matter in abeyance while enquiries are made through Mr. Ambrose

Fire Enquiries — The Council adopts the suggestion of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company to request the Fire Insurance Association to address the Foreign Office, London Committee direct, in the matter of contributions towards the expense of the proposed court.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Hotel Committee of the Trust are read, and in reference thereto:

Public Soliciting — Mr. Burg questions the advisability of addressing the landlords in this matter, in the opinion that the Catholic Missions will resent this implied responsibility. It is, however, decided to adhere to the Council's decision, noting that the Council's application

tion for co-operation and assistance will be couched in such terms as will not give offence. A rough letter will be submitted for the Committee's approval.

Condition of the Sewer Road — The Captain Superintendent of Police reports to the effect that, generally speaking, the complaints on the subject of the condition of this road are without foundation. The Committee understands to make a visit to the thoroughfare and give the matter personal attention. Mr. G. J. Fille alludes to the hand-cart traffic in the neighbourhood and to the absence of any public stand for these vehicles while not in use.

(1) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 2nd instant are read and approved.

(1) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee of the 5th instant are read and in connection therewith —

Doonham Road Extension — Some discussion ensues upon the question of the section of this extension along the water frontage of the Gas Works, and the opinion is general that the Company is entitled to a final settlement of the matter, i.e., either that the Council shall definitely undertake to construct the road or that the subdividing of the section be abandoned. This matter will receive further attention by the Committee.

Green Bridge — A second report by the Engineer is submitted on this subject, containing further details of the estimates for a one-span and two-span structure. The Council comments on the importance of exactitude in calculation with regard to the erection of this bridge, and, upon the Chairman's suggestions, it is decided to send Mr. Collinson, the Engineer to the Shanghai-Hankow Railway, to check the figures upon which the specifications will be based.

Before finally settling the type of bridge to be erected, it is desirable to obtain from the Harbourmaster an opinion as to the proposal to reduce the total span of 550 feet by an extension of the bank line on the Hongkew side. The Council fixes the date for the receipt of tenders for the bridge for the 31st December.

Tramways — Referring to the result of the recent special meeting of Ratepayers, it is decided to write, offering the concessions to

Mr. Gov.

Mr. Bruce, Peckham & Co. upon the terms already made public, and further, to ask that a draft form of agreement be prepared for the Council's approval.

Construction of Court Records — With regard to the committee of Architects appointed to consider this question, it is decided to offer them facilities for holding their meetings in the Council-Records and to supply such information etc, as may be called for.

A letter from Mr. R. H. Little is read, in which he declares his unwillingness to serve on this committee as nominated.

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Mixed Court — Police Supervision — A letter from the

Senior Consul is read forwarding a copy of the Consular Body's despatch to the Tanka on the subject of the retention of the Policeman within the Court premises. Having the firm stand made in this matter in accordance with the Council's request, the entire correspondence is ordered to be published.

Female House — A second letter from the Consular Body to the Tanka is communicated for the Council's information. Therefrom it appears that a request has been made that all female prisoners be sent to the Municipal Jail until such time as the Mixed Court prison is reformed in accordance with the requirements of civilization.

The Council expresses the hope that this provisional arrangement may, as a matter of fact, afford a permanent solution of the case.

General Reform — In a third letter from the Senior Consul, the Council is informed of the proceedings of the Commission Committee appointed to consider the question of the reform of the Court. It appears that the British and German ministers in Peking are of opinion that all efforts should be directed to obtaining the sanction of the Chinese Government to the new rules now under consideration, and that the proposals contained in the Council's letter of the 16th February last should be deferred until the results brought about by the new code are seen. The Chairman expresses the view that this code will afford no practical remedy for the existing state of affairs, and the Secretary is directed to prepare a memorandum tabulating the points of the prolonged correspondence on this subject for the members' information.

✓ Road to the Hills — The Patrie again forwards a protest against the survey work now in progress on this road, which appears to be the result of the obstructive action of the Chinese Magistrate. The Council concurs in the suggestion, which has been made with the consent of the French Consul, that the German Consular Messager proceed to Chungking, accompanied by a representative of the Municipal Surveyor's Department, and personally investigate the cause of the active opposition to the construction of the road.

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 X Victoria Nursing Home - Scheduled Extension — The Council approves of the suggestion that, unless the claim of Mrs. Olivia for Cadastre, lot 482 is of a very favourable character, the settlement of the purchase price be placed in the hands of the Local Commission.

✓ Hotel Club Restaurant — A letter from the French Consul General is read in which he asks that the Council will reconsider the question of the withdrawal of the licence to this establishment, but, in pursuance of the Council's policy to reduce the number of these establishments in Hongkong by the elimination of those against which convictions are obtained, and in view of the flagrant character of the offence in this instance, and further noting the bribe fine imposed in the Consular Court, the Council endorses the Hotel Committee's resolution that the licence remain withdrawn.

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 ✓ Hesterworks Agreement — The legal advisers's amendments to the form of agreement are submitted for the Council's consideration and, after some discussion, adopted.

The Meeting adjourns at 7.05 p.m.

Henderson

Chairman.

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Acting Secretary.

All the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Tring Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 14th June, 1905, at 4.30 p. m. —

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
 H. De Gray
 C. H. L. Iburg
 J. Liddell
 E. S. Little
 O. Meuser and
 Acting Secretary

Absent

W. A. C. Platt

Mr. W. J. Gresson takes his seat and is appointed to serve on the Watch Committee.

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

Boat Superintendent for May
 Engineer — — —
 Cash Statement for past week
 Return of Prisoners apprehended
 Police Daily Reports

Constitution of the Council — After some further discussion of this matter, the decision is confirmed to request Mr. T. C. Fleffer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Mackay.

Condition of the Seward Road — The Chairman of the Watch Committee reports having visited the Seward Road, and states that, in his opinion, recent complaints as to its condition are unfounded. In the matter of stands for hand-carts, the Committee considers that provision for these vehicles while not in use should not be made in the streets, having regard to the general convenience of the public. Mr. Little will request the hand-cart guild, who have approached him in this matter,

to make their request officially in writing
Chang Su Ho's Garden — Letters of complaint from
 Messrs H. C. Davis, W. H. Poole and others are considered
 on the subject of the nuisance attributable to the
 entertainments at the garden, and, after a full
 discussion of the matter, it is decided that the
 restrictions imposed in October of last year form
 adequate protection for the residents in the vicinity,
 consistent with the rights of the garden as an old
 established place of public amusement. These
 restrictions involve prohibition of Chinese bands,
 firework displays on two nights a week only, which
 will terminate at 11 p.m., and the closing of the
 garden at midnight

Volunteers. Mounted Infantry — Upon the recommendation
 of the Commandant, a commission is authorised
 for issue to Mr. F. W. Massey as Lieutenant
 in command of the company.

Light Horse — One year's leave of absence
 is granted to Captain Keylock.

Lekin on Imported Cattle — The Health Officer
 forwards lekin receipts showing that as lately as
 the 9th instant lekin at the rate of 600 cash per
 head has been collected on cattle imported from
 Tanyang. If this rate is found to have been
 paid at all the stations en route, instead of
 at one station as heretofore, it is decided to
 again lay the matter before the Consular
 Body, and ask that an explicit assurance be
 obtained from the Taotai that the reduction
 referred to in the Senior Consul's letter of the
 20th May may be put in force without delay.

Illegal levy of lekin — A case of illegal collection
 of lekin within Settlement limits on the
 Hongkew Creek on the 12th instant is referred
 to the Council by the Watch Committee. There-
 from it appears that the offence was not
 reported to the Police until the runner concerned
 had left the Settlement. Unless the Mixed
 Court imposes adequate punishment on the
 offender

offender, for whose arrest a warrant has been applied for, it is decided to bring the case to the notice of the Consular Body.

Flawkers in the North Tahir Road — A further

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letter from Mr. E. J. Flogg is read on the subject of the molestation of his tenants in this locality, together with a report thereon by the Health Officer. From these it appears that the usual difficulties are being experienced in inducing the vegetable sellers in the Northern District to make use of the new Municipal market, and it is decided to lay the facts before Mr. Flogg and ask for his co-operation and assistance in giving effect to the Council's Public Health regulations in this matter.

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Foreign Paupers — A letter from the Portuguese

Consul General is read to the effect that he has the authority of his Government to defray the hospital expenses and cost of burial of Portuguese paupers in accordance with the Council's letter to the Senior Consul of the 21st March.

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Tramways — The reply of Messrs Alfred Dent & Co. and

S. H. Thornock & Co. is read to the Council's offer of the tramway concession to Messrs Bruce Deebles & Co., in reply to which, it is decided to point out that the rate fixed for the supply of current is not understood to be a maximum, but to be liable under arbitration to be raised or lowered, as circumstances may warrant. It is also decided to take steps to preclude the possibility of ambiguity in respect to the Council's stipulation with regard to payment for "goodwill," in the event of the purchase of the undertaking by the Council hereafter.

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Land Assessment — A letter from Mr. Ambrose is

submitted in comment upon the appeals against his recent increase of one-third to land assessments throughout the Settlement. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it is decided, following Mr. Ambrose's suggestion, to grant an abatement on 7 acres of the Old Phipps Wharf property which will stand at £6,000 per annum, also, that the assessments

- assessments of the three cotton mills which have appealed shall remain at their former figure
- ✓ Garden Bridge — From reports by the Harbourmaster and the Engineer, it appears that there are grave objections to making any change in the present boundary on the Hongkew side of the creek. The Council records its decision in favour of bridging the creek in one span, and directs that Specifications be prepared, and tenders called for, so soon as is possible, alternatively for a bridge of 50 and 60 feet in width.
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- ✓ Brothels — Mr. Little submits his report on this subject, copies whereof will be referred to the Captain Superintendent of Police and Health Officer for report, previous to its consideration by the Walsh Committee.
- ✓ Victoria Nursing Home — Noting Messrs Algar & Deesley's claim for £5,000 per annum for Cadastral lot 782, the Council decides to make a counter offer at the rate of £4,000 per annum leaving the settlement of the case to the Land Commission.
- ✓ Road to the Hills — Memorandum by the Engineer on his visit to the Dingjiew Magistrate is read, from which it appears that the opposition to the road is chiefly due to the anxiety of the native farmers that their waterways be not interfered with. The Council expresses regret that a sum of money was not offered to the Magistrate to be used in the placation of the natives concerned, and the Chairman undertakes to obtain an expression of opinion from Mr. J. C. Ferguson as to how best this matter may now be dealt with.
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- Gas Company's agreement — The reply of the Gas Company to the Council's request for a 25% reduction in the rates charged for public lighting is submitted and referred for consideration by the Works Committee. In preliminary discussion, Mr. Gresson expresses the view that it may become necessary
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necessary to light a larger portion of the Settlement with gas, in view of the preference which gas is obtaining over electric light elsewhere.

The Meeting adjourns at 7.10 p.m.

F. Anderson
Chairman.

W. Musrow
Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Triangle Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 21st June, 1905, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
H. De Gray
B. H. L. Durg
E. S. Little
O. Meuser
W. A. S. Platt and
Acting Secretary

Absent

W. J. Gresson
J. Liddell

Mr F. G. Heffer takes his seat and is appointed to serve on the Works Committee.

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted: —
General Municipal Rate (Foreign) for March Quarter.
Cash Statement for past week.

Return of Prisoners apprehended.
Police Daily Reports.

✓ Tramways — Mr. A. E. Whalley has called upon the Chairman in reference to the two points raised in his letter of the 9th instant, and has undertaken to telegraph to his principals in the matter. With reference to the interpolation of the word "maximum" as applied to the price of current, it is contended on the part of the concessionaires that if this price should be raised after arbitration, a corresponding increase in the fares charged to the public will be rendered necessary. The Chairman has pointed out that no such stipulation was made in the tender or subsequent correspondence in re, but he expresses the view that it would be unreasonable to refuse a revision of the fares every five years with the consent of both parties to the contract.

✓ The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee of the 20th instant are read and confirmed.

✓ Gas Company's Agreement — Further discussion takes place as to the minimum number of lamps to be supplied under the proposed five years' agreement, and the Chairman expresses the view that no good purpose will be served by resisting the Company's request for a reasonable increase; it is therefore decided to propose that the minimum be fixed at 600.

✓ Steam Wagon — The Council generally is opposed to the introduction of this type of vehicle into Shanghai, on the grounds that it would constitute a further element of confusion in the already congested traffic, and that it would be a serious factor in the wear and tear of macadamized roads. The Chairman is in favour of imposing a heavy license fee should the application not be withdrawn, and it is decided to reply to the present application in an unfavourable sense, Mr. E. S. Little dissenting from the decision.

✓ Staff — The Chairman points out that the increase of

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of pay proposed under this heading should properly have been considered by the Finance Committee, and he expresses the view that unless there are urgent grounds for the step, no breach of the rule, passed so recently as last year, should be authorised. After some discussion, it is decided that if, upon the return of Mr. Jansen in the autumn, the duties of his post have been satisfactorily performed by Mr. Harpur, the Council will favourably consider the issue of a bonus equivalent to the increase now suggested.

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Mixed Court — The reply of the Senior Consul is read to the Council's suggestion that four comprehensive measures of reform be adopted in the Court's procedure. Therefrom it appears that there is little probability of doing more at the present juncture than obtaining the sanction of the Chinese Government to the 11 proposed new rules now under consideration. The Chairman is of opinion that the memorandum by the British Consul, submitted with those of his colleagues unofficially for the Council's information, strikes at the root of the present malpractices and disorder, but that the Watch Committee's recent policy of revising Police procedure at the Court appears calculated to have a more practical and effective value than the maintenance of an agitation in favour of the revision of the code which has so little probability of eventuating. The Council's reply to the Senior Consul's despatch is left for the further consideration of the Watch Committee.

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Volunteers — Medical Staff — Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to W. H. C. Patrick as Lieutenant.

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It is noted that the commissions of Captains Stanley and Fauler have expired, and that neither of these officers desire renewal.

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Quorum at Special Meeting of Ratepayers — A letter from the Legal Adviser is read containing the opinion that Land Regulation XV only requires the

the presence of a quorum at the commencement of business and that the recent special meeting might have been adjourned, no quorum being necessary upon re-assembling. It is decided, adopting Mr. McNeill's suggestion, to insert a distinct provision in this sense in the rules of procedure proposed for adoption next March.

✓ Public Soliciting — Letter from Mr. J. Thomas is read calling attention to the fact that at 10 houses near the south end of the Bhopoo Road there are daily exhibitions of public indecency and a state of affairs highly offensive to the residents in the district. Directions are given that the landlords of these houses be addressed in the matter with a view to the amelioration of the nuisance, and that the efforts of the Police be redoubled in the suppression of these resorts of low class prostitutes.

✓ Breach of Building Regulations — The Council discusses a further letter from Mr. E. S. Little, addressed to the Chairman of the Works Committee, on the subject of the omission to lay concrete under the floor of his house in the Gordon Road, together with a report thereon by the Engineer. No adequate reason is adduced for any modification of the Council's former decision in this matter.

✓ Race Course Ditch — In a letter from the Secretary of the Race Club, the Council is informed of the Stewards' intention to fill up this ditch in response to an official intimation by the Health Officer as to its insanitary condition. Reference is made to the attempt to arrive at an understanding with the Stewards in regard to this ditch on a former occasion, and the proposal of the Chairman is adopted that Mr. Meuser approach the Chairman of the Club with a view to a settlement of the case satisfactory to both parties.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Anderson
Chairman

Musson
Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 28th June, 1905, at 4.30 p.m.

Present:

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
H. De Gray
W. J. Gresson
J. B. Steffer
C. H. L. Furg
J. Liddell
E. S. Little
O. Meurer
W. A. B. Stalt and
Acting Secretary

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted:—

Cash Statement for past week
Return of Prisoners apprehended.
Police Daily Reports.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Watch Committee of the previous day are read and confirmed.

Mixed Court Reform — The proposal to engage two additional cadet officers receives the unanimous support of the Council, the Chairman endorsing the view that the present

present method of providing cases to the bank is in need of reorganization; he has learned in conversation with the Governor that, in case not of sufficient importance to warrant the engagement of legal assistance, other procedures are frequently conducted in a loose and indefinite manner, resulting in delay and congestion of work at the bank. Administration of Bankruptcy — One regard to the question of the return of prisoners to the bank after imprisonment and to their release after the receipt of fines, the releasing is desired to see the British Governor and inform him of the bank's attitude in the matter.

Special and Single Services — The bank understand that payment for the police work referred to under this heading will be collected through the Accounts Office as special services in the usual way.

Articles — Considerable documents were upon the minute on this subject, and the Chairman expressed the opinion that there are yet aspects which call for the British Committee further consideration, notably: —

(I) The statement of the Chief Clerk to himself that there are in circulation as many as 500 foreign stamps who conduct an organized traffic in money and the circulation of whom would, under any existing international arrangement, require immediate support at the hands of the Bank's Board.

(II) The statement as to the impracticability of securing so not supported by evidence, and it would appear that, without making stringent conditions in the first place, the remuneration and localization of brokers might be productive of good results.

(III) The role of Legation in the Foreign Bank issues proceeds conducted for each of authority to enter the premises concerned.

(IV) The conditions under which a large number of British passports are admitted to be unnecessarily disturbing.

Some of the other points mentioned in the Governor's letter from the Governor's Board

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the Council learn that the Council body has declined to negotiate further with the Trade in this matter, and that the River Board is proceeding to planning for its discussion with the Agency. The entire correspondence on the subject is ordered for publication.

1 Good, Female Island. } Respective from the River Board and
 1 Battle Island. } these subjects are in the same effect, and
 the Council records an expression of appreciation of the energetic action of Mr. Bishop in these three questions which are regarded as important to and generally affecting the interests of the local community.

1 Land Government — The Awards of the Government in cases XXIV to XXIX are submitted and ordered for publication. It is stated that the Government have generally speaking, borne out the Council's contention, in their few cases of disagreement with landowners as to compensation payable for land expropriated for public use.

1 Good Government 17 W. (King's Road). — The reply of the Commission to Council General to the Council's application for permission to submit the case to the next of the Imperial Parliament is submitted. This letter also states that the Council has rejected the matter for decision by the Council body, but the Commission has called upon Mr. Bishop, the Council General, and explained to him in full the nature of the previous negotiations in the matter; as a result of which he has agreed to formally transmit the Council's application to the British Land Office, although advised by Mr. Bishop that it will be rejected. Upon receipt of the Council's reply, it will remain for the Council to take such action as may seem advisable, with the suggestion that no effort has been spent to induce the owner of land which the Council takes a reasonable view of the public requirements in the neighborhood.

1 Public Road — The Council negotiates the proposed of Mr. W. D. Oswald to print and distribute programmes for use in the Public Road, during the same for purposes of advertising.

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The Meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

Anderson

Chairman

W. Musson
Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No. 23
Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday 5th July 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
A. de Gray
W. J. Peterson
F. C. Hefner
C. H. Burg
J. Hiddell
E. S. Little
O. Musson
W. A. C. Platt and
Acting Secretary

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports—The following are submitted:—

Cash Statement for past week
Return of prisoners apprehended
Police Daily Reports

Brothels—The Chairman, after further discussion consideration of this matter, is of opinion that no measure antagonistic to the views of the Chinese influential residents is likely to be fruitful of good results. The question of kidnapped girls is one which should be handled by a society of a benevolent character similar to that which functions in Hongkong.

Road to the Hills—The Council is informed that the marking out of

of this road by preliminary done is now practically completed, and it is decided to proceed with the payment for the road to the owners concerned, the Chairman pointing out that this course will straighten the hands of the Council in any future discussion as to the practicability of carrying the road through the State being. Some doubt is expressed as to the improvement in the economic position of the State which the survey submitted will effect, and it is decided to take further technical advice in the matter. The Engineer will therefore consult one or other of the local authorities whom he may consider most suitable for the purpose.

Report by the Engineer is submitted forwarding a plan and estimate for the drainage conversion and construction necessitated by the filling up of the ditch No 3245. Mr Messen undertakes to see the Chairman of the Area Club in the matter, and endeavor to arrange that the work be deferred until after the autumn rice meeting, in view of arrangements being made with the property owners concerned.

The Chairman directs to the first part of the report and points out that in addition to the points mentioned in the report, the Council generally considers it advisable that the expense of retaining and preserving the path for public use should be incurred, and directs that the work be undertaken.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Drainage Committee of the

It is stated that the two methods of charging for electricity is somewhat difficult of comparison, and has been adopted upon the Engineer's assurance that it will lead to an increased number of consumers.

The Chairman reports at some length the incident mentioned in the minute, more particularly having reference to the article adopted by the Electrical Engineer in the face of the instructions which he received. Mr Wong relates the difficulty which prevailed in the matter of the furnishing of the information required as a basis of comparison, but he concurs in the view that upon receipt of the Committee's instructions, it was his duty

to be read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 3rd ward are

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duty to supply such general information as was sought. After further discussion, the Council records a very strong expression of disapproval of Mr. Aldridge's conduct, a repetition of which will be severely handled.

✓ Letkin on Cattle — A letter from the Senior Consul is read forwarding a communication from the Tao-tai on this subject, from which the Council infers that there is a probability that the letkin will be fixed hereafter at the rate of 1800 cash per head. Should this prove to be the case, it is decided to approach the Butcher's Association, and request that, in accordance with the Tao-tai's letter, they will publicly notify the reduction of the price of meat to its former figure.

✓ Mixed Court — The Senior Consul notifies a change in the Magistracy, brought about by an illegal arrest in a civil case, which will take effect from the 7th instant. He further forwards a protest by the native authorities at the changes recently introduced in Police procedure. A reply to the latter communication has been despatched tabulating the exact changes which have been made with the Council's reasons for each clearly stated.

✓ Pork Dealers — Two copies of a proclamation by the Mixed Court-Magistrate, bearing the Senior Consul's chop are submitted in reference to the establishment for the slaughter of pigs, formerly the subject of correspondence between the Council and Messrs. Bodenmeyer and Company. It is decided to inform the Senior Consul of the Council's objections to the issue of this proclamation which virtually gives to the applicants, who are private individuals, an official monopoly in their business, and to request his sanction to the cancellation of his official seal on the documents.

✓ Landing Accommodation — A letter from the Harbourmaster is read, containing proposals for improving the landing facilities at the Bund piers, and, after some discussion, it is decided to refer the question to the Special Committee who recently gave the matter their attention. With reference to the police report thereon, in which the Captain Superintendent states that he has not the available foreign staff required for carrying out the Harbourmaster's proposals in full, the Watch Committee will give the matter consideration at the first opportunity, the Council recording the view that the work concerned is of the first importance.

✓ New Buildings — With reference to the latrine erected by Messrs. Davies

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Davis & Thomas, which matter had the attention of the Works Committee on the 20th ultimo, a further letter from this firm is submitted together with a report in re by the Health Officer. Re-affirming the principle that the responsibility for the position of the structure vis-a-vis the adjoining buildings lies wholly with the architect concerned, the Council decides to add a condition to this effect to all building permits in the future.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

F. Anderson
Chairman.

M. Mason
Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday 12th July 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
H. de Gray
W. J. Fremson
F. B. Gesser
G. F. H. Young
J. Kiddell
G. P. Little
O. Mason
W. A. C. Platt and
Acting Secretary

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports: — The following are submitted:—

Wharfage dues return for June quarter.
Customs statement of cost of maintenance of Chungpaosha Station for June quarter.
Summary of Revenue for June.

Health Officers Report for June.

Local Superintendants' Report for June.

✓ Road to the Hills — The Chairman has had an interview with Mr Ferguson on this subject, and has made the suggestion that the Tao-tai's opposition to the ~~construction of the~~ road might be withdrawn if the construction were undertaken by the Chinese authorities themselves. X In such case he stated that the Council would act as contractors in the matter, and would recover the cost of the work from the Tao-tai. Mr Ferguson has undertaken to enquire how such a proposal would be received.

✓ Town Hall — The Council is informed that Messrs Casan and Garding, have both formed the opinion that the proposed ceiling will have the effect of improving the acoustic properties of the Hall. It is noted that the building will be closed to the public until further notice. 311

✓ Debentures — The Finance Committee's decision is recorded to accept £250,000 from the China Mutual Assurance Company, at 99, the 1% discount being regarded as brokerage suitably payable on so large an amount.

✓ Having in view the fact that a sum of about £30,000 will be required to take up the forthcoming new issue of the Waterworks Company's shares, some discussion ensued as to the advisability of raising the money in sterling, if possible, at 4%. The Chairman undertakes to see the Manager of the Hongkong Bank in the matter.

✓ Mixed Court — A general Proclamation by the Magistrate, containing promises of reformation and efficient work is submitted, and ordered to be posted in the usual manner.

✓ The Chairman states that the Council's action in respect to the administration of punishment has not met with the approval of a section of the Consular Body, inasmuch as no communication of the Council's intentions was made, previous to the revised procedure being put into force. He understands, however, that a letter is being written to the Tao-tai in the matter virtually endorsing the attitude which the Council has taken. 297

555 ✓ Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges — The general conditions and specifications for these bridges, copies of which have been in members' hands, are approved, and a notification offering them to the public will be issued without delay. 302

✓ Case of Mr Dobbe — A note from the British Consulate enquires if the Council would be willing, as an act of grace, to pay this man's panyan. 302

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Government with Mr Stoggs in need, in which which

receipt of the Company found there considering this matter further
the price charged should be used. The Council will assist the
street-lighting papers is adopted, a corresponding reduction of
purpose of reducing the cost of production, an witness can for
the figure supplied, the Chairman considers that it, for the
best Companies in England. In respect to the cost-power of
more the same conditions as are permitted in contracts with the
the proportion of water gas supplied, the Council is prepared to
during the period of the proposed agreement. In respect to
application for participation in any reduction made to consumers
which he raises his points as dependent upon the Council
by the Engineer of the Gas Company is the General Chairman, in
an informal discussion takes place upon a report

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Gas Company's Agreement

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Recommendation of the Government granted to Government

Volunteers "A" Company

Five months' leave of absence, so upon the
will be undertaken.
the usual proportion of its cost of advertising the work, this work
the leave remainder the loss to the public and agree to delay
work, and it is decided to reply that, provided the terms of
between the recent difficulties cases in the neighborhood and the
in the opinion of the Health Officer there is no causal connection.
Council's attention to the condition of the work appearing here have

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Condition of Lane Lane

A petition signed by about 20 residents draws the
Company to take such steps as they may see fit.
will set the back of the lane, leaving it to Messrs Shaff and
to comply with the firm's request to move a permit for raising the
This statement is being forwarded to the Corporation, and it is desired
lane was erected and installed upon by the Health Officer
which they ventilate the statement that the position in which the
A further letter from Messrs Davis and Thomas is read in

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Messrs Buckings

Arthur is now provisionally employed in Messrs Hoar and Company.
admirable. This course is adopted, it being noted that Mr
should have a full enquiry into the circumstances which led to his
Council's opinion rather it is desirable that the Health Committee

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of the Health Committee and made certain statement, which in the
the Board of Health. Mr Arthur has called upon the Chairman
average frame rather than wear the inconvenience of a quilt before

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Stating that his property to the west of the Jessfield Ferry extends to the water's edge, he resents the Council's intervention in regard to the path heretofore existing. Should Mr Hogg persist in this attitude the Council resolves to take legal advice with a view to re-establishing the public right of way.

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Wei-hai-wei Road Ditch — Draft reply to Mr F. P. Wingrove's letter is read, and, upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, approved, with an addition to the effect that the Council is taking every possible step to render the drainage system in the Wei-hai-wei Road efficient by raising the bed of the creek with culverts, and erecting a ventilating shaft in the Mohawk Road.

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The Chairman states that in conversation with Mr Wingrove he understands that the Health Officer has informed him that the state of affairs is bad and that some action should be taken in reference thereto. Should this prove to be the case, it is decided to undertake the work of culverting next year.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.55 p. m.

F. Anderson.

Chairman.

W. J. Ferson
Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 28 Kiungpo Road
Shanghai on Wednesday 19th July, 1905 at 4.30 p. m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson

(Chairman)

H. de Gray

W. J. Ferson

F. G. Heffer

G. H. L. Young

J. Hiddell

G. S. Little

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt

and

Acting Secretary

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports— Engineer's report for June is submitted

Road to the Hills— The Chairman states that the Supt. has informed Mr.

X Ferguson that he is opposed to the making of the road, whether carried out by the Council or by the Chinese Government.

W) The Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee ^{of the 17th instant} are read and confirmed.

Case of Mr Dobbie— A further report from the Engineer on this subject is read, tending to justify the treatment which this employe has experienced at the hands of the other members of the department. The opinion is general that Mr Dobbie's character is such as would have involved him in difficulties in any employment, and, after considerable discussion, it is decided that his dismissal must stand. The Council is prepared to pay him the sum of £1500 in full settlement of all claims ~~of all claims~~ in respect of the termination of his service.

W) Garden Bridge— The Council directs that so soon as the boring operations decided upon have been completed, the result shall be forwarded to Mr. Mayne for submission to Sir John Wolfe Barry, for his opinion and comment. Should the result of the inquiries now being held involve the rejection of the scheme for a one span bridge, it is decided to enlist the services of a small committee of experts to determine the type of bridge most suitable for public requirements. This committee will consist, amongst others, of Messrs Harding, Prentice, Tyler and Carlson, should these gentlemen be willing to act.

Gas Company's Agreement— Before concluding this contract, it is decided to obtain from England expert advice as to the percentage of carbonated water-gas which should properly be permitted to the Company.

W) The Minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee ^{of the 18th instant} are read and confirmed.

W) Yuen Garden— Some discussion arises in regard to the Committee's decision in this matter, Mr. Little expressing the view that to restrict the fireworks displays is to impose unreasonable limitation on the action of the proprietors. Mr. de Gray regards the matter as one in which the Council should be guided by the wishes of the residents in the locality, and the Committee's view is generally upheld.

Mixed Court— Two letters from the Senior Consul are read on the subject of the recently instituted Police arrangements in reference to Chinese offenders before

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before and after conviction. In the earlier of these despatches, the Consular Body takes strong exception to the Council's action, in the view that the sanction of the Consular Body should have been sought before the new procedure was put into force. In the second despatch the Senior Consul forwards a copy of his letter to the Taitai in the matter, from which it is noted that the Consular Body concurs in the advisability of the changes, while positively alluding to the Municipal Police as representatives of the Consular Body. The Chairman is of opinion that since it would appear that the Council's object is being attained, the means employed are immaterial. He states that the sympathies of an influential section of the Consuls are with the Council in the matter and is of opinion that ~~since it would appear~~ it is ~~immediately~~ undesirable to provoke ~~hostile~~ criticism. The Secretary is therefore directed to draft a reply, expressing the Council's appreciation of the efforts made by the Consular Body to place the Court on a better basis, and making no reference to the phrase above mentioned calculated to provoke ~~hostile~~ criticism.

The Council is informed that building in connection with the Female Prison at the Court has been commenced without permit or supervision by the Engineer's Department. The Secretary is directed to see the Magistrate in the matter and to point out to him the uselessness of expending money on this structure; should he persist in his intentions, it is the Council's wish that the necessary formalities be complied with.

✓ Municipal Loans — Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee it is decided to apply the sum of £67,500 from the Sinking Fund appropriation to repaying the balance of the General Loan of 1898 on the 30th September next.

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The Chairman points out that, in view of the sum in sterling which it will be necessary to raise to meet the proposed new issue of shares by the Waterworks Company, probably about £30,000, and in view of the sterling expenditure involved in the re-building of the Garden Bridge, it would appear advisable to raise a sum of £50,000 in sterling if possible at 4%. He suggests that the whole amount of dividend receivable from the Waterworks Company be applied to the payment of interest and Sinking Fund on this loan. The proposal is generally approved, and it is decided to lay the matter before the Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and ask for his co-operation and assistance.

1. General Municipal Rate— With reference to the rate to be imposed on residents outside limits in terms of the recently concluded agreement with the Waterworks Company, the Council records the opinion that it would be advisable to make a general charge of 5% on rentals to represent the special tax in question. This decision will be recorded for use in compiling the Budget for 1906.
1. Evening Continuation Classes— A letter from Mr J. R. Harding is read on the subject of certain classes inaugurated under private management during the ^{past} winter, in which he asks that the Council may be willing that these classes be conducted hereafter as part of the Municipal Educational System. The members are in sympathy with this request, and directions are given that the matter be referred for the consideration of the Committee of the Shanghai Public School.
1. Fire Brigade— The Secretary of the Fire Commission notifies the resignation of Mr J. M. Billings, Foreman of the Mieh-Ho Loong Company and of the election of Mr W. A. Kirschstein in his stead. This appointment receives the Council's confirmation, and it is decided to convey to Mr Billings an expression of the Council's appreciation of his meritorious service with the Brigade.
1. Road name Plates— At the suggestion of Mr P. J. Little the Council directs that the names of roads be clearly indicated in Chinese as well as in English throughout the Settlement.
- The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

W. Curson
Acting Secretary

Harder
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Kiung Road, Kiangsu on Wednesday the 26th July 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

- F. Anderson (Chairman)
- A. de Gray
- W. J. Jenson
- F. G. Steffer
- J. Hiddell
- E. P. Little
- O. Meuser
- W. A. C. Platt (aud)
- Acting Secretary
C. L. H. Young

The Summons ^{absent.} calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

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Road to the Hills — With reference to a report that the Taitai has issued instructions to the Chiungpu Magistrate to remove the boundary stones laid along the line of this road, it is decided, if the facts are found to be as stated, to communicate at once with the Senior Consul who has promised energetic action in the matter.

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Mixed Court — A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate is read in regard to Police interference with the building of a new female prison within the precincts of the Court. The Council is informed that the Magistrate has declined to make the usual application necessary before these building operations are undertaken, and it is decided to communicate with the Taitai through the Official Channel, calling upon him to comply with the provisions of the Building Rules, and stating, that in the event of his refusal the work will be stopped in the usual way by the Police.

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Proposed Native Reformatory — An extensively signed communication forwarded through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce has been considered by the Watch Committee, containing proposals for the establishment of a native prison and reformatory in the Jordon Road. The scheme is drawn on a basis of complete ignorance of the existence of the Municipal Jail, and of the industrial and educational work carried on in connection therewith

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therewith, from which circumstance it appears to the Council to be part of the recent noticeable movement by the Chinese authorities in opposition to Municipal custody of Chinese prisoners. It is decided, in reply, to state that the Council is of opinion that no good object will be served by the formation of additional prison accommodation in the Settlement, to invite the leaders of the movement or Committee to inspect the Municipal Jail at any time convenient to themselves, and finally, to state that if so large a sum of money as they mention is available for philanthropic work in this connection, the Council will have pleasure in indicating how it may be applied to the best advantage.

✓ Brothels — Letter from Messrs Scott and Carter is read having reference to a petition received by themselves as agents for the owners of Cadasthal lot 1990 E. (Messrs Li Piva and Wong Jung-ten) in regard to the disreputable character and habits of the tenants of this property, many of whom are pimps.

The Chairman states that the details of this case have been communicated to the Senior Consul, who has promised to address Mr Piva personally in the matter.

A second case in which the acting Italian Consul has intervened has arisen at No 578 Tiendong Road, and the Council is informed that Messrs Scott and Carter are unable to obtain the writer of a disorderly prostitute from the premises since she claims Italian Consular protection. The Chairman states that Mr Piva personally undertook to remove her on the 22nd instant, and that the Senior Consul will address him on this point also.

✓ Alhambra — A letter from Mr F. L. Heffer is read forwarding a copy of certain correspondence between residents in the Sicauei Road and the Italian Consul General on the subject of the nuisance which this establishment constitutes to the residents in its neighbourhood. The Council is prepared to acquiesce in the request that the proposed prosecution of the Alhambra shall be conducted by the Police, under the direction of the Legal Advisers, with whom Messrs Drummond White Cooper and Phillips, representing the petitioners, will co-operate.

✓ Lease — Noting that the applications for lease from the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Superintendent of the Jail

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cover the same period in respect to the fortnight beginning on the 12th August, the Council records the opinion that in the absence of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, the two officers concerned ^{should} not be away from Shanghai at the same time. Decision in this matter is left in the hands of the Watch Committee.

Boycott of American trade— The Chairman states that he has information to the effect that there are signs of disturbance as a result of the Chinese agitation on this subject, which take the form of threatening letters, inflammatory leaflets, removal of posters, and projected meetings of the coolie classes. He recommends that the attention of the Police be called to the matter, and that the Captain Superintendent be directed to report to the Watch Committee any such matters coming within his observation.

Recess— Having reference to the approaching departure from Shanghai of many members of Council, it is decided to hold no further meeting for a period of three weeks i.e. until the 16th proximo.

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

W. J. Fresson
Acting Secretary

F. Anderson
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23
Niangse Road Shanghai on Wednesday August 16th 1905 at 4.30 p.m

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
H. de Gray
F. G. Steffer
O. Meiser and
Acting Secretary

Absent

W. J. Fresson
C. L. A. Burg
J. Hiddell
D. S. Little
W. A. C. Platt

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports—The following are submitted

Fast Superintendants' for July

Health Officer's for July

General Municipal Rate Notice, June Quarter.

✓ Mixed Court—The Council is informed that no application has yet

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been received in respect to the building operations within the Mixed Court compound, and, since it is understood that the Senior Consul has obtained the Tactai's assent to comply with this formality, it is decided to address an unofficial note to Dr Kusappe informing him of the omission, and further stating that the buildings in progress are not being constructed in accordance with the Building Rules. No concrete has been placed under the floor, for which identical offence the Magistrat has imposed fines of \$100 on other contractors during the past two weeks.

1 Boycott of American Trade—The Chairman has information to

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the effect that instructions have been sent from Peking to the Viceroy that the movement be suppressed, and the Council is assured that every possible step to this end has been taken by the Consular authorities concerned. From Police reports submitted it appears that the strictest watch is being maintained over all public meetings held in connection with the boycott, but that up to the present no sign of disorder has appeared; the leaflets and posters found in the Settlement have generally proved to be of an innocuous character.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee of the 14th instant are read and confirmed.

✓ Markham Road Bridge—Mr Meuser's suggestion is adopted that the raising of the bridge be carried two inches or more beyond the Harbourmaster's minimum, if possible, in the interests of the water borne traffic on the creek.

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✓ Yung Jem Pang—A further report by the Engineer on the proposal to culvert a section of this creek is submitted, and his recommendation is generally approved that it is preferable to remove the existing section of culvert adjoining Cadastral lot 2216 replacing it with a bridge, rather than increase its length in front of this lot. It is decided to erect a bridge at this point of sufficient width to coincide with the line of Road Extension 12.

- ✓ Public School for Chinese — The Chairman expresses the opinion that £63500 is an excessive sum to expend on the proposed dining hall unless the building is to form a permanent addition to the school. The wishes of the School Committee will be followed in the matter.
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- ✓ Short Leave — Having reference to the application of two assistants in the Engineers Department for short leave after respectively six and nine months service, the Works Committee expresses the view that Municipal Employees should not be granted leave, except upon medical certificate, during their first two years service. The Council endorses this view and records a decision in this sense noting that no order will be issued on the subject, since all short-leave requires special permission from the Committee concerned and is not the right of the Employee under the Standing Orders.
- ✓ Scavenging — Letter from Mr. Master is submitted accompanied by numerous Police statistics, and reports from the Engineer and Health Officer on the subject of the effect of the new system of scavenging in the Central District, which has now been in operation for six weeks. It is admitted that the collection by barrow has not proved entirely satisfactory up to the present, but the Chairman's motion is adopted that it is yet premature to adversely criticise the Health Department's arrangements, since a change of this description necessarily involves considerable difficulty, particularly in the purely native Quarter of the Settlement.
- ✓ Salvage of S.S. "Perak" — Report by the Fire Commission is submitted on the work done by the Municipal Float in preventing the loss of this steamer by fire, and the Council is informed that a claim of £640,000 has been forwarded to the agents, to represent the value of the float, the loss of which was risked in the transaction, with an addition representing the risk of life of the members of the Brigade.
- ✓ Alhambra — Documents in connection with the hearing of the case against the Alhambra Hotel in the Spanish Consular Court on the 8th instant are submitted, and the Council notes the dismissal of the petition. The Chairman has seen the American Consul General in the matter and received his assurance that when the registration of the proprietor of the building as an American citizen is completed, he will ^{after due consideration} take all necessary steps ^{in his power} to check the gambling, indecency and general disorder, which are notorious features in the present management of the establishment. Meanwhile it is decided to address the

the Spanish Minister in Peking in regard to the attitude of the Consul towards the hotel and to the breach of faith involved in his failure to carry out the assurance given to the Chairman in November last as to ^{of gambling} the suppression. It is understood that the Senior Consul has agreed to exert his influence in bringing the facts of the case to the knowledge of other members of the Ministerial Body.

Tramways

Two letters from Messrs Alfred Dent and Company and Messrs J.A. Thorrold and Company are submitted enclosing a draft form of agreement for the concession, and asking for certain facilities as to reciprocity with any tramway established in the French Settlement. It is decided to point out that a final letter from the Company accepting the Council's terms is necessary before any final agreement can be considered and to state that an arrangement with the French Tramway may be a matter for subsequent consideration, in the negotiation of which the Council will not impose any unreasonable restrictions.

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At the suggestion of Mr Meuser, it is decided to request that wood paving be laid in the section of the Canton Road between the Bund and the Kiangso Road, in substitution for the loop line involved in the original route near the Bund.

Secretariat

An application for one month's extension of leave without pay is granted to the Secretary.

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Volunteers

Letter from the War Office is read to the effect that permission has been granted to Colonel Watson to continue his service as Commandant of the ~~Force~~ ^{Corps} during an extended period of two years. This matter awaits further discussion on the return of the Officer concerned from leave.

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It is noted that during the absence of the Commandant the ~~Force~~ ^{Corps} is in charge of Captain Dordall and not Captain Trueman as previously stated.

Pork Dealers

Reply from the Senior Consul is read concerning in the advisability of cancelling the recent proclamation of the Mixed Court Magistrate on this subject.

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A further application for a monopoly of pig killing in the Settlement in return for an annual contribution of Rs 5000 is unreservedly refused.

Victoria Nursing Home

An application for leave by the matron extending over the whole of the month of September is submitted, together with

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with a report by the Health Officer recommending its refusal, on the grounds that he had repeatedly instructed the matron that leave should not be granted to nurses during this month which in Shanghai is usually considered most conducive to sickness. Considerable discussion ensued as to the tenure by Miss Campbell of her post as matron. Her treatment of the nurses under her control has never been such as to render them contented, as is shown by the fact that no nurse or probationer has entered upon a second agreement, preferring to return to England or embark in private practice. Her manner is unsympathetic and her dealings alike with doctors, patients and nurses are regarded as wanting in tact. The opinion of the members is unanimous that a change in the matronship would have a beneficial effect on the working and welfare of the Home. The Chairman of the Watch Committee undertakes to see the Health Officer in the matter and arrange with him the best means to adopt to this end, it being understood that the Council is prepared to liberally compensate Miss Campbell for the unexpired portion of her current agreement.

The Meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.

M. J. Jenson

Acting Secretary

F. Anderson
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23
Kiangoe Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 23rd August 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
A. de Bray
W. J. Jenson
F. C. Heffer
O. Meuser and
Acting Secretary
B. L. A. Shing
John Liddell
E. S. Little
W. A. C. Platt

Absent

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted

Engineer's report for July
 Cash Statement for the past week
 Return of prisoners apprehended
 Police Daily Reports

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Boycott of American Trade — The position of the Council vis-à-vis this movement is again the subject of considerable discussion, the instructions being re-affirmed that the Police keep the strictest watch for any instances of intimidation or rowdyism. It is understood that the Senior Consul has notified the Liaison of the danger which may arise due to the reluctance of the Chinese Officials to take any strong measure to suppress the boycott. Mr. Jenson advocates addressing a letter to the Consular Body in the matter, if only to record the fact that the Council's attention has been given to the present serious state of affairs. It is finally decided to be guided in this matter by word during the next few days.

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Alhambra — The Council is informed that no step has yet been taken by the American Consul General in regard to the hotel, and it is decided to write officially requesting, if the registration of the owner as an American citizen is completed, that he will as arranged take steps to abate the nuisance caused by the public gambling, noise and indecency of which complaint has been made.

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Victoria Nursing Home — Mr. Dr. Gray states that in consultation with the Health Officer, he finds that Dr. Stanley generally acquiesces in the advisability of making a change in the matronship. As a result of this interview a letter has been drafted conveying the Council's decision to Miss Campbell, but, at the suggestion of Mr. W. V. Drummond, who had been requested to convey this decision verbally in the first place, its despatch has been postponed until the end of the week. Mr. Jenson states that he is not assured that sufficient reason has been adduced for the proposed action which amounts practically to the dismissal of the matron without a hearing. After considerable discussion it is decided in the first place to afford Miss Campbell an opportunity of resigning her post.

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Tramways — Letter from Messrs Alfred Dent and Company and S.H. Shorrocks and Company is submitted, written as a result of an interview with the Chairman, and now finally accepting the concession upon terms generally regarded as satisfactory to the Council. The correspondence in this matter is ordered for publication and it is noted that no time will be lost in completing the final agreement.
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Mixed Court — The Chairman recounts at some length his interviews with the American Consul General, in respect to the attitude adopted by the American Assessor towards prisoners sentenced to the bamboo. It is noted that Mr Arnold has taken the unusual step of endorsing the charge sheet in several instances to the effect that such prisoners shall be released from the Court, after receipt of their blows, and that he had entered into an altercation with the Police Inspector on duty over this matter. It is decided to address the Senior Consul pointing out the desirability of unanimity of action on the part of the three Assessors, and to express to the American Consul the Council's regret that his Assessor should so far have gone out of his province as to take the course he did.
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Volunteers — Letter from the General Officer commanding the Troops in South China is read, containing a copy of a letter from the War Office stating that it is hoped that 12 pounder or 15 pounder guns will be available for the use of the Corps during this year. The Council's thanks will be duly conveyed for this communication.
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Sabage of s/s "Porlak" — Noting that Messrs Meyer and Company, agents of this steamer, have placed their case in the hands of Messrs Patrick Platt and Leisdale it is decided to refer the correspondence to the Legal Advisor with the request that the Council's interests may be duly protected.
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Evening Continuation Classes — Letter from the Chairman of the Public School Committee is read concerning in the view that these classes should be conducted under the School Organisation; stating also that in the Committee's opinion the cost should be defrayed by the students making use of the classes.
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Garden Bridge — The Chairman has had an interview with Mr C.W. Meach on the subject of the possibility of constructing this bridge in reinforced concrete, for the which he desires to submit plans for the Council's consideration. It is decided to take no action in the matter until receipt of Mr J.R. Harding's report on the draft specifications and conditions for the bridge.
- The Meeting

The Meeting adjourns at 7.20 p.m.

Anderson

Chairman

W. J. Fresson
Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23
Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday 30th August 1905.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)

W. J. Fresson

F. B. Heffer

C. H. H. King

E. P. Little

O. Meuser

W. A. B. Platt

Absent

H. de Roy

J. Kiddell

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted

Cash statement for the past week

Return of prisoners apprehended

Police daily Reports

✓ Mixed Court — With reference to the Council's letter to the Consular Body on the subject of the recent action of the American Assessor, the Chairman states that he has learnt from the Senior Consul that the course adopted by Mr. Rodgers has been taken under peremptory orders from Peking, from which course he does not see his way to recede. The Consular Body, however, concurring in the view that there should be no difference in the procedure under the various assessors, submits a draft reply suggesting that the Indian policeman now stationed at the Court be replaced by a foreigner, who will be directed to make weekly reports

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of all proceedings within the Court premises. If this course is followed, the Council sees no practical objection to the release of prisoners from the Court direct.

A report by the Chief Inspector of Police informs the Council of a case in which the Magistrate has without ^{warrant} and without the assistance of the Police arrested two women and detained them from the 20th to the 28th instant. Directions are given that the facts of the case be communicated to the Senior Consul with the Council's protest at the irregularity, and request for the release of the women.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 28th instant are read, and with reference thereto:-

Outside Roads.—The Council desires to see a plan of the new road after they are laid down and before any final arrangements for purchase are concluded, with special reference to foreign registered lots adjoining or adjacent to the new line.

Public Garden.—The Chairman is opposed to erecting the new gate in the position suggested, and, after some discussion it is decided that the entrance should preferably be on the Round corner, and that the position of the Memorial should not be materially altered, though for the convenience of traffic it might be set back a few yards from its present position, or included in a scheme for a new gate-way.

The Question of the lighting of the garden will upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, remain in abeyance until the return from lease of the Electrical Engineer

Victoria Nursing Home - Change of Matron.—The Chairman states that

at an informal meeting between the members of the Watch Committee Messrs Drummond, Hunter and himself, the Question of Miss Campbell's retirement was discussed at considerable length. Miss Campbell has recognised that no good purpose will be served by a formal enquiry into the Council's reasons for demanding her resignation, which she is therefore prepared to submit on certain terms. In regard to the amount of the gratuity to be paid it had been agreed to suggest for the Council's favourable consideration, its increase to £1000, together with the sum at the matron's credit in the Superannuation Fund. It now appears that Mr Drummond has informed Miss Campbell that these terms have been finally approved by the Council, and, though the opinion is general that the amount

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Boycott of American Trade — amount is excessive, the issue is sanctioned for the foregoing reason. Referring to the proposals of the delegate of the Peking Board of Commerce for the settlement of the question of American goods purchased or contracted for previous to the date fixed by the Boycott leaders, as set out in the "North China Daily News", the Chairman expresses the view that the system of offices to be established is likely to develop into a permanent charge on foreign trade, and that the matter is one for immediate and vigorous protest. After considerable discussion Mr. Gosson undertakes to bring the matter to the notice of the Chamber of Commerce, within whose province it is held more properly to lie.

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Public Swimming Bath — A letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read, containing a proposal that the Council should allot a site in the Hongkew Recreation Ground for a public swimming bath, and offering a grant of £5000 towards the cost of the building. The proposal generally commends itself to the members, and directions are given for the selection of a site and the preparation of plans and estimates. The whole cost of the building should not exceed the sum of £8000, that is to say an allowance of £5000 will be required in the Budget for 1906.

Japanese judicial proceedings — Having the report of a case in which it is stated that certain Japanese criminals are proceeding to Nagasaki for trial, the Chairman has called on the Acting Japanese Consul General and obtained from him an assurance that if this course is found necessary under Japanese law, a full report of the further proceedings in Japan will be obtained for the Council's information. It is decided to address a letter to Mr. Matsushita in confirmation of this arrangement, and to ask that he will adopt the same course in respect to the case known as the "Scott Road Murder".

The Meeting adjourns at 6.50 p. m.

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Chairman

M. Gosson

Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Exchange Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday 6th September 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

- M. M. F. Andersen
- F. de Gray
- W. J. Giverson
- B. L. H. H. H. H.
- E. J. Little
- O. Mearns
- F. B. Steffen
- J. K. Little
- W. A. G. Platt

Absent

The Chairman calling the meeting is taken as read
 The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the
 Chairman and passed for publication
 Departmental Reports: The following are submitted
 Summary of Revenue for August
 General Municipal Rate (Foreign) June Quarter
 Bank Statement for the past week
 Return of prisoners apprehended
 Police daily reports

Victoria. Nursing Home: Change of Station. Letter from Miss Campbell

is submitted, conveying her resignation from the 30th inst.
 which it is formally decided to accept in terms of the draft
 letter already arranged by the Chairman with the Government
 Thereby a gratuity of £1000 will be issued in lieu of, and
 not in addition to, the amount of her credit in the
 Superannuation Fund.

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Boycott of American Trade

The Chairman states that a letter has
 been addressed by the Chamber of Commerce to the Secretary
 Council in regard to this movement, which however, so far
 as he knows, has very largely subsided. It is noted that
 no official statement has been made lately in accordance
 with the Imperial List, a point which should be raised by
 the American Consul General, in communication with the
 Council.

Mixed & Pure

With reference to the case of illegal export of gun
 powder, a further police report informs the Council that
 one of the women who was retained has committed
 suicide. It is decided to address a second letter to the
 Council.

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appears that foreign journalists have taken up their residence in San José, Costa Rica. The Government states that the

the Western District from this report submitted it

him is infer that no further action by himself is called for

to that effect will be made to the Spanish Minister, leaving

when the case is finally settled, an information by telegram

cannot be understood, but the Government undertakes to say that

opinion of the members that an official letter of this description

Belgian Consul has approved or similar view. It is the

letter to the Spanish Minister, and it is understood that the

of the settlement of the Calandino case shall understand the

from the Ministry expressing the wish that the Council, in view

from Mr. Messer states that he has received a communication

is forward such a warrant for use on the 15th instant.

to be taken. It is therefore decided to require the Consul General

American and Spanish Consulate in necessary regard any objection

and that a properly drawn warrant, countersigned by the

members and the document is insufficient for practical purposes

then bringing after the 15th instant. It is the opinion of the

passed by the Council Body authorizing the office to close

The Council General forwards a certified copy of a resolution

citizen consent.

accept authorization before Mr. F. Hagberg, if the agents of the

knowledge of the legal adviser, who will be authorized to

understand, and it is decided to leave the matter in the

only. The members generally regard the Council's offer as

Ministerial floor was performed in the execution of its public

Mr. Messer is asked to hold the view that the work of the

heard before the Belgian, acting in the Dutch, Consul and

world litigation in this matter, since the case would be

opinion of the legal adviser, the Council will do well to

Belgians acquire the owners of the ship and cargo. In the

action in the Council on by the members of the first

the sum of \$10,000 in full settlement of all claims

is read to the Council's claim against the steamer, offering

The reply of Messrs. Fisher, Platt and Tereza

been received.

at the time, in regard to which no official letter has yet

and pressing for the immediate foreign police supervision

Senior Consul on this subject, informing him of the facts,

Brooklyn

Alhambra

Salvage of S/S "Bertha"

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American Consul General has undertaken, upon the names of the women being furnished, to secure their removal.

✓ Construction of New Roads — The Council is informed that no reply has been received to the letter addressed to the proposer and seconder of the resolution on this subject passed at the Special meeting of ratepayers and it is decided to address them again in the matter, enquiring what steps are being taken by the Special Committee appointed to consider the proposed new Land Regulation V.C.

✓ River Police Prisoners — In regard to a recent case where a prisoner taken into custody by the River Police was sentenced to three weeks imprisonment, and thereafter detained in the Court cells, the Secretary is directed to see the Commissioner of Customs in the matter, and arrange if possible for the treatment of River Police prisoners in the same manner as those arrested by the Municipal Police.

✓ Spanish Registration of Chinese — A report by the Engineer is submitted in allusion to the practice of the Spanish Consulate of registering land in the name of Chinese subjects under alleged Spanish protection, and a form of such protection certificate is submitted for the Council's information. The opinion is expressed that this matter is one for the Council's intervention, but discussion is postponed until the settlement of the "Alhambra" case is assured.

✓ Public Library — The Chairman states that an informal proposal has been made for the amalgamation of the Royal Asiatic Society's library and museum with the Public Library, in a building to be erected by the Council on the site of the Society's present premises in the Museum Road. Mr. Little enquires whether the Council would be prepared to accept a grant from Mr. Carnegie, similar to those made in other parts of the world to this end, and offering to address him in the matter. After some discussion it is decided that, on receipt of the terms upon which the grant will be made, the Council will favourably consider the same.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

J Anderson
Chairman

W. Morrison

Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No. 23
 Nungsoe Road Shanghai on Wednesday the 13th September 1905 at 3.0 p.m.

Present

F. Anderson (Chairman)
 H. de Gray
 W. J. Grosson
 C. L. H. Hurg
 J. Kiddlell
 P. P. Little
 O. Mauser and
 Acting Secretary
 F. C. Heffer
 W. A. C. Platt

Absent

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports: The following are submitted

Last Superintendants' for August
 Cash Statement for the past week
 Return of prisoners apprehended
 Police daily reports.

Salvage of "Perlat" — A further communication from Messrs Stokes Platt and
 Seedale on this subject is submitted by the legal Adviser, in
 which on behalf of Messrs Meyer and Company, they refuse
 either to increase the offer of £10,000 or to submit the
 case to arbitration. The Chairman is of opinion that the
 Council's claim is an extremely reasonable one, and that it
 would be an undignified proceeding to accept without demur
 one-fourth of the amount claimed. After some further discussion
 it is decided to institute proceedings in the Dutch Consular Court

Alhambra. — The Senior Consul has called on the Chairman in
 this matter and stated that if a search warrant is presented
 for countersignature at the American Consulate, Mr Rodgers
 will sign it; he has reason to believe that Mr del Castillo
 will adopt the same course. Directions will accordingly be
 given to the Police in this sense.

Garden Bridge — In regard to the boring operations now in progress, Mr
 Little is of opinion that they may, with general advantage to the
 settlement, be continued to a lower depth than 200 feet. The Council

is informed that the Engineer will make recommendations in this matter provided the work of the Contractor is found to be satisfactory. In this connection, the Chairman states that it may be necessary to telegraph to Mr. Mayne to defer his return to Shanghai, if it is considered advisable that he personally submit the result of the borings to Sir John Wolfe Barry. This matter will receive the attention of the Works Committee.

✓ Tramways — The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramway Committee of the 11th and 12th instant are read, and the Chairman lays considerable stress on the point which has been raised as to the term of the agreement for the supply of power. He states that it never occurred to him that, subject to revision of rate every five years, the contract for the supply of power was anything else than co-terminus with the main Tramway Agreement, a view in which the members unanimously concur.

✓ Mixed Court — Letter from the Senior Consul is read on the subject of foreign supervision at the Court, in terms of the draft already approved by the Council. Mr. de Gray states that arrangements have already been made for the stationing of a foreign sergeant in the Court, the post being filled in watches of eight hours on the system in force in the Station Charge Rooms. Noting the satisfactory solution of this important question the Council, after some discussion, authorises the publication of the whole of the correspondence on the subject.

In regard to the weekly report required by the Consular Body, the Watch Committee will give the matter attention at its next meeting.

✓ Policing of outside districts. — Reply from the Senior Consul is read to the Council's letter on this subject, in which exception was taken to the verdict of the Spanish Consul delivered in the "Alhambra" case. The Council regards the statement that Police measures are valid provided they are approved by the Consular Body as open to objection, and it is further noted that the present Consular attitude towards the matter differs widely from that imputed by the former Senior Consul in his despatch of the 22nd October.

✓ Fire Brigade — The Secretary of the Fire Commission notifies the Council of the names of the firemen entitled to receive the Annual Company Cups for the best attendance during the year ending 31st July last as follows:—

C. C. Dunman

Moh-hoo-long

L. N. Wienberg Singew
 P. B. May Deluge
 P. Verne Le Tourne
 W. F. Fitzgibbon Victoria's.

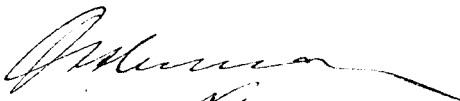
He further states that the following Officers have qualified for the long service medal

R. J. Primmer
 A. H. White } Deluge 1900.
 J. A. J. Thomas }

An application for six months' leave of absence for Mr. Richwell, Chief Engineer, is submitted and approved.

Sanatorium at the Saddles — An application had been made to the Chairman by Mr. H. Morris, associated with the firm of German doctors, in respect to a sanatorium to be established at the Saddles Islands in connection with the organisation of the Victoria Nursing Home. The matter will receive the attention of the members hereafter, and when more definite proposals are made.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.


 W. J. Fresson
 Acting Secretary
 W. J. Fresson
 Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Kiangoo Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday 20th September 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

<u>Present</u>	M. M. O. Meuser (Chairman) A. de Gray W. J. Fresson F. C. Heffer C. L. H. Jung J. Kiddlell and Acting Secretary
<u>Absent</u>	F. Anderson P. S. Little W. A. C. Platt

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports: The following are submitted

Statements of departmental expenditure to the 11th instant

Cash statement for the past week

Return of prisoners apprehended

Police daily reports

The Minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 18th instant are read and confirmed. With reference to

Police Badges of Rank. — Some discussion ensues and the matter is finally left for the Watch Committee to make a definite recommendation therein.

Alhambra. — The reply of the Spanish Minister in Peking has been

circulated to members, and it is noted that the statement by Mr del Castillo quoted therein, that the club established on the upper floor of the building did not fall within his jurisdiction, differs from that communicated by Mr del Castillo to the Council in October of last year. It is decided in reply, to thank Mr de Cácer for the attention he has given to the subject and to point out this discrepancy; also to inform him that, as a result of the action of the Consular Body, the building has been closed and an auction sale held of its contents.

Volunteers. Light Horse — An application by Lieutenant Dyer for eight months leave of absence is submitted and approved.

Cadastral Office — As a result of an enquiry by Mr W. M. Dowdall it appears that the Portuguese Consular Land Office has registered title deeds up to and including Nos 18 and 19, whereas the Cadastral Office has received official notice of no more than the lots numbered 1 to 6. It is decided to address the Portuguese Consul General in the matter, pointing out that, apart from the general question of keeping the Land Register up to date, lots not officially notified are escaping taxation, and asking that he may be good enough to comply with the arrangement on this subject made with the Senior Consul in 1900

Japanese Judicial Proceedings — Noting a recent case where certain Japanese were convicted of the illegal detention of a coolie and thereafter dismissed with a caution, the Secretary is directed to see Mr Matsushita in the matter and enquire whether more stringent measures may not be taken in future

to

to deal with offences of this character.

1 / Failure of Electric Light — Reports by the Electrical Engineer are submitted attributing the failure of the electric light during the past week to the fact that the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company have been unable to continue the supply of suitable coal under their contract. The Council notes the special steps taken for keeping up steam pressure, a matter which will form the subject of a report to the Electricity Committee at a later date. In the meanwhile, Mr. Aldridge's proposal to publish a statement of the reasons of the failure of supply is negatived. Some discussion ensued on the fact that the "North China Daily News" has already had notice of this matter from the Electrical Engineer, which action is at variance with the Council's instructions issued in January last. The Chairman states that the information was given in the course only of a casual conversation, and it is therefore decided to take no further step in the matter.

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1 / Lead Horses and Ponies. — A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police is read, suggesting an addition to the present traffic regulations that horses and ponies be led against and not with the traffic in all public roads. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, this suggestion is adopted, the larger livery stables to be notified of the change.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.10. p.m.



Chairman

Mr. Erson
Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Kiangoc Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday 27th September 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M. O. Member (Chairman).
 A. de Gray
 W. J. Gosson
 F. B. Heffer
 Ch. H. Hurg
 J. Hiddell
 E. S. Little
 Acting Secretary
 F. Anderson
 W. A. B. Platt

and

Absent

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted

Cash statement for the past week
 Return of prisoners apprehended
 Police daily reports

Japanese Judicial Proceedings — The Council is informed that the Japanese Consulate was unable to impose any punishment in the case of illegal detention recently under notice, in the absence of any formal charge, and the complainant having refused to appear in Court.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 26th instant are read and in reference thereto,

Public Garden lighting — Some doubt is expressed as to the accuracy of estimates showing an 80% excess in the cost of electricity over gas, and the Chairman undertakes to go further into the figures before a final decision is recorded.

Borings — Upon a show of hands, it is decided not to undertake borings to a greater depth than 200 feet, as arranged in the contract with Mr. Chiekiichi Mans. The members are of opinion that the expenditure of \$2000 on this work is unwarranted in view of the present numerous calls on the public funds.

Garden Bridge — Some discussion takes place as to the responsibility for the mistake in the calculations for the new bridge, the
 Chairman

Chairman pointing out that the Acting Engineer had no part in the original calculations, and that the present corrected figures are the result of Mr. Godfrey's re-examination. The mistake, he states, was made by Assistant Müller, whose resignation has recently been accepted, and in whose work Mr. Mayne had implicit confidence. Mr. de Gray is of opinion that important calculations of this character should not rely for their accuracy on the work of one man only, and under the circumstances, it is decided that, on Mr. Mayne's return he be called upon for a full report on the incident, together with recommendations minimizing the probability of a recurrence.

Tramways

A letter from Messrs. Dent & Shorrocks has been received setting forth their views as to the term of the contract for the supply of power, but it is understood that since despatch of this letter, they have received telegraphic instructions from London to comply with the Council's request. A second communication may therefore be expected and in accordance with the wish of the representatives of the Company, it is decided to include the correspondence with the published minutes of the Council.

Mr. Lyjore School

An application from the Principal of this School is submitted for exemption from Municipal taxation, which it is decided as a general matter of principle to refuse. Mr. Little is in favour of issuing a Municipal grant to the Establishment, and the Secretary is directed to make enquiries as to the basis upon which the School is conducted, that is to say whether on charitable lines or otherwise.

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Sinking Fund

Noting that after payment of the balance of the General Loan of 1898, there will remain of the year's Sinking Fund appropriation an amount of £6,360 60, it is decided upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee to deposit this sum in the Hongkong Bank for one year at 5%.

Public School for Chinese

With reference to the vacancy in the Committee caused by the death of Mr. Chum Oi Ling, the School Committee recommends the appointment of Mr. Choo Wan Pang of the Chinese Telegraph Administration. Some discussion ensued upon the desirability of appointing the compadre of one of the larger foreign firms with a view to stimulating the interest of the native commercial classes in the School, at the conclusion of which Mr. Little undertakes to put this point of view before the

the Committee.

Spanish Registration of Chinese — The Council is informed that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Chinese in possession of a certificate of Spanish registration. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee it is decided to put the warrant into execution, leaving the question of jurisdiction for settlement between the Magistrate and the Spanish Consulate.

The Meeting adjourns at 5:55 p.m.

F. Anderson

Chairman

W. J. Mason

Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Kiango Road, Shanghai on Wednesday 4th October 1905 at 4:30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)

F. W. Steffer

C. H. Burg

J. Hiddell

E. S. Little

O. Meuser

W. A. B. Platt

and

Acting Secretary

H. de Gray

W. J. Mason

Absent

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports: The following are submitted

Cash statement for the past week

Return of prisoners apprehended

Police daily reports

Tramways — Noting some ambiguity in Messrs Dew & Shonock's letter of the 29th ultimo as to the Company's admission of the Council's powers

- posers to sell the Electric Light Works, it is decided to obtain an explicit assurance on this point, and to expedite the settlement of the terms of the agreement for the supply of power, so that the two contracts may be signed simultaneously.
- 1 / River Conservancy — A letter from the Senior Consul is read informing the Council of the signature in Peking on the 27th ultimo of the Whangpoo Conservancy Convention. A further despatch contains the text of the Convention, which is understood to be identical with that published in the "North China Herald" of the 10th March last, except in regard to minor details.
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- 1 / Garden Bridge — Copies of the report on this subject by Mr. J. R. Harding are in members hands, and the Chairman expresses the Council's appreciation of the valuable advice contained in this comprehensive document. The matter is referred to the Works Committee for report, with a recommendation that the design of the bridge be left to the discretion of tenderers, provision being made for a minimum span of 165 feet, and that the foundations as well as the structure be erected by the contractor.
- 9869
- 1 / Construction of New Roads — A letter from Mr. W. T. Drummond is read to the effect that the Special Committee of Ratepayers appointed to consider this question will address the Council on the subject at an early date.
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- 1 / Policing of Outside Districts — From a communication from the Spanish Consul to the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Council notes that all warrants for execution outside the limits of the Settlement, issued by the Spanish Consulate, have been withdrawn.
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- 1 / Explosive Mines — Having reference to the destruction of the 3/8 "Heich-ho" off Wei-hai-wai by an explosive mine on the 30th ultimo, Mr. Hiddell proposes that a letter be addressed to the Senior Consul on the subject, with a view to making representations in the proper quarter for clearing the seas of this source of danger. He considers that, by a system of rewards offered to fishermen on the coast much might be done with this end in view. Some discussion ensues as to the propriety of offering a contribution towards the cost of the work, but it is decided in the first place to do no more than request that the Consular Body will address the ministers in Peking in the matter.
- The Meeting adjourns at 6.10. p.m.
- Mason*
Chairman
- Fludersdy*
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 28 Kiangsoo Road Shanghai on Wednesday 11th October, 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)

H. de Gray

W. J. Frosson

O. Meuser

W. A. C. Platt and

Acting Secretary

F. G. Heffer

C. L. A. Young

John Hiddell

E. S. Little

Absent

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports: The following are submitted

Health Officers' for September

Port Superintendent's for September

Cash Statement for the past week

Return of prisoners apprehended

Police daily reports

The Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 9th instant are read and with reference thereto:-

Quint Landing Accommodation: The Chairman states that the question is one in which the co-operation of the Customs authorities is essential, and at his suggestion, it is decided to request a small committee, consisting of Messrs Frosson, Meuser, Buckland, Wheelock and the authorised representatives of the Customs Service, to go fully into the matter of pontoon accommodation and arrangements generally for the landing of passengers and cargo. The construction of a new pontoon will be deferred until this committee has reported, and until its report with any recommendations therein contained, has been adopted by the Council and by the Commissioner. It is also considered inexpedient to make any modification of the existing rules and licence conditions for cargo-boats at present.

James Bridge

Garden Bridge — On the proposal of the Chairman it is decided to offer Mr. Harding a fee of £500 for his report on this subject.

Human Road Widening — Having reference to Messrs. Ward Frost and Company's contention in the matter of payment for a footpath in this road, it is pointed out that the principle involved is identical with that now under consideration by a special committee of Ratepayers. Its discussion is therefore regarded as premature until the Committee's report is received.

Cliff-paved Margins — The Chairman states that since this method of road-paving was the particular work of Mr. Mayne it should not properly be abandoned during his absence; it is therefore decided to call for a further report on the subject on Mr. Mayne's return.

Engineers' Department Quarters — The Chairman makes allusion to the fact that under the scheme for villa residences approved by the Committee, houses are being erected at a charge to the public funds equivalent to £5 70 per mensium for employes entitled to no more than £5 40 as rent allowance; he is opposed to the policy of which this decision forms a part. Considerable discussion ensues, and it is decided eventually to proceed with the work in this case.

Road Extension 17.W. (Whenghi Road) — From a reply from the American Consulate on the subject of this road, the Council understands that the matter is still under discussion between the Consul General and the Tao-tai.

Gas Company's Agreement. — The opinion of Mr. W. J. Dillwin, forwarded by the London Agents, on the subject of the percentage of water-gas permissible in a local gas supply is submitted, together with a report by the Health Officer thereon. Dr. Stanley's recommendation to restrict by name not water-gas but carbon monoxide, the poisonous ingredient therein, to 12%, subject to periodical analysis, is approved upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee.

With regard to public notification of the poisonous properties, it is decided to convey the suggestion to the Gas Company and to put it into practice only with the Company's concurrence, since it might appear that the step was being taken in the interests of the Municipal Electricity supply.

Alhambra — The Captain Superintendent draws attention to the fact that

that the "Alhambra Hotel" is being re-opened, and it is understood that the hotel is under complete Spanish jurisdiction both in respect to the ownership of the site and the management of the building. The Council has no objection to this proceeding, provided that there is no evidence of public gambling, indecency or disorder.

The Meeting adjourns at 6:40 p.m.

Myerson
Acting Secretary

Flunder
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No. 23
Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday 18th October 1905 at 4:30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
St de Gray
W. J. Frason
F. G. Heffer
C. J. A. Shurg
John Hiddell
B. S. Little
O. Meuser
W. A. G. Platt and
Acting Secretary

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

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted
Engineers for August & September
Customs, Sanitary Station, September Quarter
Cash statement for the past week
Return of prisoners apprehended
Police daily reports.

✓ Gas Company's Agreement — The Council is informed that Mr. Hogg has requested that the question of limitation of water-gas remain in suspense pending the receipt by the Company of a second report of opinion, which their Engineers

now

now on leave, has been instructed to obtain.
 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Watch Committee of the 17th instant are read, and confirmed.

Special Rewards — Mr De Gray states that Inspector Mr Dowell has refused acceptance of the Council's letter of thanks in a manner which is not to his credit, and has further stated his intention to forward his resignation. The Council does not regard this action in a serious light, and Mr Platt undertakes to see Inspector Mr Dowell and endeavour to conclude the incident in a satisfactory manner.

Victoria Nursing Home and Municipal Hospital — Some discussion ensues upon the Committee's proposition in respect to the control and management of these institutions, the Chairman alluding to the fact that the Municipal Hospital being concerned wholly with the prevention and isolation of infectious disease, its administration is closely interwoven with the general work of the Health Department; its separation therefrom is thus a matter requiring grave and careful consideration.

The Mixed Court, Road to the Hills &c. — The Chairman states that the Senior Consul has laid before him a scheme communicated through Mr W. F. Drummond, whereunder the Tao-tai proposes the following compromise in regard to matters now in dispute between the Council and the Chinese authorities: (i) that the Council shall construct the Road to the Hills at the Tao-tai's expense; (ii) that the tax on sedan chairs shall be abolished; and (iii) that the Police Sergeant shall be removed from duty at the Mixed Court, his place being taken by a Consular employe charged with witnessing the administration of punishments.

Mr Knappe points out that if this proposal is refused it is possible that when these various questions are referred to Peking the decision will be against the Council on all counts. The members regard the first two suggestions as acceptable if a sufficient *quid pro quo* be conceded, but the third, relating to the Mixed Court, is considered entirely impossible of acceptance. The function of the Consular assistant would indubitably resolve into a mere formality, and bona-fide foreign supervision of the Court would again be lost.

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Under the circumstances, therefore, the Chairman is authorized to state that the Council will give an unequivocal refusal to Mr Drummond's suggestion if formally made.

In the course of the discussion, it is stated that a large part of the opposition to the presence of the Police sergeant in the Court is due to the fact that his uniform gives him the appearance of dominating the proceedings; the Council would be prepared, in case of need, to assent to this duty being performed in plain clothes.

✓ Borings — A second application from the Engineer on this subject is submitted suggesting that the Council defray half the cost of sinking a hole 500 feet deep, the balance being obtained by private subscription. Upon a show of hands this proposal is negatived.

✓ Case of Mr Furham — Noting this ratepayer's contention in regard to the assessment of his horse, it is decided to take legal advice as to the Council's right to assess premises upon which there is a formal, friendly or bogus lease.

✓ Engineer's Department Quarters — A memorandum is submitted containing the suggestion that with a view to making the fullest use of the available site in the Avenue Road, it might be advisable to erect a building of three storey in flats, and it is decided to call for estimates therefor before work on the villa residences is begun.

✓ Kiangse Road Widening — Mr Iverson's refusal to reduce his claim for compensation for the strip of Cadastrial 40-17 is submitted, and after some discussion, it is decided to refer the case for settlement by the Land Commission.

✓ Thomas Cranbury School — The Council is informed that the duties of Honorary Treasurer to the School Committee have been taken over by Mr R. Macdonald.

✓ Public School for Chinese — Upon the unanimous recommendation of the School Committee it is decided to request Mr Cho Hau-fong, Comproadre to Messrs Jardine Matheson and Company, to fill the vacancy in the Committee caused by the death of Mr Chum Oi-ting.

✓ Garden Bridge — With regard to the addition of 10 feet to the width of the proposed bridge, directions are given that the extra land for the approaches be scheduled on the west side.

Senior Consul

Senior Consul — The Chairman states that Dr. Knappe is shortly vacating his post, and that it may appear advisable to express the Council's appreciation of his public work by inviting him to an official dinner. The matter is left for further discussion hereafter. The Meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

Meuser
Acting Secretary

Fluders
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 25th October, 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M.M.

F. Anderson

(Chairman)

O. Meuser

H. de Gray

W. J. Gresson

F. C. Hoefler

Ch. H. Burg

J. Liddell

C. S. Little

W. A. C. Platt

Acting Secretary

and

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports: The following are submitted

Wharfage Dues for September Quarter

Summary of Revenue for September.

Engineers' Department Quarters — Noting the Engineer's estimate for the erection of a three-storey building in flats on the Avenue Road site at Rs 20,000, the Council finally approves the original proposal for two villa residences.

Senior Consul — A letter from the Senior Consul informs the Council that

that he has handed over charge to M^r Kleimnow, Consul General for Russia. Some discussion ensues as to the most suitable manner in which to express to M^r Knapp the Council's appreciation of his public services, and it is decided to formally invite him to an official dinner at the Shanghai Club. M^r Knapp's views will be consulted as to extending an invitation to the Shanghai Jootai and other Chinese officials.

1 Mixed Court — A letter from the Senior Consul is read in reply to the Council's proposal to enlarge the function of the Cadet charged with recording Police cases, to include civil suits also, and it is noted that in the opinion of the Consular Body, the step is inadvisable at present. The Watch Committee is of opinion that no innovation in Mixed Court procedure should under these circumstances be introduced at present, but, after some discussion, it is decided to direct M^r Fenton to attend all Police sittings at the Court and to inaugurate the registers and other books of record to which reference has already been made.

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1 Fire Brigade — The Council confirms the arrangement under which M^r J. W. Cameron, Senior Fireman, will act as Chief Engineer during the absence on leave of M^r Bidwell.

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A letter from the Fire Commission is read on the subject of the attendance of the Fire Float at vessels in the harbour requiring assistance, and the Council confirms the proposal made that, at the conclusion of the "Perlak" case, a definite scale of fees be drawn up by the Commission, approved, and published for general information. The members recognise that this scale must necessarily be a high one, since it is understood that insurance on the float cannot be effected at other than a prohibitive rate. In the case in point, that of the s.s. "Hawk" it is decided to present a debit note for £1,000. for services rendered.

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1 Volunteers — In respect to the extension of the service of Colonel Watson, and to the new rate of pay to be drawn by him, a misunderstanding appears to have arisen as to whether the increase shall take effect forthwith or at the conclusion of the first three years' tenure of his post, that is, in March next. The Chairman states that he has no recollection of any unusual arrangement having been suggested in this matter, and he undertakes to see Colonel Watson and point out to him that a modification of the terms of his engagement before its completion would be undesirable.

Scavenging

Scavenging

A report by the Engineer is read, containing the suggestion that the transfer of the work of collection of house refuse to the Health Department for the whole Settlement, be completed at the end of the current year with a view to making such reduction in the number of ponies obtained under the Horse Bazaar Contract as the terms of that contract allow. The matter is referred to the Watch Committee for discussion with the Health Officer, from whom particulars will be obtained as to the saving in cost already brought about and estimated to be secured by the change. It is understood that the ultimate aim of the Sanitary authorities is to prevent the deposition of garbage on the streets entirely, and the Council will be glad to learn what prospect there is of this desideratum being achieved.

Sikh Gurdwara.

The Council authorises the increase of the grant for the purchase of land for this institution to Rs 3,500, upon the understanding that a suitable lot is obtainable for that sum.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.10. p.m.

W. Meuser
Acting Secretary.

F. Anderson
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Jiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 1st November 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson

(Chairman)

O. Meuser

H. De Gray

W. J. Gresson

F. C. Heffer

Ch. H. Long

J. Liddell

E. S. Little

W. A. B. Platt

and.

Acting Secretary

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports:— The following are submitted:

Summary of Expenditure to the 16th ultimo.
Foreign Census Return

Senior Consul — At D'Knapp's request an invitation to the official dinner on the 2nd instant has been extended to the Shanghai Taotai, the Mixed Court Magistrate, and the Chinese Treaty Commissioners.

In regard to the report of the function, it is decided to call for the services of the reporter of the "North China Daily News", and thereafter to forward a corrected proof for publication by all of the daily papers.

Fire Brigade ¹⁰³⁴ — The offer of the agents of the s/s "Hauk" to arbitrate as to the charge to be made for the services of the Fire Float on the 14th ultimo is authorised for acceptance.

Volunteers ³⁵⁰ — The Chairman states that in an interview with Colonel Watson, he has arranged that the increase of salary authorised for issue upon the extension of that officer's term of service shall be with effect from the date of conclusion of his present agreement. He has also undertaken to record the Council's opinion that it would be reasonable to grant six months' leave of absence to Colonel Watson in the summer of 1907.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 31st ultimo are read and confirmed.

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Scavenging — The Chairman of the Committee states that it is thought desirable that the compulsory provision of receptacles for house refuse shall come into force from the 1st January next, and an admonitory notification will therefore be issued to this effect. He further adds that, in the Committee's opinion distinction should be drawn between house refuse and trade refuse, and that a scale of charges for the removal of the latter should be inaugurated. The Committee's recommendation on the subject of the transfer of the work of scavenging generally is carried upon a show of hands.

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Mixed Court - Case of Kidnapping. — A letter from the American Assessor is read on the subject of his attitude in this case, which, while expressing satisfactory general sentiments, is silent as to the merits or demerits of the case in point. In the opinion of the Council this letter exonerates M. Arnold from the charge of discourtesy, but on the subject of his assignment of the case to the Magistrate

Magistrate as though a civil suit, the Chairman undertakes to see the Consul General again, and to ascertain definitely the line of action he proposes to take towards cases of this character.

Pontoons and Jetties — The minutes are read of the meeting of the Special Committee appointed for the discussion of improved landing facilities on the Bund, and the recommendations therein contained are endorsed by the Council. The Secretary is directed to forward a copy for the formal approval of the Commissioner of Customs previous to publication. It is noted that the arrangements at present in vogue for small launches and sampans will not be affected by the changes which it is proposed to introduce.

Road Extension 17 W. (Chengtu Road) — A letter from the American Consul-General is read, from which it is understood that his negotiations with the Gaotai on the subject of this road have up to the present proved abortive. It is pointed out that if the Council's application on the subject of the creek to the west of Cadastral Lot 1965 has been formally communicated to the Gaotai, the Council may properly desire to be informed of the nature of his reply, and the Chairman undertakes to see Mr Rodgers in this matter also.

Telephones — Upon the recommendation of the Special Committee appointed to consider the question of the new agreement with the Mutual Telephone Company, it is decided to make a definite offer to the Company upon the lines of the original suggestion of the Chairman, viz: that scrip for \$50,000 be issued to the Council, in return for the granting of a monopoly to the Company's telephone system throughout the Settlement.

Casual Relief — At the suggestion of the Reverend Mr Walker, a proposal is approved whereunder temporary board and lodging for destitute foreigners will be provided by certain charitable organisations acting through a central agency at the Hongkew Police station. The necessary instructions are authorised for issue with a view to ensuring Police co-operation to the desired end.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.20. p.m.

W. J. ...

Acting Secretary

F. ...

Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 15th November 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
 H. de Gray
 W. J. Freason
 F. B. Heffer
 C. W. Sturg
 O. Meuser
 W. A. C. Platt and
 Acting Secretary

Absent

J. Hiddell
 E. S. Little

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports — the following are submitted:—

Health Officer for October
 Victoria Nursing Home for October
 Chinese Study for October
 General Municipal Rate - Native, September Quarter
 Native Census Return
 Cash Statement for the past week
 Return of prisoners apprehended
 Police daily reports

✓ Fire Brigade — In regard to the s/s Frank's arbitration, the name of Mr F. Hagburg Consul General for Sweden & Norway, is proposed by Messrs Sander Wieler and Company, the agents of the steamer and accepted by the Council.

✓ Senior Consul — The press arrangements made at the dinner to Dr Knapp appear to have proved satisfactory, and, at the Chairman's suggestion, the opinion is recorded that the course adopted should be followed on future similar occasions.

✓ Mixed Court - Case of Kidnapping — The Chairman states that in an interview with the American Consul General, he explained at considerable length the conditions under which all Police or Criminal cases are heard before an Assessor, an arrangement made

made in the best interests of the Chinese residents and confirmed by many years usage. Mr. Rodgers has promised to give the matter his careful attention, whereafter he will communicate officially his decision with respect to the action of the American Assessor of which complaint has been made.

Road Extension 17 W - Chingtu Road — On this subject Mr. Rodgers explained his disinclination to take any active share in a discussion with which his connection is merely a formality; it is therefore decided to ask no more than that a copy of the Taitai's reply to the application to culvert the creek within the road line be furnished for the Council's information.

Alhambra — Inasmuch as no reply had been received to the Council's second letter to the Spanish Minister on this subject, it is decided to publish the correspondence for record as it stands. The Chairman observes that if certain statements as to the resumption of public gambling are true, it may become necessary to address a communication on the subject to Madrid.

Path at Jessfield — Letter from the Legal Adviser is submitted from which it is inferred that no useful purpose will be served by the institution of legal proceedings for the recovery of the path adjoining the Sochow Creek at Jessfield. It is therefore decided to address a final letter to Mr. Fogg, and, in the event of his continued rejection of the Council's offer, to publish the correspondence; the public need for the right of way involved may thereafter be expected to assert itself.

Advertising Boards — Some discussion takes place in respect to the applications of Messrs. A. F. Mink and Company and others, to erect boards and posters at various points in the Settlement. The recent decision as to bill posting in general is considered applicable, no restriction will at present be placed on the use of scaffoldings and temporary boardings for these purposes, and directions are given that every possible step be taken to discourage advertisements where they may be considered offensive.

Cemeteries — Application has been made by Mr. Suetlage for permission to erect a mausoleum in the Bubbling Well Cemetery for which purpose she requires sixty grave spaces and is prepared to pay the market value of the ground covered. The Council is of opinion that the public cemeteries should not be made use of for this purpose, in view of the

the limited space available and the heavy prospective cost of a new site when the Dabbling Well Cemetery, now rapidly filling, is complete. It is therefore decided that no more than four spaces shall be allotted to Mrs. Suetilage.

Ferry Road Extension — Letter from the Land Investment Company is submitted making certain proposals for the carrying through of this road between the Dabbling Well and Avenue Roads. The terms of surrender are not acceptable as they stand in view of the Council's declared policy in regard to the co-operation of land-owners in all capital expenditure of this description, but after some consideration and at the suggestion of Mr. Mauser a counter-offer is adopted whereby the Council will in return for a free surrender of the land required from the Company's holding, make up and metal a twelve foot strip of this section of the road, of a new forty foot cross road to connect with Extension North and of the latter Extension thence to the Avenue Road.

Pierria Stand at Shanghai Club — Upon the unanimous recommendation of the Watch Committee, the request of the Shanghai Club is granted that the stand in front of the Club building be reserved for certain better class vehicles provided under special supervision by the Butler. Some doubt is expressed as to the advisability of this step and it is sanctioned as a provisional measure only.

Enlistment of Indians — At the request of the Indian Government, communicated through H. M. Consul General the Council adopts a proposal for the enlistment of Indian Police in India instead of locally as heretofore. It is further decided to enlarge this branch of the Force in such a manner as to be able to provide watchmen for private farms, mills &c with a view ultimately of obtaining supervision and control over all Indians employed in this capacity in the Settlement. The details of the scheme are referred for amplification by the Watch Committee.

Gas Company's Agreement — As a result of a conversation with the Chairman of the Gas Company, and with the concurrence of the Health Officer, the limit of 15% of carbon monoxide is adopted for inclusion in the contract for the supply of gas in the Settlement, this somewhat higher limit being considered a reasonable safeguard in view of the Company's undertaking to conform to any legal restriction which may hereafter be imposed in England.

Case of Dr. Farham — Letter from the Legal Advisor is read to the effect that this ratepayer's liability to pay taxes on an assessed rental is dependant on the existence of a bona fide lease of his premises. It is decided to address a formal inquiry to Dr. Farham on this point.

Battle Lekin — From an announcement in the Shun-pao, and from enquiries conducted by the Health Officer, the Council learns that the Italian merchant Dezegri has been successful in obtaining from the Chinese Authorities the contract for the farming of lekin, ^{on cattle} imported from Tanyang, further that he proposes to make an inclusive charge of \$3 per head. It is decided to address a strong protest in this matter to the Senior Consul, pointing out the very unfortunate result which foreign intervention has brought about, and asking that the Tao-tai be called upon to adhere to the limit of 1800 cash fixed in June last. A copy of this despatch will be communicated for the information of the Italian Consul General.

Volunteers — At the request of the Commandant of the Corps an application will be made for the increase of the number of rounds of small arm ammunition imported annually under the Customs standing permit from 60,000 to 150,000.

Public Band — Directions are given that in addition to the weekly afternoon winter concerts in the Town Hall, the Band play dance music on a second evening weekly during the coming winter, preferably on Friday.

Public Recreation Ground — In reference to an enquiry from the Honorary Secretary a unanimous expression of the Council's opinion is recorded that it would be inadvisable to permit football to be played on Sundays on the Public Recreation Ground.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

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Chairman

M. Munson
Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Kiangse Road
Shanghai on Wednesday the 22nd November 1905 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)

H. de Gray

W. J. Frason

F. B. Fletcher

C. H. St. Aubert

E. S. Little

O. Meuser

(and)

Acting Secretary

Absent

John Hiddell

W. A. W. Platt

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read

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

Departmental Reports:- the following are submitted

Engineer's report for October

Cash statement for the past week

Return of prisoners apprehended

Police daily reports.

Fire Brigade — The Council is informed that Mr Hagberg declines
to serve as arbitrator in the case of the s/s "Hank" on the
grounds of ill health, and that Messrs Sander Weiler and
Company have accepted the nomination of Mr F. P. A. Bourne
A. M. Assistant Judge.

Mixed Court - Case of Kidnapping — No communication having been
received from the American Consul General in this matter,
it is decided to address an unofficial note to Mr Rodgers
asking that it may have his attention.

"Alhambra" — Police reports are submitted from which the Council
learns that the public gambling table is in full operation
at the Alhambra Hotel; the violence, however, being still
incomplete, it is decided to defer the publication of the
correspondence with the Spanish Minister for one week.

Vote at Jessfield — Mr Meuser dissenting from the decision to address Mr Hogg
on this subject in the terms of the letter submitted in draft, but
upon

upon a show of hands, his view is overruled.

Case of Dr. Farnham — The evidence of lease furnished by Dr. Farnham is, in the opinion of the Legal Adviser sufficient to justify his claim to pay taxes on the low rental of \$40 a month. This rate will therefore be accepted until the next Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, when the wording of the resolution as to raising of means will be so amended as to meet cases of this description.

Cattle Levies — The Chairman states that Messrs Piva and Demegri have called upon him in this matter, and that he has informed them that in the Council's opinion their action is likely to have results highly prejudicial to the interests of the Ratepayers, and further, that the course adopted by the Italian Consulate in supporting the claim to levy \$3 per head as levied on imported cattle in the face of the decision of the Consular Body to accept the 1800 cash rate fixed by the Treaty, is little less than an outrage. Directions are given that every assistance possible be rendered to the butchers and cattle dealers in resisting the increased levy.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 20th October are read and confirmed. With reference to the Alleyway off Ghongli Road — Mr. Manson will give the matter further consideration.

Breach of Building Rules — In this connection a note from the Engineer states that the promise of Mr. P. P. Little to fulfill the provisions of the rule relating to concrete, at his residence in the Jordan Road has not yet been complied with.

Cemeteries — Discussing the question of divided responsibility for the work of Municipal coolies in the Cemeteries, the Council records the view that since the gardening operations therein require no particularly skilled work, they should form part of the general supervision and control of the Cemeteries. By this means the entire responsibility will fall under the Health Department.

Japanese Judicial Proceedings — A letter from the Japanese Consulate is read enclosing a précis of the sentence pronounced in Nagasaki in the Scott Road Murder Case. It is noted that the criminal received two years' hard labour.

Tramways — A telegraphic request has been received through Messrs Alfred Dewar and Company for the Council's formal approval to the transfer of the benefits and obligations of the agreement with Messrs Prince Pebles and

and Company to the Shanghai Tramway Company Limited, and a reply has been sent to the effect that, in the absence of information as to the constitution of this Company, or as to the terms upon which the proposed transfer is to be made formal assent must be deferred.

Rabies

Messrs Keylock and Drake notify the Council of four recent cases of rabies in the Settlement and a report by the Health Officer on the subject mentions three further suspected cases. Upon Mr Starley's recommendation, it is decided by public notification in the foreign and native papers and reissued instructions to the Police to exercise the muzzling order with the utmost stringency. It appears that a very large number of dogs are still unlicensed for the current year, a matter to which the attention of the Captain Superintendent will be again drawn.

Jarden Bridge

The Engineer submits revised conditions and specifications for the three proposed new bridges over the Poochow Creek, prepared for issue to the public, Mr F. L. Little reports to the view that tenderers in Europe and America will be disinclined to undertake the work of laying foundations in a soil, and under conditions, of which they can have no experience unless exact plans and specifications are issued therefore, a view which is generally supported by the members. Inasmuch as the return of Mr Mayne is expected in the course of the next few weeks, it is decided to defer the issue of the notification on this subject.

Public School for Chinese

The minutes of the meeting of the School Committee of the 8th instant are submitted. Therefrom it appears that some difficulty has been experienced as a result of the action of the Headmaster, who has been accused by certain pupils of striking one of their number, and committing other acts of undue severity. Mr Little states that the matter has been settled by the Committee and that the incident appears to be terminated.

The small number of pupils, at present 115, is the subject of some comment, and the Council records the opinion that it may be advisable, in the School Committee's discretion, to adopt a lower scale of fees.

"Perlak" Case

The Chairman comments on the unusual delay in the settlement of this case, and it is decided to draw the attention of the
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legal advisers thereto, pointing out that the continued postponement of the final hearing is open to criticism.

Finance — Referring to the Council's application to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in regard to the issue of a sterling loan, the Chairman states that the recent appreciable rise in exchange has rendered the matter one for further consideration. He points out that the first payment in respect to the Council's allotment of Watsons's Shares, amounting to £4875 is due in December and his suggestion is adopted to settle the exchange for this instalment forthwith and to pay the amount from Municipal Funds on current account.

Engineers' Department Staff — On the proposal of the Chairman permission is granted to Mr. Hodgson, the Acting Engineer, to give expert advice to the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Company in regard to building in reinforced concrete.

Secretariat. — The Chairman reads a letter from Mr. Bland containing his request to be permitted to resign the post of Secretary to the Council. Recognising the propriety of the step contemplated by Mr. Bland in his own interest, he expresses the Council's regret at the loss of the services of an employe who has performed exceedingly good work for the public during the past two⁽⁰⁾ years. The members concur in the acceptance of this resignation with effect from March next, while such action as is necessary in connection therewith remains for further discussion.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

Henderson.

Chairman

Wasson

Acting Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the
29th November 1905. at 4.30 p.m. -

Present:-

M. M. -

F. Anderson, (Chairman)
H. De Gray,
W. J. Greison,
F. B. Heffer,
C. L. H. Iburg,
O. Meuser,
W. A. B. Platt and
Acting Secretary.

Absent.

John Liddell,
E. S. Little.

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted :-

Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

Mixed Court - Case of Kidnapping. - The reply of the American
Consul-General on this subject is read wherein, while
implying that future Police cases taken before the
American Assessor will be handled by him in the
regular manner, no specific statement on the point
is made, nor is there any allusion to the refusal
of Mr. Arnold to accept intimations as to irregularities
at the Court forwarded in accordance with the Senior
Consul's letter of the 30th August. Under these cir-
cumstances, no course remains but to lay a full
official statement of the facts before the American
Consul-General with the Council's request for a definite
reply, and instructions are issued accordingly.

"Alhambra". - Police evidence as to the continuance of public
gambling being still incomplete, the further postponement
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of the publication of the correspondence with the Spanish Minister is decided upon.

1. "Perlak" case. — The Council is informed that the adjourned hearing of this case in the Netherlands Consular Court is fixed for Saturday next. The Chairman states that the evidence to be taken thereat is of a formal character and that the case will be in the hands of Mr. Wright. He has received, however, Mr. McNeill's assurance that the summing up will be conducted by himself.

The Minutes of the meetings of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 23rd and 28th instant are read and confirmed.

1. Coal. — From information available, there appears to be little doubt that the present high price of coal will be maintained during the ensuing year, under which circumstances it appears to the Council probable that a corresponding increase in the charge for light and power is inevitable.

1. Visit to Works. — The Committee records its complete satisfaction with the condition of the Works, and with all the internal arrangements which have been made in the building.

1. Volunteers — Customs Company. — The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant Baker is submitted, and it is decided to convey to him the usual expression of the Council's thanks for his services.

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1. Tramways. — From further correspondence with Messrs Alfred Bent & Co. it appears that the assent of the Council is required to the transfer of the concession from Messrs. Bruce Peebles & Co to the Shanghai Electric Construction Company Limited. It is decided to reply, in accordance with legal advice submitted, that the Council has no objection to the assignment of the benefits of the agreement, provided the responsibility for the obligations of the firm thereunder remains unimpaired. Mr. Gressoni holds the view that the introduction of the Construction Syndicate is fraught with some danger to the public interest in this matter, but it is pointed out that under the agreement the Council has no control
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over any negotiations which Messrs. Bruce Peebles & Co. may desire to enter into for raising the capital necessary to put the concession into effect.

The correspondence in this matter is ordered for publication.

Finance — A letter from the Hongkong Bank is read informing the Council that their London Office is prepared to offer facilities for the floating of a Municipal Sterling Loan for £50,000 in bonds of £100 at an issue price of 98, with a 10/- stamp. The Council's thanks will be conveyed to the Bank for this arrangement, the Council regarding the terms offered as very satisfactory.

It is decided to defray the whole of the cost of the new waterworks shares from this source, and the arrangements for cancellation of the contract for £4875 at profitable rates for February are confirmed. The Council sanctions the transfer of the whole of the waterworks scrip to the Company's Sterling Register, noting that the dividends, which will be received in sterling, may be applied in payment of the interest on the sterling loan.

Ordure Contract — Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided to renew the contract of Mr. Chu Chi woo for a further period of two years in accordance with Clause 12 of his current agreement.

Municipal Dispensary — The Council notes from a report by the Health Officer that the arrangements for the Dispensary are now complete, and in accordance with Mr. Stanley's recommendation, directs that employes entitled to medicines shall obtain the same from this source from and after the 1st January next, instead of from the local chemists as heretofore.

Captain Superintendent of Police — An application from Captain Boisragon is read for increase of pay, rendered necessary by his straitened financial circumstances and by the fact that he is about to proceed on home leave with his family. The Council is opposed to any alterations in the terms of Captain Boisragon's agreement inasmuch as such a course could not be without ill effect on the Municipal Service.

service generally. After further consideration, however, it is decided to issue a bonus of £150 to this employé.

Cattle Lekin. — From reports in the native papers, it appears that the Italian Contract for the farming of Lekin on cattle, ^{imported into Shanghai} is being made effective by notifications from the Taotai to all the Lekin stations en route, that no cattle are to be allowed through the barriers except those provided with the Company's passes. Since no reply to the Council's application to the Senior Consul has been received, the Chairman has seen Mr. Kleimenow in the matter, who has undertaken to request the Taotai to defer official intervention in the matter until the Consular Body has had an opportunity for its discussion.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

Fluderstone

Chairman.

W. Larson

Acting Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 6th December
1905 at 4.15 p.m.

Present:

M. M.

F. Anderson, (Chairman)

H. De Gray

F. C. Heffer

C. L. H. Iburg

O. Meuset

John Liddell

Secretary

and

Absent

Absent.

M^r. W. J. Gresson
 W. A. B. Platt and
 E. S. Little.

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted. -

Electrical Engineer's report for October,
 Health officer's " " November,
 Summary of Revenue for November,
 " " General Municipal Rate, Foreign, Sept. Quarter
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

Secretariat. - The Council meets at 4.15 p.m. to discuss staff arrangements having reference to the Secretary's resignation. The Secretary attends at 5 p.m. under instructions. The Chairman then states, as a result of the Council's deliberation, that it is decided to accept Mr. Bland's resignation to take effect on the 30th March, and in recognition of his services, the Council has voted an honorarium of the equivalent of £1,000 exclusive of the amount standing to his credit in the Superannuation Fund. The Secretary expresses his thanks to the Council for its liberal action in this matter.

Mixed Court - U.S. Assessor - Referring to the minute of last meeting on this subject, the Chairman states that it does not exactly represent the Council's decision, it being the intention of the members to say that the Council assumed from interviews and unofficial correspondence which had taken place that Mr. Arnold would in future conform to the procedure enunciated by the Council Body and in accordance with the Council's request. The Secretary is directed to see Mr. Arnold and explain the Council's position with a view to obtaining, if possible, the necessary assurance. The Council's further instructions to the Police in regard to taking important cases before the U.S. Assessor will depend upon the result of this interview.

Waterworks

Waterworks Agreement.— An unofficial letter from the Chairman of the Company is read requesting that the Council should agree to hold its shares on the Shanghai Register instead of in London. The members concur in the view that this request may reasonably be complied with, provided it be arranged that the dividends can be remitted to London without loss by exchange.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Watch Committee of the 5th Instant

are read and confirmed. In regard to Mixed Court, the Secretary states that as a result of an interview with the German Assessor, it appears doubtful whether the latter will concur in the decision to abolish punishment by blows and cage in the absence of any instructions from the German Minister on the subject. There being good reason to doubt the issue of a genuine Edict on this matter, it is decided to communicate with Sir Pelham Warren and suggest that the question may receive further consideration.

Weekly Reports.— Instructions are issued that copies of these documents shall be regularly forwarded to the three Assessors.

Police at Court.— The Council is informed that the Chinese authorities have deputed a Runner to attend at the Central Station for the supervision of Police matters. This measure is evidently intended to be in retaliation for the Police supervision of the Court; the Council considers it advisable to express to the Magistrate appreciation of the intelligent interest thus shown in local administration.

Police Inspectors' uniforms.— The matter is left in abeyance until Mr. Gresson resumes attendance at the Council meetings.

Pay of Inspectors.— The Committee's recommendation in regard to the pay of 1st Class Inspectors of the Force of over five years' service in that class is approved.

Secretariat Staff.— In the absence of several members of Council, it is decided to postpone decision in regard to the appointment of Mr. Leveson and the publication of advertisement calling for applications for the post of Assistant

Assistant Secretary.

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"Alhambra" — upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, and after noting the Captain Superintendent's latest report on the gambling at this establishment, it is decided to publish the correspondence in full. At the same time, the Chairman undertakes to see the Senior Consul in the matter and to emphasize the Council's inability to suppress this nuisance, which should be a matter of immediate concern to the Consular Body.

House Allowances. — Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, as recorded in its last minutes, it is decided that hereafter rent allowances will be issued to Heads of Departments at a maximum of £6.100 per mensem and to their immediate subordinates at the rate of £6.75 per mensem on the understanding that the employes concerned shall in every case certify that these amounts are actually expended for the purpose of providing house accommodation.

Horze Bazaar Contract. — The Secretary points out that with the transfer of the scavenging work to the Health Department, the number of ponies required by the Engineer's Department, already reduced to 127, will be still less, and under the circumstances it appears to be unreasonable that the Council should continue to pay for the minimum number stated in the current agreement with the Horze Bazaar Company, namely, 150 ponies. After discussion, it is decided to address the Horze Bazaar Company pointing out the facts and requesting them to consider and state the conditions under which the company would be prepared to modify the agreement, so as to prevent this waste of the public funds. The Chairman of the Works Committee suggests that the work of scavenging should remain in the hands of the Engineer's Department for another year, but the members are opposed to this course.

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Jessfield Creek Pathway. — In the absence of any reply from Mr. Hogg to the Council's last letter on this subject, and understanding that he declines to answer, it is decided to publish the correspondence with the minutes of next meeting unless

unless in the interval the secretary shall be able to persuade Mr. Hogg to bund up his frontage at the creek and allow the public to use the pathway as heretofore.

1. Chinese classes - The Council authorises the engagement of the Rev. Mr. Silsby to undertake the half-yearly examination of the classes, and sanctions payment of a reasonable amount of remuneration for these services, say 25 Taels for each examination.

The meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.

John Liddell

Chairman.

John Liddell
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
no. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 13th,
December 1905, at 4.15 p.m.

Present -

M. M.

F. Anderson, (Chairman)

H. De Gray,

W. J. Gresson,

F. C. Heffer,

C. L. H. Iburg,

John Liddell,

O. Meuser,

W. A. C. Platt

and

Secretary.

Absent -

E. S. Little

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports— The following are submitted.—

Cash statement for the past week,

Return of prisoners apprehended,

Police Daily reports.

Waterworks Agreement.— The Company's letter of the 8th instant is read, containing satisfactory assurance in regard to the payment of sterling dividends in respect of the shares to be registered in Shanghai instead of in London.

Police Inspectors' Badges.— Mr. Gresson concurs in the recommendation of the Watch Committee, as recorded at last meeting.

Cleaning and Scavenging.— Mr. Heffer draws attention to certain unsatisfactory features in connection with the removal of garbage by the Health Department, and the Secretary is directed to obtain a report on the subject from St. Stanley.

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

Garden Bridge, some discussion takes place as to the possible liability of the Council in the event of the construction of the bridge being delayed and its completion not effected before the date for complete construction of tramways. The Council decides that it is inadvisable to call for tenders until Mr. de Rijke has formally approved the Council's proposals, and it is therefore resolved to telegraph to this gentleman and notify him of the urgency of this matter with a view to expediting his departure from Europe, if possible.

Ferry Road.— The Engineer has forwarded a supplementary report on this subject, and the Council approves the recommendations therein contained involving a total expenditure of Rs. 5,500 in consideration whereof the Council obtains land measuring now 8.3 for the purposes of this extension.

Secretariat.— Postponing discussion as to the appointment of the Secretary, the Council authorizes the publication of a notification calling for applications for the post of Assistant Secretary at a salary of Rs. 350 per mensem and quarters. The advertisement will state that the candidate should have a knowledge of Chinese.

Mixed Court.— The Chairman explains at length the position which has

has gradually developed since last Friday, in regard to the Mixed Court, and the action taken by the Chinese Authorities in regard to the women prisoners remanded in custody by Mr. Twyman on the 8th instant. The latest reports from the Detective Department are also read, giving details of public meetings held in the native city, and showing that a tone of increasing violence is being adopted by native agitators. He explains that in view of all the circumstances of the case, he has obtained the consent of the British Authorities to the retention of the "Bonaventure" in addition to two other ships of war in harbour; a course of action which the Council fully approves.

Referring to a meeting of the Consular Body on Tuesday, the results of which have not been officially communicated, the Chairman states that the attitude of the Consular Body was understood to be firm, and that the re-opening of the Mixed Court would be firmly insisted upon. This decision was intimated to the Taotai at a meeting between that official and a Committee of the Consular Body this morning, when the Taotai's attitude was obstructive and arbitrary in the highest degree. He declined to re-open the Court except under conditions which the Consuls could not possibly accept. Under these circumstances, the Chairman is extremely surprised to have received, just before the meeting of Council, a despatch from the Senior Consul intimating the decision of the Consular Body that the prisoners in this case be immediately and unconditionally released, and still more surprised to learn from a statement made by Mr. Kleimenow that the Consular Body has agreed to restore the custody of all women prisoners in future to the Chinese Authorities, if proper accommodation is provided for them at the Mixed Court. The Chairman's view of the matter, which is shared by the Council, is that responsibility for such acquiescence in the Chinese demands is tantamount to direct encouragement of disorder, which must have a prejudicial effect upon local administration. He expresses the opinion that the Consular Body has no authority under the Land Regulation to give such instructions and that the Council should not give effect thereto without attempting to obtain adoption

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of the regular procedure by release of the prisoners under order of the Court which remained there. In this case the members remain (Mr. Sturgis only dissenting from any application to the Executive Council) and it is therefore decided to address the Executive Council with a request that such form of authority be obtained. In the meanwhile, the Secretary is directed to endeavor, through the Police, to obtain list in the regular manner for the prisoners from the Executive Council, and the Council places on record the fact that this course would have been pursued with effect on Monday and the prisoners released, had it not been for the fact that the Executive Council-General declined to sanction such an arrangement on the grounds of its expediency.

The Chairman further explains that the action taken by the Executive Council is due to instructions conveyed by the British Minister to Sir Pellam to advise, Sir Pellam having been convinced by the view-point of the innocence of the prisoners. The Council, while recognizing the authority of the Executive Council, is unable to accept the manner in which it is thus exercised, and records the opinion that the result of this decision must be to aggravate the general situation, and needs a satisfactory settlement by the Executive Council as a matter of extreme difficulty. It is understood that Sir Pellam has also undertaken to write to the Governor and advise him of the above mentioned, holding him responsible for any consequences that may follow in a breach of the peace.

Some discussion takes place as to the legality of the action taken by the Police in arresting these prisoners, in the course of which the Chairman alludes to the fact that a warrant was issued in due form by the Court, and that the prisoners being originally in the custody of the Police, the subsequent disturbance can only be attributed to the Chinese Magistrate, who required the Police to surrender custody to the native runners. He also mentions the fact that the Commissioner of Customs has recently endeavored, under instructions, to suppress the kidnapping traffic to Canton but that the Shanghai Factor has acquiesced on one

one recent occasion at least in permitting stolen children to be taken from the port.

1 Floating Mines. - The Consular Body forwards the reply of the Diplomatic Body on this subject, which has been brought to the notice of the Chinese Government.

1 Jessfield Creek Pathway. - After some discussion as to the rights of the case and the advisability of publishing the correspondence, the Secretary is directed to circulate the letters for the Council's further perusal, so that the matter may be decided at next meeting.

1 Native Press. - The Secretary draws attention to recent articles in the native journals, one of which in particular in the "Universal Gazette," is calculated to incite the public to disorder, and he suggests that since, under existing conditions, prosecution at the Mixed Court is impossible, the Council should warn the editors of these papers that their publication may be stopped should they continue to offend in this manner. The Council is opposed to this course, and it is decided to write warning offending papers of the serious consequences of their action.

1 Fire Brigade. - A letter from Messrs. Sander, Wielor & Co is submitted requesting the Council to postpone the decision of the "Hauki" case pending the conclusion of that of the s.s. "Perlak", a proposal which the Council accepts. It is noted that a scale of fees will hereafter be introduced for the services of the fire float in such cases.

The meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.

Flanders

Chairman.

J. C. J.
Secretary.

At a Special meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Kiangse Road, on the 14th December, 1905, at 11.30 a.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson, (Chairman)
H. De Gray,
W. J. Gresson,
F. C. Heffer,
C. L. H. Iburg,
John Liddell,
O. Meuser,
W. A. C. Platt and
Secretary.
E. S. Little

Absent -

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Chairman states that the meeting is convened with a view to further discussion of the

Mixed Court Affair - The members will have noticed that the substance of the Senior Consul's despatch of yesterday's date, the contents of which were stated to be confidential and unknown to the Chinese community, has appeared in the "Shanghai Times", and inasmuch as its purport was known only to five members of the Consular Body, it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that one of these gentlemen, working in opposition to the Community's interests, has communicated the matter. He holds that protest should be made against this violation of the established understanding which makes correspondence between the Council and the Consular Body confidential until its conclusion.

By the publication of this despatch, the Chairman considers that the position is materially altered, and that no good purpose will be served by endeavouring to persuade the Consular Body to get modified instructions from Peking in regard to the release of the prisoners. Recapitulating the circumstances of the case, he points out that the prisoners would have been released some days ago had it not been for the expressed wishes of the British Consulate to the contrary; also that the general policy in reference to the custody of female prisoners

prisoners is one which originated with the Consuls, has been steadily maintained by them vis-à-vis the Chinese authorities, and has received the support of the Council in the interests of humane government. Mr. Troyman, in carrying out that policy, gave proper orders to the Police; the Consular Body are directly responsible for those orders, and it is therefore entirely unjustifiable that responsibility for the same should now be diverted to the Council. In surrendering the principle of Municipal custody of female prisoners, the Consular Body has stultified its own action and that of the Council, but the latter cannot accept responsibility for such action.

He notes that Sir Ernest Satow's decision, upon which the prisoners are released, is based on the ground that the Municipal Council have committed an error in this case, and he therefore recommends that the Council comply with this Consular Body's request and release the prisoners forthwith, but that at the same time, a reply be forwarded to the Senior Consul setting forth all the facts of the case, pointing out the probable consequences of the Consular Body's action and declining as representatives of the Ratepayers to accept responsibility for the same. The correspondence will be published forthwith.

The meeting adjourns at 12.25 p.m.

H. H. H. H.

Chairman.

J. H. H.
Secretary.

At the general meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Rangoon Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 20th December 1905, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

- T. Anderson,
- H. De Gray
- W. J. Green
- F. E. Hester
- G. E. H. Sturg
- John Little
- G. S. Little
- G. Mowat
- W. A. & Platt
- Secretary

(Chairman)

The Secretary calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted -

Back statement for the past week, Return of prisoners apprehended, Police daily reports.

Fixed Court Affair - The Chairman reports in detail the more important features of the situation as it has developed since last meeting, recording his negotiations with the Shanghai and elsewhere with the Consular Body, the Shanghai and the representatives of the local guides since Monday morning when the meeting began. He alludes to the circumstances under which proclamations have been issued by the native authorities and guards given to them to enable them to assist in the negotiation of order in the Settlement.

The Chairman refers particularly to an interview which took place between himself and Mr. Platt, with the Secretaries on the afternoon of the 19th at which, after arranging the matters above referred to, the Secretaries kindly invited discussion with a view to attainment of the fixed Court affair, and as a result, four points were definitely agreed upon.

J.P. next day

upon in the presence of Mr. Ferguson, and it was understood that the Taotai would re-open the Court if those conditions were accepted by the Consular Body. The result of this interview has been formally recorded and witnessed by Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Platt. After this meeting, the Taotai proceeded to meet the representatives of the Committee of the Consular Body at 4 p.m., but on this occasion, induced probably by the evident want of unanimity amongst the Consular Representatives, he repudiated his formal undertaking and insisted anew on the removal of the British Assesors and the Police Inspector at the Court. Under these circumstances, the Chairman proposes, and the Council approves, to forward to the Senior Consul a letter, which is read, placing on record the several conditions agreed to by the Taotai, requesting their approval by the Consular Body, and asking that the Taotai be required to adhere to the same. This letter is accordingly despatched.

The Chairman further states that this morning he has had an interview with Mr. Yu Ya Ching and two other representatives of the older local guilds, men disassociated from the recent agitation conducted by the native Chamber of Commerce, and whose sincere desire it is to restore order and maintain it. As the result of a discussion of the situation and noting the Taotai's breach of faith, they have undertaken to telegraph to the Soochow Governor and request him to settle the matter at once; they have no doubt that they will be able to induce him to accept the terms of settlement proposed by the Council.

The Chairman further discussed with these representatives of the guilds the possibility of their organising hereafter a consultative committee representative of the best native opinion, which, by regular meetings with a committee of the Council, might keep the latter informed of Chinese public opinion in all important matters. The Council concurs in the wisdom of such a step being taken it being understood that the native committee would consist of merchants and gentry but not officials.

The Chairman is of opinion that the whole of the incidents

incidents which have led up to the recent disturbance and the subsequent negotiations of the Consular Body in connection therewith point clearly to the necessity for some change in local administration. The growth of the community and its interests have manifested the inadequacy of the present system and the impossibility of attaining in any matter of importance the necessary unanimity amongst the local representatives of the Powers. He instances the decisions taken by the Consular Body at various times in such questions as public gambling, the beef tax, female prisoners, etc., in all of which the definite decisions publicly recorded by the Senior Consul have been negatived by the independent proceedings of individual consuls. Some general discussion takes place on this subject, the Council's opinion being that the introduction of reformed methods of local government is extremely desirable.

Referring to questions of detail arising out of the recent riot, the Council's instructions are recorded that certain prisoners arrested by the Mixed Court runners are to be held by the Police and afforded a preliminary trial at the Mixed Court in the usual way before any are sent into the city. A suggestion is also made by the Chairman that with a view to conciliating native opinion, the custody of prisoners at the Gaol should be taken out of the hands of Sikhs. The suggestion is referred to the Watch Committee.

In conclusion, the Chairman alludes to the conspicuously excellent services rendered by the Volunteer Force and the Council records its cordial appreciation of the high state of efficiency to which the Corps has attained under Lieutenant Colonel Watson. The Secretary is directed to write a letter conveying the Council's thanks to Colonel Watson, to be conveyed to all ranks of the Force.

The thanks of the Council will also be sent in due course to Rear-Admiral Sah, for the assistance rendered by his men in the protection of the Settlement from the Pooking side.

Mr. Liddell proposes, and the Council unanimously adopts, a vote of thanks to the ^{Chairman} ~~Chairman~~ ^{to the Watch Committee} for the services which

which they have rendered to the community, both in the arrangements for the defences of the Settlement and in his subsequent negotiations with the Chinese and other Authorities.

367 J U. S. Assessor. — The Secretary points out that no reply has been received from Mr. Rodgers to the Council's letter of the 12th instant, and that in the absence of reply, the Council has no assurance that Mr. Arnold will conform to the procedure laid down by the Consular Body. Inasmuch as it is extremely inadvisable that the Council should have to discriminate between the Assessors in the trial of Police cases, it is decided to endeavour to obtain from Mr. Rodgers the necessary assurance and to forward a letter expressing the hope that Mr. Arnold will for the future co-operate uniformly with his colleagues.

J Secretarial Staff. — The Council authorizes the making of an agreement with Mr. Rowe at a salary of £6.230 per mensem for three years.

371 J Garden Bridge. — The reply of Mr. de Rijke to the Council's telegram is read, and discussion takes place as to the advisability of calling for tenders for a multi-span bridge. The matter is eventually referred to the Works Committee for further enquiry and early report, the Chairman suggesting that the foundations should be commenced forthwith by the Engineer's Department and not put up for tender.

The meeting adjourns at 7.10 p.m.

Flanders
Chairman.

J. J. [Signature]
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
No. 23 Kiangre Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 27th
December 1905, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M. F. Anderson, (Chairman)
H. De Gray,
W. J. Gresson,
F. C. Heffer,
L. L. H. Iburg,
John Liddell,
E. S. Little,
O. Meuser,
W. A. B. Platt and
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.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted. —

Cash Statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

Mixed Court — The Chairman details the negotiations in which
he and Mr. Platt have represented the Council during the
past week. At a meeting which took place with the
Mixed Court Magistrate on the 23rd instant, it was
understood that immediate steps would be taken for
the arrest of Hoo Pang Ming and two other notorious
agitators, and the necessary instructions were thereupon
given to the Municipal Police. It subsequently transpired,
however, that four hours before this decision was notified
to the Police, the men concerned had left the Settlement,
and their arrest has not been effected by the civil
authorities. From all the circumstances of the case, there
appears to be good ground for believing that the Chinese
officials have not been sincere in this matter.

The Chairman, accompanied by Mr. Platt and the
Secretary, had an interview with the Banking Viceroy on
the 26th instant, and discussed the entire situation. It was
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clearly pointed out to His Excellency that the action of the Taotai and other officials, in permitting local agitators to incite violence, was an extremely dangerous policy, the Taotai's speech to the Chamber of Commerce deputation being particularly cited as a matter which clearly places a large share of the responsibility on this official. The Viceroy promised the immediate arrest of certain agitators and rowdies, and undertook to put down all public meetings of an improper character for the future. He also approved the Council's suggestion that the revised rules for the Mixed Court should be discussed in the first instance between the Council, ^{while disclaiming any official knowledge of the matter,} and the local guilds, and promised his support for any reasonable arrangement thus arrived at. He declined to intervene in certain questions arising out of the recent dispute, notably, the Chinese government's demand for the removal of Mr. Twyman, but stated that he had issued instructions that pending settlement of these matters, the Court's business should continue on existing lines, and that he had issued special orders that the Magistrate should behave with dignity and courtesy.

Referring to the Council's letter of the 20th instant to the Senior Consul, the Chairman states that he had had an interview today in view of the fact that the Consular Body's reply has not yet been received; he pointed out the necessity for publishing the facts and the terms of settlement, for the information of the community. The Senior Consul, however, considered it better for the present to leave this matter in abeyance until the Court had regularly resumed work; in the meanwhile, the Consular Body would ^{personally} continue to uphold the rights of the community. He ^{personally} concurred in a proposal that representatives of the Consular Body should meet certain members of the Council for ^{discussion of the Council's representatives' interviews with the Taotai & discussion of the negotiations and their results} the Viceroy.

In regard to the impending enquiry into the action of the Police at the Court on the 8th instant, it is decided to apply to the Judge of the Supreme Court, and request him to hold a formal investigation, and hear the witnesses in
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This matter should be sent, the fixed board Magistrate will be notified accordingly and requested to consent in the method of investigation. As the report enquires whether any question has been raised in regard to the misconduct of the fixed board officials and members, but the Chairman is of opinion that these were acting under the Board's instructions and that the latter is alone responsible.

The Chairman further states that the Constable Body having suggested discretion in regard to the Police Officers now detailed for duty at the Court, the Stewart Board has been informed that the Council has withdrawn. The one officer objected to by the Chinese Authorities, and that it would not be advisable to make any other changes, pending the result of the enquiry above mentioned.

Mr. S. Coopers - The Chairman states that he has seen Mr. Rogers in this matter and that the latter has given an assurance that pending revision of the rules, Mr. Brock will conform to the policy of the Constable Body and act uniformly with his colleagues.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Local Committee of the 21st instant was read and approved. In regard to

Boarding of Long Police Station, considerable discussion takes place in reference to the action of Mr. & Miss Little in censuring the Police for their failure to prevent the building.

Mr. Little explains that his remarks were not addressed to the Inspector but to his own brother, and that no reflection on the Police was intended; at the same time, he maintains the opinion that the destruction of Municipal property should have been avoided. The Council eventually records its opinion regarding the minute of the Local Committee, that Mr. Little on this occasion committed an indiscretion which the Council regrets.

Reference of the statement - Reporting to the Police estimates in approved by the Local Committee, the Chairman observes that, as a result of the recent disturbances, it has become evident that the forces available for the immediate protection of the community in the event of a sudden outbreak, are entirely inadequate. The services of the Volunteers can

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only be supplemented under existing conditions by some 70 foreign Police and 100 Sikhs on a sudden emergency and the presence of sufficient naval forces must always be a matter of uncertainty. In his opinion, the time has come when the community must face a serious addition to the Police Force; sufficient to enable the community to rely largely on its own capacity for defence. The expense attached to such a measure will be considerable, but he regards it as preferable that an addition to local taxation should be incurred rather than that the community should depend upon the alternative remedy of international military occupation. He alludes further to the fact that many districts of the Settlement are at present inadequately policed, and therefore recommends that the Council approve generally a resolution that a large addition to the Indian Police be made as soon as possible, recruiting men from India on the short service system; that the question of their barrack accommodation be considered without delay, and that the Budget be amended, to include an appropriation under this heading as well as for the additional force required. Finally, he considers that the Council should consider carefully the construction of Sikh quarters in each district, to be built with a view to their use as centres for refuge and defence. The Council, generally approving these views and estimating the additional annual expenditure required at Rs 200,000, refers the matter to the Watch Committee for definite recommendations. Mr. Little expresses the opinion that the Ratepayers are unlikely to sanction the increase of taxation involved, and holds that it should be possible for the powers concerned to make arrangements which would provide permanent and sufficient assistance from war-ships in the harbour.

A letter from the Senior Consul states that arrangements have been made to retain naval landing parties ashore for a few days more. In this connection, it is suggested that the Consular representatives concerned should be requested to arrange with the Admirals on the station so that

that a sufficient number of ships may always be available for duty at Shanghai.

380 The Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 22nd instant, referring to the question of the Garden Bridge are postponed for consideration at the next meeting.

Mixed Court Rules.— Certain suggestions for amendment of the draft, already submitted, have been received from the Council's legal adviser and the British Assessor; the Secretary is directed to circulate the amended draft in due course.

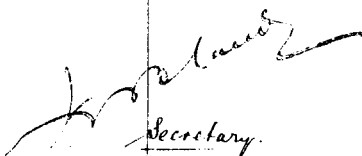
Riot Claims.— A letter from Messrs. Stokes, Platt and Teesdale is submitted, putting forward a claim on behalf of the ^{family of} two Chinese who were killed in a tailor's shop, opposite the Town Hall, on the 18th instant. Some discussion takes place as to the Council's position in the matter, which is eventually referred for decision at the next meeting.

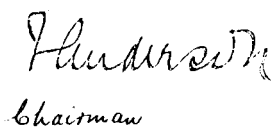
Shantung Road Hospital.— Noting an application from the Honorary Secretary of this institution for an increased grant, and recognising its valid claims to an increased measure of public support, the Council authorises the inclusion of a grant of £2,000 in the forthcoming Budget.

389 Horse Bazaar Contract.— Noting the reply of the Company to the Council's recent suggestion that the existing contract be modified as regards the daily minimum of ponies, it is decided, inasmuch as this proposal is not entertained, to instruct the Municipal Engineer to provide either by road extension or other work as much useful occupation as possible for the ponies which would otherwise stand idle.

Native Guilds — Services of Mr. Yu Ya Ching.— The Council's thanks having been recorded and communicated to this gentleman for his active co-operation in the negotiations between the Chinese Authorities and the Council, and a gold watch having been presented to him as a mark of the Council's appreciation thereof Mr. Yu Ya Ching now acknowledges the Council's action, with thanks.

The meeting adjourns at 7.30 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
 No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 3rd
 January 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson (Chairman)
 H. De Gray
 W. J. Gresson
 F. C. Heffer
 C. L. H. Burg
 E. S. Little
 O. Meuser
 W. A. B. Platt and
 Secretary

Absent

John Liddell

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.

Departmental Reports.— The following are submitted—

Electrical Engineer's Report for November,
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

1 Mixed Court.— The Chairman states that Sir Havilland ^{de} Sausmarez
 has obtained authority from the British Minister to hold the
 proposed enquiry into the charges of misconduct by the Municipal
 Police at the Mixed Court. The Magistrate has been notified
 accordingly, and requested to name an early date for the
 hearing.

1 Riot Claims.— Discussion takes place as to whether the Council
 should properly submit to the Chinese Authorities, through
 the Senior Consul, a claim for the expenses and damages
 resulting from the recent riot; it is the opinion of the members
 that, with the exception of the re-instatement of the Louza
 Police Station, it would be impolitic and generally inexpedient
 to ask for such compensation. It is recognized that the claim for
 actual damages incurred may be justified on the ground of the
 "Taotai's"

are read and confirmed. In regard to the Defence of the Settlement, the proposals of the Water Committee are discussed and generally approved, though Mr. Burg is of opinion that the proposed scheme to increase the Indian force to 1,000 men involves expense unwarranted by the actual condition of affairs, and Mr. Kille is of opinion that the Budget Repayers may not be inclined to sanction the Budget appropriation. The Chairman, however, holds the view that the representations of the Repayers cannot evade responsibility for making adequate provision for emergencies, and that the existing defence force are entirely inadequate. A suggestion is made that the Chinese police might readily be given training of a kind calculated to make them of some value in dealing with mobs, and in this connection, instructions are issued that the Captain Superintendent be directed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Water Committee of the 2nd instant

are read and confirmed. In regard to the Water-Chart Licensing, it is the opinion of the Council that although it may be desirable hereafter to recoup this tax, its inclusion in the forthcoming Budget is necessary in view of the objection that has been raised by the local Chinese authorities.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of the 2nd instant

are read and confirmed. In regard to the next few days. Their committee and open negotiations with the Council within their committee. The Council is informed that the guide will appoint called in this point.

Native Guide.

The Council shall have regard to the Council's information to submit its impending claim. The question of claims on behalf of Chinese will also remain in abeyance. The amount to be returned for 'Volunteers' special expenses and for presents to naval landing parties, will be delayed out of the public funds, but it is to be noted for the future, that special and definite regulations will be required in regard to S.R. 6 comm-arrat arrangements. The attention of the Commissioner will be called to this point.

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directed to report, stating why the native constables were taken off the streets on the 18th December, and why their unreliability was taken for granted. The Council is of opinion that their value in such an emergency might well have been tested, and that if properly officered, a certain proportion of the native force might be made available for guarding the stations and other defence purposes.

The Minutes of the meetings of the Works Committee of the 22nd and 30th December are read and confirmed, without comment.

Land Commission. - The awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos.

XXX, XXXI, XXXII and XXXIII are submitted and ordered for publication in due course. Mr. Burg, representing Mr. Iveson, expresses his intention to request the Commissioners to re-hear Case No. XXXII in which the Commissioners have awarded an amount less than that offered by the Council.

Mixed Court Rules. - The draft, as finally amended, is approved, and

the Secretary is directed to send copies to each member. The document will be communicated unofficially for the information of the Ministers of Great Britain, Germany and the United States, so as to place them in possession of the Council's views.

The Chairman states that Mr. Ferguson has informally proposed that the Taotai should unofficially meet a Committee of the Council to consider the Mixed Court rules. It is decided to state that the Council is pledged to discuss this matter in the first instance with the consultative Committee of the local guilds, and that until this is done the document must be regarded as confidential.

Municipal Property. Proposal to purchase Major Brothers' Lot. A letter

from Mr. Gore-Booth offers this property, for the sum of £6,82,000. The Council is of opinion that not more than £6,65,000 should be paid, and it is decided to offer this amount, the payment to be made in Municipal debentures and subject to confirmation by the Ratepayers.

Volunteers. Proposed American Company. - A letter from Mr. Rawson,

Chairman of a Committee for the organisation of an American Company, is read, together with the Commandant's report on the proposals therein contained. The Secretary is directed to forward a reply in the sense suggested by Lieutenant Colonel Watson,

Watson, the Council being favourably disposed towards the enrolment of the company under conditions calculated to make it an effective unit of the Volunteers.

Engineers' Department. - The Council sanctions amendment of the official title of the Engineer's Department to be called hereafter the Public Works Department.

Houghton Recreation Ground. - The Council sanctions a proposal made by Mr. Crawford Kerr on behalf of the Land Syndicate owning property adjoining the park, that the line of the boundary road around the park be determined by consultation. This proposal is approved, the Chairman of the Works Committee undertaking to be present at the meeting to be arranged.

Shaftesbury House. - An application from the Manager of this establishment that it be exempt from Municipal taxation, on the ground of its benevolent work, is discussed, and the Council's decision is recorded similar to that arrived at in April 1903, - namely, that such exemption is strictly confined to religious and charitable institutions. It is suggested that Mr. Felgate place his establishment on a charitable basis by obtaining the services of a local committee to be responsible for the financial and general arrangements of the institution.

Secretariat. - Appointment of Secretary. The Chairman proposes a resolution that, in view of the fact that the Assistant Secretaryship has been advertised, the Council now appoint Mr. Leveson to be Secretary as from the 1st April; he emphasizes the advisability of the Council's coming to a unanimous decision in regard to this matter, and to the salary attached to the post. While holding the individual opinion that, for purposes of general administration the Secretary should be the highest paid employe in the Council's staff, he is aware that a difference of opinion exists amongst the members on this point, and therefore with a view to unanimity he proposes that Mr. Leveson's agreement be made with salary at the rate of £600, £650 and £725 under a three years' agreement. At the same time, he recommends that, in making this agreement it be clearly intimated that the Council recognises the Secretary as responsible for the efficiency of the Departments, and he

he expresses the hope that the Council in the future will support the authority of its chief officer and insist on the maintenance of the standing orders; he considers it essential to good administration that such supervision and maintenance of efficiency be exercised and that it be not regarded by the Heads of Departments as interference. Some discussion takes place on the resolution as proposed, Messrs. Green and De Gray considering that the question of salary is inextricably connected with the exercise of necessary authority by the head officer, but it is eventually decided, unanimously, to accept the Chairman's resolution. Mr. Ball speaks that in Mr. Green's agreement, it be understood that the Secretary will devote his whole time to the work of the Council.

The Department - The Council confirms the election of Mr. Bidwell to be Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for the coming year.

Battle Hill - The Health Officer reports that the tax on cattle remains at \$2.40 per head, and that the efforts of the Counciler Body to induce the Mayor to adhere to his original promise in this matter have been without result. It is decided to ask the Street Board what steps have been taken in the matter.

Sanitation - Noting that a further case of obstruction has been recorded at the Street Board on the 2nd instant and that the U.S. Deveree has commenced in reporting the matter to the Council Body and the Mayor, it is resolved to address the Street Board and request that a strong protest be addressed to the Chinese authorities pointing out that, by virtue of the Sanitation Regulations, taxes duly imposed by the Ratepayers are payable by all residents within Settlement limits.

The meeting adjourns at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

At the general meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23 Raffles Road, Singapore, on Wednesday the 10th January 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present:-

M. M.

- F. Anderson,
 - H. De Gray,
 - W. J. Grayson,
 - F. E. Heffer,
 - E. H. J. Burg,
 - John Kiddell,
 - E. S. Little,
 - D. Maxwell,
 - W. A. E. Platt
- and
(Chairman)

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.

Departmental Reports. The following are submitted:-

- Lat Superintendent's Report for December,
- Engineers
- Health Officers
- Working Quarantine Station Report for December quarter,
- Local Statement for the past week,
- Return of prisoners apprehended,
- Police Daily Reports.

Reference of the Settlement. Referring to the minute of last meeting,

Mr. Little explains that his views are identical with those of Mr. J. Burg, i.e., he considers that the addition of 250 Indians is advisable, but that the force thus increased should be adequate for maintenance of order in the Settlement.

Mixed Court. A letter from the Magistrate dated the 8th instant is read informing the Council that the Chinese Authorities are unwilling to participate in the proposed inquiry into the conduct of the Municipal Police to be held before the Judge of Mr. M. Supreme Court. The letter raises certain further questions affecting the general administration of the Settlement, considering the Council's right of Police supervision at the Court

court and custody of female prisoners. It is decided to reply that these questions are not properly matters for discussion by the Magistrate, but that inasmuch as his letter is written under authority, the Council will communicate on the subject through the Consular Body. A draft letter, expressing the Council's position in the matter, is read and approved, and it is decided to publish the full correspondence forthwith.

At the same time, it is decided to forward for publication the last Mixed Court return, dealing with the recent case in which the Magistrate ordered a girl prisoner to be beaten, a matter which has formed the subject of a protest addressed to the Consular Body.

1 Land Commission, 1906. - Mr. E. C. Pearce is unanimously elected to be the Council's representative on the Commission for the ensuing year.

1 Native Printing Office. - The Council is informed that two native employes, one of the Tax Office and one in the Electrical Department, have been dismissed by order of the Watch Committee for being actively concerned in a printing establishment and issuing matter calculated to prejudice the peace and good order of the Settlement. The question is now referred to the Council whether it is advisable to prosecute one of these men (Chou) together with the Manager of the establishment (Yang) with a view to obtaining their conviction and the closing of the printing office. While considering it improbable that any satisfactory decision will be given by the Court, the Council decides to instruct the Captain Superintendent to institute proceedings.

1 Naval Landing Parties' Expenses. - The Secretary states that a bill has been submitted by the U.S. Naval Authorities for about \$1,000 for furniture and goods purchased by the American Landing Party; none of the other contingents have forwarded such a claim. The Council concurs in the view that the matter be dealt with in a liberal spirit, and directs that the goods be paid for and, if possible, resold to the firm which supplied them.

1 Female Prisoners. - The Captain Superintendent having asked for definite instructions in regard to the custody of female prisoners,

on the 8th instant asking for the Governor Board's reply to
 the Council's letter of the 20th December on this subject, it
 is agreed that the Council will await the Board's reply to
 communication. It is understood that this will be
 received in the course of the next few days, and that the
 Governor Board will therein indicate its acceptance of the
 condition that female prisoners are to be kept in the
 in the mixed Court cells on the understanding that those
 are regularly inspected by the Health Officer.

Public Advertising - A report by the Municipal Engineer is sub-
 mitted drawing attention to certain undesirable features in
 the public advertising on hoardings as conducted by the Shanghai
 Bill Posting Company. The recommendations the imposition of fees
 and the introduction of a condition in permits for erecting
 hoards that they be not used for advertising purposes. The
 Council decides to adhere to the resolution previously recorded
 in this matter, namely, to allow public advertisement on
 temporary hoardings, but confine this permission to the
 business districts of the settlement, stipulating that the
 residential districts shall be free from such advertisements.
 It is also understood that any advertisement of an objection-
 able nature will be removed by the Manager of the Company
 if required to do so by the Council.

Volunteers - On the recommendation of the Commandant, the
 issue of the following commissions is approved:-
 Right Hon. 2nd Lieutenant Heberg to be Lieutenant,
 Sgt. Major Kover to be 2nd Lieutenant (Temporary rank)
 Lieutenant Col. St. Ransom to be 2nd Lieutenant.
 Reference Scheme: Headquarters for work in Western District - The

Chairman states that the Committee of the Country Club have
 raised the question by what authority the Club building was
 used as a refuge and headquarters for Volunteers during the
 recent disturbances. A letter from the Commandant is
 read, stating that no instructions were issued as to making
 the Club a rendezvous for ladies and children, though
 certain persons were unofficially advised to go there, on the
 other hand, orders were given for the use of the building by
 the Volunteers. The recommendations that letters be addressed to the
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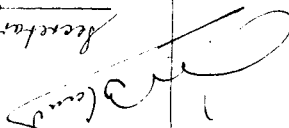
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Country club and Race Club committees requesting that
 sanction that these buildings be used in case of emergency
 no numbers of refuge and headquarters for volunteer detach-
 ments, a course which the Council approves.

"Best of Hope" - a letter from the secretary of this organization
 is read, detailing the work of the Society and requesting
 a Municipal grant of \$6,200 per annum. The Council
 approves the inclusion of this grant in the Budget.

Council for 1906. The Chairman requests that nomination papers
 of these members willing to serve again be sent in without
 delay. The opinion of the members generally is expressed
 that an election is desirable, and the Chairman under-
 takes to obtain the names of other candidates, if possible,
 before the 16th instant.

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 Chairman

Secretary:


at the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room,

No. 23 Kings Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 17th
 January 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

- M. M.
- 1. Anderson, (Chairman)
 - 2. De Gray,
 - 3. Green,
 - 4. H. H. H. H.
 - 5. Little
 - 6. Street
 - 7. A. E. Platt
 - 8. Secretary

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The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports. The following are submitted:-

Wharfage Dues for December Quarter,
Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

Mixed Court. - The Chairman states that since last meeting no progress has been made in the negotiations with the Chinese Authorities, and that the Consular Body's action is restricted owing to intervention by the Diplomatic Body, which has expressed the opinion that the Consuls are to blame for originally demanding Municipal custody of female prisoners. In the meanwhile, the Council's various despatches in regard to the causes and results of the riot and the status of the Court remain without reply, but it is hoped that as a result of a meeting of the Consular Body held yesterday, some decisions may shortly be recorded.

As regards the abortive proposal to hold an enquiry into the alleged misconduct of the Police at the Mixed Court, further correspondence has taken place with the Senior Consul, and the Council's views have been placed on record in a letter of the 16th instant, which is now read. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided that since the proposed enquiry has been abandoned, Inspector Aiers be instructed to resume duty as usual at the Court.

With a view to affording the members of the Diplomatic Body information as to the Council's standpoint in the present dispute with the Chinese Authorities, it is decided to send to each Minister a copy of the pamphlet containing the origin and purposes of the Land Regulations, as promulgated by Sir Rutherford Alcock in 1854.

Riot Claims - Naval Landing Parties' Expenses. - The Council is informed that the U. S. Naval Authorities have withdrawn their claim for expenses in connection with the American landing party.

A claim forwarded by the Committee of the Country Club is noted, and the Secretary is directed to circulate the correspondence for the information of members.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Watch Committee of the 16th instant

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are read and confirmed. In regard to Indian Police, noting the report by the Captain Superintendent that suitable time-expired men are still applying for employment, it is decided to telegraph to the Government of India and suggest that authority be given to enter such applicants pending effective completion of the Government's scheme for restricting emigration from India and recruiting through the Indian Army Recruiting Staff, on the understanding that the conditions specified by the Government of India will be included in any agreement made with such men. The Council approves the appointment of Mr. H. A. J. Fracray and Mr. J. R. Jamerson as detachments for the impending election.

Soochow Greek Orphan. Application by the Automobile Club to build the correspondence and a memorandum by the Secretary have been circulated to the members, whose opinion is now recorded to the effect that no objection exists to present compliance with the Automobile Club's application, on terms similar to those recorded in the case of the agreement with the Racing Club. Shonan Vanburg School. In compliance with the usual annual request submitted by the Honorary Treasurer of the Institution, the Council selects 4 nominees to represent the Municipality on the Supervising Committee. In reply to an application for an increase of the annual grant-in-aid of the school, the Secretary is directed to request that the accounts for the past year be forwarded, together with definite information as to the reasons justifying this application.

Mr. Weaver takes the opportunity to suggest informally that the German school be exempt from Municipal taxation. Pending a definite application in the matter, the Council's opinion is recorded that the officials recognized terms of such exemption should be strictly adhered to, and that a grant-in-aid would appear preferable. The Chairman of the Committee of this Public School. The Chairman of the Committee of this Institution notifies the Council that the Annual Exercises will take place at 2.30 p.m. on the 18th instant, when the attendance of members is invited. Mr. E. S. Little undertakes to represent the Council on this occasion.

Shanghai General Hospital. An application is submitted by the Secretary

Secretary of the Hospital for an increase in the rate of payment made for treatment of patients in the 3rd-class wards on the ground of the increased cost of medicines. The Secretary is directed to request that the accounts for the past year be submitted for the Council's information, together with detailed information as to the reasons for this increase.

Native Guilds Committee. The Council is informed in a letter from Mr. Yu Ya-ching that the appointment of representatives of the guilds to form the Consultative Committee cannot be made before China New Year; it is hoped, however, that the Committee will be definitely constituted before the 1st February.

Municipal Gaol. The Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce forwards a letter, offering to present for the use of the prisoners at the Gaol 1,500 quilts and 1,000 suits of padded cotton clothing. Representatives of the Committee have consulted the Chairman in the matter, who has suggested the inexpediency of making prison life too attractive and intimated that the benevolent intentions of the Committee might be more profitably directed to prisoners in the native city and elsewhere in China. In the meanwhile, samples of the articles in question have been called for, to be inspected by the Superintendent of the Gaol and the Health Officer; pending receipt of their report and information as to the result of the Chamber of Commerce Committee's visit to the Gaol, which took place to-day, it is decided to postpone consideration of this offer. The opinion of the Council is recorded that if the articles in question are eventually accepted, they should be paid for by the Council.

Municipal Property. As the result of further negotiations by Mr. Gore-Booth, it is decided to increase the Council's offer for Cadastral Lot 168 to \$6,70,000; this amount to be payable under the conditions already specified.

Public Advertising. As the result of correspondence with the Shanghai Billposting Co., the Municipal Engineer requests further and more definite instructions in regard to the terms to be imposed for the exhibition of public advertisements. The Council confirms the conditions already laid down, namely, that in return for the privilege of advertising on hoardings within the business area of the Settlement, the Company shall undertake to confine its operations to that area and to post no advertisements in the residential

residential districts. The definition of the "business area" is left to the discretion of the Municipal Engineer.

1 Claim for Motor Car destroyed by street obstruction. The documents in this case have been circulated and further evidence by the Police called for in connection therewith. On receipt of the necessary information, the claim will be referred to the Legal Adviser for his opinion.

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1 Sikh Gurdwara. In view of the proposal to increase the Indian Force and the consequent necessity for a larger Gurdwara site than was originally contemplated, the Council directs that the Engineer's negotiations for purchase of the site in which difficulties of grave removal were recently reported, be terminated, and a further report on the subject submitted with new proposals, in due course.

1 Public Swimming Bath, Hongkew. The Council directs that this institution be placed under the Public Health Department and that the plans now prepared by the Engineer be forwarded to Dr Stanley for his approval.

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1 "Poplak" Case. Noting the Judgment, as recorded by the Dutch Court on the 16th instant, the Council's opinion is expressed that it is advisable that the Fire Commission should consider the terms of this Award and make recommendations as to the disposal of the amounts awarded to the members of the Fire Department who, no doubt, will concur in the view that the funds should be devoted to some purpose of general utility, connected with the Fire Brigade. At the same time, the Commission might consider the advisability of making some suitable testimonial to each of the firemen actually engaged on this salvage operation.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

F. B. B. B.
Chairman.

[Signature]
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday the 23rd January 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson, (Chairman)

H. De Gray,

W. J. Gresson,

F. B. Heffer,

C. L. H. Iberg,

John Liddell,

E. S. Little,

O. Meuser

and

The Secretary - Absent - Mr. W. A. B. Platt

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.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted. -

Cash Statement for the past week,

Return of prisoners apprehended,

Police Daily Reports.

Defence of the Settlement - Increase of Indian Police. The Council

is informed that despatches addressed to the Government of India, to be transmitted in the first instance through the Legation at Peking, and subsequently through the Foreign Office. With a view to placing the Indian Government in possession of the facts and explaining the Council's needs at the earliest opportunity, it is decided to forward a copy, unofficially direct to India, explaining that the official documents have been sent through the usual channels.

Shanghai General Hospital - Noting a further communication from the Secretary of the hospital, explaining the reasons for the increase in charges, these are now sanctioned by the Council.

Gaol - A report by the Superintendent is submitted in reference to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce's proposed gift of wadded clothing and quilts. He states that the latter might possibly be substituted with advantage for the blankets now in use unless their use is objectionable from the Gaol's point

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of view. Pending a further report on this subject, the Council concurs in the views confirmed by the Watch Committee, that it is inadvisable that the gift of the Chamber of Commerce be accepted, and that if quilts are found to be preferable to blankets, the Council will have them made by the Gaol staff in due course. The Secretary is directed to reply in this sense, and at the same time, to enquire what was the result of the Chamber Committee's recent inspection of the Gaol.

Chinese Public School. — Mr. Little reports that the committee of this institution has decided to raise the salaries of the teaching staff, getting a better class of men, and to reduce the fees for tuition. By this means, it is thought that the school will be made more popular and at the same time more efficient. The committee contemplates little or no increase in the Budget appropriation as the result of these changes.

"Perlak" case. — The Secretary states that the Fire Commission has had a meeting with the 8 members of the Brigade, whose names appear in the Dutch Court's award in this case, has pointed out that the sums awarded to them in their capacity as firemen cannot properly be claimed for their private and individual emolument for reasons which the Chairman of the Commission has explained in detail; briefly, these are to the effect that the Brigade is a volunteer Force, the members of which are debarred from taking money for their services; that those firemen whose names appeared in the award were only part of those who went to woocong and rendered assistance to the "Perlak"; that they were using Municipal property to the latter's considerable risk and that in so doing they acted in their capacity as members of the Brigade, which should accordingly benefit as a whole by the award. It was suggested that all those who had shared in the work should receive some suitable souvenir of the occasion and that the balance of the funds be invested in a collective insurance policy for the benefit of members of the Brigade injured on duty, or their families. The firemen appeared however, determined to claim their strict legal right to the

the funds as awarded by the Court; the Chairman of the Fire Commission therefore stated at the conclusion of the meeting that it would be necessary to take the opinion of the several companies of the Fire Brigade on the subject, with a view to ascertaining whether the Brigade as a whole approved the action of its members in this matter.

Mixed Court. - In the absence of any communication from the Senior Consul in reply to the Council's various unanswered despatches, further consideration of these matters is deferred, but the Council decides to report to the Senior Consul another case of irregular proceedings by the Mixed Court Magistrate as reported by the Captain Superintendent of Police on the 20th instant. The case is one of a woman remanded to reappear before the British Assessor and subsequently sent to Soochow, contrary to the established procedure of the Court.

U. S. Assessor. The Chairman explains the reasons which have led to a protest made in person by the Chairman of the Watch Committee to the U. S. Consul General in regard to the relations existing between Mr. Arnold and the Mixed Court Magistrate. A report by Chief Inspector Armstrong on this subject is read. In reference to the matter therein dealt with, Mr. De Gray states that Mr. Rodgers has identified himself with Mr. Arnold's proceedings for which he accepts responsibility. Under the circumstances, it is decided, after full discussion, that the Council has no alternative but to make a formal protest in the matter to the U. S. Minister at Peking and thereafter, if necessary, to the State Department at Washington, intimating at the same time to Mr. Rodgers that the Council may find it necessary to publish the facts for the information of the Community.

Taotai's Proclamations - Translation of a proclamation forwarded by the Taotai yesterday is submitted, and discussion takes place as to the advisability of posting the same within Settlement limits. The general intention of the document appears to be satisfactory; but in the opinion of the Council, it might be misconstrued as asserting the native authorities' right to take an active part in the protection of the settlement.

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Under the circumstances, it is decided to obtain an expression of the British Consulate's opinion on this document's wording, should it be innocuous, the Police will be directed to post it without delay. In connection with this matter, the Council is informed that the local guilds have conveyed a suggestion, emanating from the Taotai, that in the event of further disturbances, the assistance of Admiral Sah be availed of, who is prepared to land 200 men to cooperate in the local defences. The Council records its opinion that Chinese troops cannot be admitted within Settlement limits.

1 Secretariat Staff. The Council is informed that the applications for the post of Assistant Secretary, some 50 in number, have been tabulated and circulated for the information of the members of the Finance Committee, whose recommendations on the subject will be recorded hereafter.

1 Municipal Property. Purchase of Cadastrel Lot 168. A letter from Messrs. Major Brothers Limited is read, accepting the Council's offer to purchase this property for the sum of £10,70,000 under the conditions already recorded. Noting an enquiry as to the date upon which the property should be transferred, it is decided to reply that the matter, being subject to confirmation by the Ratepayers, must be dealt with by the incoming Council.

1 Volunteers. The Council notes the resignation of Lieutenant Hayter of the Reserve Company.

1 Proposed Portuguese Company. A report by the Commandant is read in regard to the Portuguese community's proposal to organise a company as a unit of the S. V. C. The Council considers that the conditions named by Lieut. Col. Watson might possibly cause a certain amount of ill-feeling if insisted upon in their entirety, and therefore suggests their modification to conform with those adopted in the case of the Japanese Company, and eliminating any question of financial guarantees. The Council's reply to the representative of the Portuguese community, therefore awaits Lieut. Col. Watson's further recommendations.

1 Soochow Creek Foxshore - Proposal to build. A letter from the legal adviser is read pointing out that the action proposed to

to be taken in compliance with the Automobile Club's application would constitute a violation of said Regulation and cannot properly be sanctioned without a formal vote of the Ratepayers. In view of this opinion, the Council records its former decision and decides to inform the Automobile Club that the application to build on the foreshore cannot be completed with.

Board Extension 19 - A letter from the U. S. General Counsel forwarded to the State's reply of the 11th December in regard to the proposed extension of the pier for pier extension. This reply expresses the view that, inasmuch as the road will damage the property of the Commissioner of Customs, it is inadvisable that the work be proceeded with. The Chairman proposes, and the Council concurs, that if the Commissioner of Customs will withdraw the claim to special treatment and exemption from liability under the said Regulations, the Council will agree to defer the construction of the road until it has become a matter of public necessity; the Secretary is directed to approach Mr. Wilson in the matter.

Flanagan
Chairman

Secretary

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Hiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday The 31st
January 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

F. Anderson, (Chairman)
H. De Gray,
W. J. Gresson,
F. B. Heffer,
C. L. H. Iburg
E. S. Little
O. Meuser and
The Secretary

Absent

John Liddell
W. A. B. Platt

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted. -

Electrical Engineer's report for December,
Cash Statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

Senior Consulship. - The Council is informed that, owing to ill-health, the Russian Consul General has handed over charge of the Senior Consulship to the Belgian representative, who has assured the Chairman that he will do everything possible to bring the correspondence up to date and to settle all matters outstanding. The Council informally discusses a suggestion that the Senior Consul should be provided with a permanent local staff, paid out of Municipal funds, but it is the opinion of the members that the moment is not opportune for raising the question definitely.

Mixed Court. - U. S. Assessor. - The Chairman recounts the results of an interview between the U. S. Consul General and himself, accompanied by Messrs. De Gray and Platt, on the 29th January when the grounds for complaint against Mr. Arnold were set

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set forth. At this interview the information was elicited that the U. S. Consulate is under instructions from its Government to give no support to any changes in Mixed Court procedure; furthermore, that in the opinion of Mr. Rodgers, the expressions of opinion on behalf of the Consular Body placed officially on record by Dr. Knappe as Senior Consul were not definitely authorized and that the U. S. Consulate would, if necessary, disassociate itself from any joint action based on those communications.

As regards the personal relations existing between Mr. Arnold and the Mixed Court Magistrates, Mr. Rodgers undertook to make strict investigation into the facts as reported to him and communicate with the Council in due course; at the same time he agreed to make further enquiry into the case of the rioter acquitted by the Court with Mr. Arnold's concurrence and especially to ascertain the reasons which led the Court to refuse to hear the Police evidence disproving the statements made by the defendants' witnesses.

1. Mixed Court. — A report by Cadet Officer Hutton of this date informs the Council that the Assistant Magistrate has now declined to hear any cases brought forward by Inspector Aiers of the Yangtzepoo Station, and that on the recommendation of the British Assessor, this Officer's cases were accordingly taken today by Inspector Mackintosh, pending reference to the Consular Body. Considerable discussion takes place as to the Council's duty in the matter, the Watch Committee being of opinion that the Inspector should be maintained at his post without further concession to the Magistrate's obstructive tendencies. It is finally decided to write to the Senior Consul, stating that the Magistrate's action, obviously intended to create further trouble, is sufficient to justify a request for his immediate removal; in the meanwhile, and in order to prevent a deadlock arising before the Consular Body has had time to take necessary action, the Council will direct the Captain Superintendent to instruct Inspector Aiers to present no cases at the Court until Monday next; on and after that date he will continue his regular duties.

1. Road Extension No. 17. — After discussion, and noting that there is no probability

probability of inducing Mr Hobson to abandon his claim to special treatment for the Chinese Government's property, it is decided to leave the matter in abeyance for the present. Should the incoming Council favourably consider the suggestion which has been made to divert the road line westward to follow the line of the private road adjoining Messrs Bullockfield & Swiss's property, the Chairman undertakes to do everything possible at home to induce the head of that firm to sanction the arrangement.

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"Perlak" Case. — The Council is informed that, as a matter of urgency, the Legal Adviser has been instructed to file notice of appeal in the Dutch Court in this case, on grounds stated in the petition, the chief reason for this action being that the Council is advised that, as owners of the salvaging or assisting vessel, the Fire Commission is properly entitled to an award equal to, if not greater than, that given to the crew. Considerable discussion takes place as to the advisability of proceeding with this appeal, as a result of which it is decided to await the finding of the special meeting of the Fire Brigade, convened for Tuesday next, to decide by vote of its members whether it is proper for individual members of the Brigade to accept such remuneration for their services as firemen.

With regard to the scale of fees to be imposed hereafter for the use of the Fire-boat, the Council sanctions requesting Captain Roberts to prepare the same; at the same time; the Legal Adviser's opinion will be taken as to whether such fees are certain to be legally recoverable from vessels to which assistance may be rendered.

Electricity Department - Coal Supply. — The members of the Electricity Committee differing in regard to sanctioning a recommendation forwarded by the Assistant Electrical Engineer to purchase a thousand tons of Kaiping coal at 12s 7 per ton, the question is referred to the Council. In deference to the views expressed by the Vice-Chairman, the Council eventually sanctions the recommendation as submitted, but the Chairman observes that the want of information accompanying this recommendation is in accordance with the usually independent attitude adopted by the Department.

Volunteers. — The Colonel commanding notifies the resignation of
 Captain

Captain Marshall, 8th E. Artillery, on return from leave
leave of communication to 2nd Lieutenant Bell of the
Reserve Company is authorized.

Booth & Co. - A letter from St. Paul is read
supporting the application recently submitted by the
Automobile Club, but the Council sees no reason to
modify the decision already reached.

Police - The Watch Committee's decision to
award this officer for misconduct is discussed and the
facts explained to the Council, which confirms the decision
as recorded, holding the view that the officer amounts to more
than carelessness, and that taken in connection with the con-
siderable previous unsatisfactory record is sufficient to justify
his discharge.

Municipal Hospital - The Vice Chairman states that he has been
officially approached by Dr. Hargis, who complains that
the conditions existing at this institution are such as to
justify the statement that it is not an isolation hospital in
the accepted sense of the term; that in fact no proper isolation
exists; that the different types of infectious diseases are not
kept separate, and that the nurses communicate indiscriminately
between the wards. The Chairman observes that the
complaint is a serious one, and that it should be put
definitely and officially on so to enable the Council to take
action. Hearing the matter in abeyance, it is understood that
the Vice-Chairman will obtain further definite information in
the matter.

The meeting adjourns at 7:20 p.m.

F. Wickman
Chairman

J. Johnson
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Hiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 7th
February 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

F. Anderson, (Chairman)
H. De Gray,
W. J. Gresson,
F. B. Heffer,
C. L. H. Iburg,
John Liddell,
E. J. Little,
C. Meuser,
W. A. B. Platt and
The 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.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted -

Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

✓ Chinese Public School - Referring to the minutes of last meeting,
the Chairman suggests that the recent press criticism of
the School Committee's reduction of fees and other
financial arrangements appears to deserve further attention
having especial reference to the possible effect of these measures
on private educational establishments. Mr Little undertakes
to place the matter before his colleagues at an early date.

✓ Secretary at Staff - The Chairman states that an early opportunity
will be taken of interviewing Messrs. Mackinnon and
Scott, the two selected candidates for the post of Assistant
Secretary, and a report to the Council will probably be
made at next meeting.

✓ Municipal Hospital - In answer to the Chairman's enquiry in regard
to the matter discussed at last meeting, the vice-Chairman
states that he has at present nothing further to report.

✓ Mixed Court - Considerable discussion takes place as to the advisability
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of publishing the Council's letter of the 16th January to the Senior Consul on the subject of the Police at the Court. The Chairman states that on Sunday last he received an urgent letter from the Senior Consul requesting again that discretion be shown in regard to the attendance of Inspector Aiers at the Court. On the same day, an intimation had been received from the British Consul General that by instructions of the Minister, Inspector Aiers was to continue his duties as usual; the Chairman therefore, considered it advisable to inform Mr. Siffert that the action of the Consular Body was calculated to encourage the Chinese in their obstructive tactics. At the same time, he is of opinion that the publication of the correspondence submitted is calculated under existing conditions to irritate the Consular Body, and as there is a prospect of the Magistrate being removed, while the Council's point has been gained in regard to Inspector Aiers, he recommends that the correspondence be omitted. Mr. Gresson expresses the opinion that the Council's duty to the Ratepayers necessitates its publication, a view which is supported by Mr. de Gray. Eventually, a vote being taken, it is decided by 5 to 4 that the correspondence be not published.

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The Chairman recounts the result of further meetings between Mr. Rodgers with Mr. Platt and himself. The U.S. Consul General, while admitting the facts as stated by the Council, declines to take any action further than to report the case to his Minister at Peking. He expressed the hope that the Council would abstain from making the matter public, intimating that such a course would involve other unpleasant disclosures; at the same time, he gave assurances that Mr. Arnold regretted his action, and would not give further cause for complaint in this manner. The Chairman, while regarding the position as generally unsatisfactory, considers that the Council should take no further steps in the matter, relying upon the assurances given by Mr. Rodgers.

As regards the case of the rioter acquitted at the Mixed Court under circumstances already recorded, Mr. Rodgers's explanation was not of a satisfactory nature, amounting to an expression of his opinion that Mr. Arnold had acted conscientiously.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 2nd instant are

are read and confirmed. The Secretary is directed to send copies of the Budget to the members of the incoming Council and to request their attendance at the next meeting for discussion of the same.

Mr Burg enquired as to the work of the committee's investigations in regard to the provision of Officers for the Indian Police force when eventually increased, suggesting that a force of this kind, if commanded by British Officers attached from the Indian Army, might lead to military occupation by other Powers. The Chairman explained the Council's intention as already mentioned.

"Pentak" Bar - The Secretary of the Council forwarded the report and decision of the general meeting of the "Pentak" Brigade held on the 6th instant, at which it was resolved by 27 votes to 25 that the individual members of the Brigade named in the attached report should be acting in connection with their position as volunteers for the purpose of their individual benefit the sums mentioned. The Council decides to regard this matter as one of internal administration to be dealt with by the "Pentak" Council, at the same time, it is resolved to withdraw the petition filed for appeal against the award in question.

The Secretary - Stated that, noting the opinion of the legal adviser on this subject, it is decided to refer the same to the "Pentak" Council, and the report to the work committee, with a view to publishing a general notification on the subject hereafter.

Royal Asiatic Society - The Society's letter of the 31st ultimo, already circulated to the Council, is received, and the Council's opinion recorded that if the land question can be satisfactorily settled, that is to say, if the property can be transferred to Municipal ownership, the proposal for the erection of a building, under the conditions suggested, is approved; but the members are opposed to expenditure of public funds for these purposes unless the rights of Municipal ownership are thoroughly safeguarded.

Bar - The legal adviser's opinion in this matter having been approved, it is decided to write to the Indian State works accordingly. In the event of the

the claimant being unwilling to accept this decision, and legal proceedings are threatened, the matter will again be referred to the Council with a view to a possible compromise.

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Department. — The Council's attention is drawn to the minute recorded by the Electricity Committee in November last to the effect that before the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, consideration should be given to the advisability of having the Department's affairs hereafter placed in the hands of a Committee of paid directors under conditions similar to those obtaining in industrial companies. Considerable discussion takes place on the subject, Messrs. Heffer and De Gray regarding this course as essential, in view of the great increase of work to be expected from the establishment of tramways and for other general reasons. The Chairman expresses the view that the unsatisfactory conditions noted in the past arise chiefly from the Department's independent action and failure to comply with the Standing Orders; if these conditions were remedied, he considers that the necessity for an outside Committee would not exist, and that it should be the object of the incoming Council to insist upon the Electrical Engineer's regular adherence to the instructions of the Council, as recorded on several occasions. It is eventually decided that the proposal to establish an outside Committee will not be brought before the Ratepayers.

1 Senior Consul's correspondence.

— Despatches from the Senior Consul are submitted having reference to matters outstanding for some time past, namely, the negotiations for the re-opening of the Mixed Court, illegal administration of punishment by the Mixed Court Magistrate, failure of the City Magistrate to carry out judgments against notorious criminals, and the position of the Municipal Police for duty at the Court. There being no time to discuss these matters in detail, draft replies will be circulated in due course for approval by the members. The Chairman expresses the opinion that the general tone of these documents is not calculated to improve the relations existing between the Consular Body and the Council.

Proclamation by the Nanking Viceroy. — The Senior Consul forwards, to be posted in the Settlement, a proclamation by the Nanking

Ranking Viceroy in which, amongst other objectionable passages the statement occurs that the Municipal Council is a body under Chinese and foreign management. It is decided to decline to post this proclamation and to explain to the Consular Body the reasons for this decision.

1 Ratepayers' Meeting. It is decided to hold the annual meeting of Ratepayers on Tuesday, 13th March.

The meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.

J. Liddell
Chairman

J. Liddell
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 14th February 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:

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F. Anderson, (Chairman)
H. De Gray,
W. J. Gresson,
F. C. Heffer,
C. L. H. Iberg,
John Liddell,
E. I. Little,
C. Meuser,
W. A. C. Platt and
The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted. -
Cash statement for the past week,

Return

Return of pursuers apprehended.
Police daily reports
Budget for 1906. - Following the usual procedure, the attendance of the members of the incoming Council has been requested, to consider the Budget before its publication. Mr. Peck, having a previous engagement is unable to attend; Messrs. Ellis and

Mr. H. J. G. and Mr. De Gray's explanation that this is because recommendations that the new draft be obtained from the Police Records - while noting the fact that the draft was obtained from the Police Records by the Water Committee.

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The Minutes of the Water Committee of the 12th instant are read and confirmed.

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number of scotchmen, including two papers, whose services would

would be appreciated by the public.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 12th instant are read and confirmed.

Discussion takes place as to the erection of the wall at Louza, recommended by the Watch Committee. The Chairman deprecates the views expressed by Mr. Weuser, and considers that the Louza Police Station requires special protection in the manner suggested by the Watch Committee. It is eventually decided to refer the question back to the Works Committee, with a view to obtaining, if possible, tenders for a suitable structure at a cost under that estimated in the tenders submitted by the Engineers.

Parks and open spaces. - While confirming the view of the Works Committee that compliance with Mr. Mac Gregor's application (that the Parks and open spaces be treated as a separate Department) is at present impracticable, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Vice-Chairman, to re-introduce the supervision of parks and open spaces by a special sub-Committee of Ratepayers personally interested in gardening. The Secretary is directed to submit, at the next meeting of Council, the names of persons eligible to serve on such a committee.

Secretarial Staff. - Mr. J. Mackinnon is unanimously appointed to fill the post of Assistant Secretary under the conditions stated in the Municipal notification.

Hotel and Tavern Licensing, 1906. - Issue of the usual notification on this subject is authorized, the Watch Committee to sit and hear applications on the 26th March.

Local Guilds - Consultative Committee. - A list of 40 representatives of the local Guilds is submitted, together with a letter from Mr. Yu Ya Ching stating that these have selected an executive committee of seven members, whose names are given, to form the Consultative Committee with which, as agreed, the Council will discuss matters affecting the Chinese community. Messrs. Gresson and De Gray express doubts as to the future working of this committee, and consider that it should be clearly understood that its functions are limited to the expression of native opinion for the information and guidance of the Council. The Chairman, while accepting this view, holds that the influence of the local Guilds is likely to be exercised for

for the benefit of the community, native and foreign, and that their initiative in this direction should be welcomed as conducing to better relations. He suggests as advisable that the Council should invite the Executive Committee to dinner and, the members concurring in this view, he undertakes to make the necessary arrangements.

A sub-Committee of the Council, consisting of the Watch Committee and the Chairman of the Council, is appointed, which will meet the Guild's Executive Committee at an early date, when the procedure for future meetings and the functions of the Consultative Committee will be clearly defined.

Riot Claims.—The Council's letter of the 22nd December to the Senior Consul having intimated that a formal claim would be submitted in due course, the Secretary states that the various departments' reports on the subject have all been submitted, and the Council is therefore now in a position to formulate a claim for the actual loss and damage to property incurred on the 18th December. Considerable discussion takes place as to the advisability of submitting such a claim, and the matter being considered one of importance, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Chairman, to postpone its decision until next meeting.

Volunteers.—The Commandant intimates that the Annual Inspection will take place on the 31st March; in compliance with his request, it is decided to ask the G. O. C., Hongkong, to detach an officer, as usual to hold this Inspection.

Use of the Town Hall for S. V. C. Dances.—Upon the application of 'A' Company, it is decided to grant the use of the Town Hall free of charge (upon payment of fuel and light account) for the Company's dance, it being the opinion of the members that the Corps is entitled to special treatment in this matter.

Nursing Home. Case of Miss Richard.—It is decided to authorise a reduction of 50% in the accounts rendered in this case, that is to say, from \$6,500 to \$3,250, in view of its special circumstances.

Wharves and Jetties. Native Shippers' Complaint.—A letter from the Native Shippers' Guild states that the operations of Van Kiah Dai's gang of river-thieves have been recently renewed with considerable activity, and in order to guard against the same,

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The guild proposes to establish a special body of native workmen to protect cargo at the wharves and jetties. Nothing that the functions of these men would be of a semi-police nature, the Council directs that the guild be informed that should they so desire it, special workmen will be appointed by the Council at the guild's expense, at the same time, the members are of opinion that the guild's attention should be drawn to the fact that these various are organized and their location well known in Pootung and elsewhere beyond settlement limits, that their operations are chiefly on the river, where the authority of the Chinese Government, if properly exercised, should be sufficient to put an end to such a state of affairs, and that the shipper's proper course is therefore to bring pressure to bear on the local Chinese authorities, with a view to increasing the River Police and to suppressing organized piracy.

A report by that Detective Inspector Amnuchong on this subject expresses the opinion that the Guild is not likely to take such action as long as the associates and supporters of Nam Khak Sak are strongly represented, so long as at present, in the Gaeta's Yamen and on the Committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. As in this report he mentions the name of Mr. Chu Pao San as a person likely to sympathize with the Gaeta's attitude in this matter, Mr. Wade takes exception to this statement and requests that Inspector Amnuchong be directed either to substantiate or to withdraw it. Instructions are given accordingly.

The meeting adjourns at 7:15 p.m.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
 No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 21st
 February 1906 at 4.30 p.m. —

Present.

M. M.

F. Anderson, (Chairman)
 H. De Gray,
 W. J. Gresson,
 F. C. Heffer,
 John Liddell,
 E. S. Little,
 O. Meuser,
 W. A. B. Platt and
 The Secretary.

Absent.

C. L. H. Iburg.

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.

Departmental Reports. — The following are submitted. —

Summary of revenue for January,
 Engineers' report "
 General Municipal Rate, Native, December quarter,
 Cash Statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police Daily reports.

Police: Foreign Recruits. — Having reference to the minutes of the
 Watch Committee confirmed at last Council meeting, Mr.
 De Gray observes that, as a result of further consideration,
 he is in favour of modifying the decision recorded, by
 substituting Scotchmen for half the number of Royal Irish
 Constabulary recruits in the first draft to be obtained through
 the London agents, for reasons already recorded in the Watch
 Committee's minutes. The Council concurs in the view that
 it is inadvisable to increase unduly the proportion of Irish
 policemen in the Force.

Riot Claims. — The Chairman states that he has interviewed Sir Pelham
 Warren on this subject who informs him that the whole
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question of claims for damages in connection with the riots is now under discussion between the Chinese Government and the representatives of the Powers, and he recommends that until the principle of claims being justified, is definitely admitted, the Council should allow the matter to remain in abeyance. It is therefore resolved to postpone formulating the Council's claim for the present.

The Chairman further states that the French Consul General has formally denied that the rioters on the 18th December came through the French Settlement, and as the matter is one upon which the arguments of the Ministers' claim are largely based, the Chairman suggests that the Captain Superintendent report further in support of his original statement as to the districts from which the rioters came to the Settlement.

Shanghai General Hospital.—The Secretary of the Hospital submits the names of gentlemen willing to serve as Governors of the Hospital for 1906, if elected by the Ratepayers, namely, Mr. McLeod, Dr. Paulun, Messrs. Gresson and E. J. Hogg.

The Senior Consul intimates that the representatives of the Consular Body on the Hospital Board have been re-elected, namely, those of France, Germany and Great Britain.

Court of Consuls.—The Council is officially informed that the Court of Consuls has been re-elected, consisting of the representatives of Great Britain, the Netherlands and Sweden.

Municipal property.—Cadastral Lot 168.—The Council sanctions an arrangement, made under the authority of the Finance Committee with Messrs. Major Brothers, to substitute payment at 98 in lieu of Municipal Debentures, for the amount of the purchase-price of this property, when approved by the Ratepayers.

Telephone Agreement.—A letter from the Secretary of the Telephone Company is read, conveying the company's reply to the Council's proposal of 14th November, viz— that in return for a franchise the company should make over to the Council 1,000 fully paid-up shares under conditions similar to those recd. in the Waterworks Agreement. Accompanying this acceptance, the Company intimates that certain new conditions will have to be introduced in the

the agreement, one having reference to the improper use of telephones by subscribers, and the other in regard to increased charges to subscribers. After some discussion, it is decided to postpone decision in this matter till next meeting, and in the meanwhile, to request the Telephone Company to state more definitely the latter condition, with a view to placing the matter before the Ratepayers in a special resolution at the forthcoming meeting, if approved by the Council.

Parks and Open Spaces.—It is decided to request Messrs. Algat, Beauchamp and Teesdale to serve on the Garden Committee for the forthcoming year.

Public Lighting.—The Engineer's report on alternate proposals for lighting the Wei-kai-wei and Yates Roads is submitted, together with the Works Committee's comments on the same, and after discussion as to the respective merits and financial results of gas and electric light systems, it is decided, upon a show of hands, to approve the second alternative scheme proposed, providing for incandescent electric light in both roads.

Public Band.—A report by the Band Master is submitted, referring to a disturbance created during Band-practice by two musicians, one of whom, F. Castro, threatened the other with a loaded revolver. The Band-master's suggestion that this individual be fined \$5. is negatived, and it is decided to institute proceedings before his Consul for breach of regulations, the Council considering that this course is necessary in view of the statement made by the Band-master that all the musicians are in the habit of carrying weapons.

An application by the Band-master, Mr. Valenza, for six months' leave from the 1st May is sanctioned.

Fire Department.—The two Municipal employes, Messrs Parkhill and Beckhoff, concerned in the recent "Perlak" case award, having forwarded letters wherein their claim to the money is waived, the Council decides to make no difference between them and the other firemen concerned, and to authorise acceptance of the amount.

Police - Barracks for Indian Force.—The report of Major Picton, R. G. on this subject is submitted and referred to the Watch Committee; at the same time, the Secretary is directed to ascertain Major Picton's opinion as to the possibility of utilising

utilising the terrace of foreign-built houses belonging to the Hongkew Wharf Company which, if obtainable on reasonable terms, might partly obviate the necessity for expenditure for land and buildings in this district.

Noting that the East Hongkew Market site is insufficient in area for the purposes ^{stated} scheduled in Major Picton's report, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, to schedule an additional ^{m²} 2,640 of land adjoining the present market site for this purpose.

In view of the possibility of a difference of opinion amongst the Ratepayers in regard to the increase of the Indian Force to a total strength of 1000 men, it is decided to place the Council's proposals before the Ratepayers in a special resolution at the forthcoming meeting.

Garden Bridge — As the result of interviews between the Municipal Engineer and Mr. de Rijke, reported by the former, the Council sanctions their final recommendation that a two-span bridge be constructed, and new plans prepared accordingly; at the same time, it is decided to request the Customs Authorities to sanction reduction of the headway at the Shanghai end of this bridge to 8 feet.

Upon the Chairman's recommendation, it is decided that the Works Committee will forthwith consider the question of the bridge foundations. The members are generally of the opinion that the work should be undertaken by the Council and not put up to tender, but in the event of the Municipal Engineer desiring expert advice or assistance in this matter, the same should be provided for locally if available, or from England, at the earliest possible date. The Chairman points out the responsibility which the Council will incur if, owing to delay in the foundation work, the construction of the bridge is not completed in time to meet the requirements of the Tramway Company. The Works Committee's recommendation on this subject will be considered at next meeting.

Claim for Motor-car — The decision of the Arbitrator in this case is submitted, to the effect that the accident was caused by negligence on the part of the servants of the Council, which is therefore required to pay the full amount claimed with costs.

Volunteers. The Portuguese Company. - A letter from the Commandant forwards correspondence on this subject, and a recommendation that the company be accepted as a unit of the S.V.C. under the conditions therein recorded. The organisation of the Portuguese Company is approved accordingly.

Restaurant Licensing. - The Police having reported that a restaurant recently opened for the use of foreigners in the Kiangse Road does not comply with the closing-hour regulation, and noting that this establishment is intended chiefly to cater for supper parties, the Council sanctions the issue of a special license on the understanding that it will be withdrawn should there be any complaint of disorderly proceedings against the restaurant.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

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Secretary.

at the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 28th
February 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present-

M. H.

F. Anderson, (Chairman)
W. J. Greason,
F. C. Heffer,
C. L. H. Iburg,
John Kiddell,
E. S. Little,
O. Meuser
W. A. B. Platt and
The Secretary.

Absent-

H. de Gray.

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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.

Departmental Reports.- The following are submitted.-

General Municipal Rate, Foreign, December quarter,
Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

Indian Police.- Provision of Barracks.- A letter from the Agents of the Hongkong Wharf Company is read, giving the Council an option, available until after the Ratepayers' meeting, at the price of Rs. 160,000, on their property, consisting of a terrace of houses, adjoining the old Kingpo wharf. The Council, in the absence of any definite recommendation from the Watch Committee, considers that the price named is not unreasonable, and therefore recommends that the incoming Council give special attention to Major Picton's report on this subject, and take the whole question of provision of quarters for the Indian Police into immediate consideration, if the Council's resolution on the subject is adopted by the Ratepayers. At the same time, the opinion is expressed that as the terrace would accommodate over 500 Indians, and as the concentration of that number in one district is inexpedient, a certain number of the houses might usefully be employed as quarters for members of the Engineer's Staff, and for other Municipal purposes.

Telephone Agreement.- An amended letter from the Telephone Company, as submitted in the minutes for publication, is approved by the Council, additions having been made to the original draft calculated to safeguard the interests of the Community

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 26th instant are read and confirmed. In regard to

Garden Bridge.- The Chairman suggests that the engagement of consulting engineer of the Tramways Company Engineer in lieu of Mr. Collinson would appear to be preferable on several grounds; after discussion, however, the Works Committee's original recommendation is confirmed.

Peking Road widening.- Mr. Gresson expresses the intention of Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co., the land owners in this case, to forward

forward an amended claim for the property, in view of the fact that the Council has decided to refer the case to the Land Commission and to insist upon making the improvement; he asserts that a verbal arrangement was entered into, at the time when the last building plans were submitted, for the erection of the godown, to the effect that no further surrenders from this property would be required. Leaving this point for the consideration of the Land Commissioners, the Chairman observes that the improvement of the Peking Road is a matter of urgent public necessity and likely to become even more so in the future; and that the provision of a wide thoroughfare adjoining Messrs. Jardine Matheson's property cannot fail to be advantageous to their interests. After some further discussion, in which the Vice-Chairman points out that the scheduled road line has not been formally objected to by the land-owners, the Committee's minute is endorsed, and the case referred accordingly to the Land Commission.

Tavern Licensing 1906. - Noting that the Watch Committee of the incoming Council will sit to hear applications and to decide upon the renewal of licenses on the 26th March, the opinion of the Council is recorded to the effect that the decision arrived at last year commends itself as again expedient, namely, that no new tavern licenses should be issued, the existing number being sufficient to meet all legitimate requirements.

Volunteers. - The Council is informed that the G. O. C. Hongkong, Major General Villiers Hatton, accompanied by a Staff Officer, will come to Shanghai to hold the annual inspection of the Corps on the 31st March.

Commissions. - The issue of the following commissions is authorized:-

- (i) Sergeant C. H. Rutherford to be 2nd Lieutenant "A" Company.
- (ii) Sergeant G. H. Jamieson to be 2nd Lieutenant "A" Company.
- (iii) Mr. D. C. Dick to be 2nd Lieutenant in the Customs Company.
- (iv) Mr. David Landale to be Honorary Lieutenant in command of the Mounted Scouts.

The commission of Captain J. E. Trueman of "B" Company is renewed upon its expiry, as recommended.

Victoria Nursing Home. Staff. The Council sanctions a recommendation of the Health Officer that, for nurses engaged on

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on mental cases, additional pay at the rate of 26.20 per annum be made, and in maternity cases at the rate of 26.10 per annum.

Annual Meeting - A list of the resolutions to be submitted at the impending meeting, already circulated to the members, is approved. Having reference to the question of proposed legislation for hand-owners' liability for part cost of road construction, it is decided that a special meeting be convened, to follow immediately upon the General Meeting, with a view to obtaining the Ratepayers' sanction for this most necessary legislation. The Chairman is of opinion that no quorum is likely to be available, but the members be considered that no effort should be spared by the Council to obtain the powers required, since, in their absence, the development of road work is necessarily restricted.

Business - A letter from the Chairman of the Executive Committee, setting forth the objects of its organization, is read and ordered for publication. The Chairman explains that his letter has been written as his suggestion with a view to removing certain misconceptions which appear to exist in the public mind on the subject of the Council's representation and that objects.

Spoken - The Council is informed that Messrs. Albert, Beachamp and Seade have consented to act as the Chairman to superintend the gardens, parks and open spaces of the settlement for the forthcoming year. The conditions under which this Committee will function will be arranged by the Works Committee of the incoming Council in due course.

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Police. Increase of Indian Force. - The Chairman, returning to the question of the Indian Force, urges that the Council's resolution may be placed before the Ratepayers as an expression of unanimous opinion. Mr. Iburg, after noting certain statistics shown in the increase in population, etc., withdraws his recorded dissent. Mr. Little undertakes to give the matter further attention and to come to a decision before next meeting. At the same time the Council considers that the recommendations recently submitted by Lieut. Col. Watson on the subject of the Chinese Police and the possibility of its more effective organization for defence purposes, is a matter which deserves the incoming Council's serious attention. It is the opinion of the members that experimenting on ^{the} lines suggested by Col. Watson, drawing recruits from Shantung and other provinces and organizing them on semi-military lines under capable officers, the question of local defence might be very materially simplified and a composite Chinese Indian force established which, under capable administration, might produce excellent results. The Chairman emphasizes the fact that the Police Force as it exists is inadequate and holds that financial considerations preclude any large addition to its European strength.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

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Chairman.

J. F. Shaw
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday, the 7th
March 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

J. Anderson (Chairman)
W. J. Gresson
F. C. Heffer
C. L. H. Iburg
H. De Gray
John Liddell
E. J. Little
W. Meuser
W. A. B. Platt and
The Secretary.

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports. — The following are submitted:

Electrical Engineer's report for January,
Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

1. Reorganization of Police Force. — Having reference to the minute recorded
at last meeting, the Chairman expresses the view that the
Council's decision did not go so far as to recommend to
the incoming Council any experiments beyond those of re-
organising the Chinese section of the Force for ordinary
Police duty, and that the opinion of the members is
opposed to any suggestion of arming Chinese for defence
purposes. The minute is accordingly amended.

1. Secretariat Staff. — Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee,
the Council sanctions, as a special case, acceptance of the
resignation of Mr. J. H. Roberts, Assistant in the Secretariat,
together with payment of salary to this employe to the end
of the year, and passage to America on the understanding
that the amount is employed for the liquidation of his
legal debts.

Ratepayers

de Secretary, Judge of H. M. Supreme Court, has accepted the office of Chairman at the impending meeting. Notice of a motion by Mr. Little is submitted, having reference to the Council's recognition of the Chinese Generalist Committee. The Council is of opinion that the resolution to be submitted to the Rappaport amounts to a vote of censure, which if adopted must render the incoming Council's position extremely difficult, and the Chairman is further of opinion that either direct endorsement or disapproval of the Council's resolution is necessary for the expression of Chinese public opinion, so equally inadvisable. It is understood that an amendment to Mr. Little's resolution will be prepared by Sir Charles Dudgeon in a form which, while expressing neither approval nor disapproval of the experiment itself, will record the meeting's confidence in the Council's ability to carry out the proposed arrangements without detriment to the authority or interest of the Rappaport.

The Council sanctions a recommendation by the Commandant to purchase, with the assistance of the G.O.C. Hongkong, 300 rifles and accessories in lieu of the 200 authorized in the Budget, the additional number being required to meet recent increases in the force. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Council authorizes an increase in the annual remuneration to the Municipal Surgeons from 78,2400 to 78,3000, the number of Municipal employees under their care having very considerably increased since the existing arrangements was recorded.

Arrived beyond settlement limits - a letter from the General to read having reference to the case of Kok-yi-mo awarded by Detective Young in the native city; the Council Body recommends that the formal authority of the Magistrate be obtained in all such cases before the warrant is executed.

Police. Arrived beyond settlement limits - a letter from the General to read having reference to the case of Kok-yi-mo awarded by Detective Young in the native city; the Council Body recommends that the formal authority of the Magistrate be obtained in all such cases before the warrant is executed.

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Consulting Engineers in London, to accept the tender of Messrs. Parsons for provision of plant specified, with Peebles Alternator, delivery within six months. At the same time, Messrs. Preece and Gardew will be requested to forward the original tenders, and to state their reasons for not accepting the lowest offer.

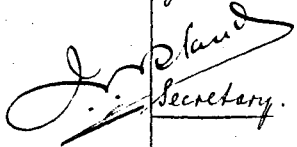
Plant for Tramways. - The Council notes that certain representations have been made by Mr. Wright, representing the financial side of the Tramway Syndicate, and an application made for power supply to be increased beyond the amount stipulated in the contract with Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co. The Council's opinion is recorded that in regard to this and other matters arising out of the Tramways contract, the Council can only recognise Messrs. Bruce, Peebles and/or their duly accredited representatives.

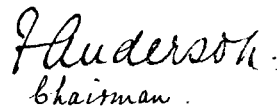
Road Extensions Plans, 1906. - The plans of road extensions and widenings in the several districts of the Settlement, as already submitted and approved by the Works Committee, are laid on the table for signature by the Chairman. Publication of the usual notification will follow in due course.

Dog-muzzling Regulation. - Mr. J. Zimm, having refused to pay Pasteur treatment fees on the ground that his son was bitten by an unmuzzled dog in the public street, the Council, regarding this contention, as inadmissible authorises proceedings to be taken in the Danish Court for recovery of the amount, £1.50.

Police - Special Japanese Detectives. - Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, the Council approves the engagement, as an experimental measure for one year, of two Japanese detectives for duty in the Hongkew district, the result of this experiment to be reported in due course. It is noted that the men are engaged under guarantees as to character and efficiency given by the Japanese Foreign Office.

The Meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council held in the
Board Room, 23 Hiangse Road, Shanghai, on Monday
the 12th March 1906. at 12.15 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

F. Anderson, (Chairman)
H. De Gray,
W. J. Gresson,
F. C. Heffer,
C. E. H. Iburg,
John Liddell,
E. S. Little,
O. Meuser,
W. A. C. Platt and
The Secretary.

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Chairman states that the meeting is convened to decide upon the attitude and action of the Council in regard to Resolution XIII. to be submitted at the Ratepayers Meeting, having reference to the Chinese Consultative Committee. He has had a meeting this morning with Mr. R. W. Little, the proposer of this resolution, and Mr. E. J. Hogg, who have assured him that the spirit in which the Council's action is criticised is not one of hostility and merely represents the strong opinion of a large majority of foreign residents, that official recognition of the Guilds Committee is fraught with danger to the best interests of the Settlement; while recognising that the wording of their resolution, especially in reference to the Land Regulations; might afford the Council good opportunity for arguments on the other side, they appeal to the Council to let the matter go to a vote without discussion. The Chairman is personally of opinion that the action taken by the Chinese themselves has gone considerably further than either they or the Council anticipated, and while he holds that the policy advocated by the Council is based on sound principles, and takes into consideration many factors which the Ratepayers as a body ignore, he holds that, under existing conditions, no good purpose

purpose will be served by allowing the matter to be generally discussed, and he endorses the opinion that critical analysis by the Meeting of the powers conferred by the Land Regulations and the question of Chinese representation is particularly undesirable.

After considerable discussion, it is agreed that, providing the proposer and seconder of the resolution avoid discussion of contentious points and hostile criticism of the Council's action, and confining the issue to the question whether the Council had power to recognize the Consultative Committee without the sanction of the Ratepayers, the resolution itself will be left to the vote of the meeting and the Council will accept the decision thereby recorded.

The Meeting adjourns at 12.45 p.m.

F. Anderson

Chairman.

Secretary.

at the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 14th
March 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:

M M.

H. De Gray,
F. Ellis,
W. J. Gresson,
F. C. Heffer,
C. Holliday,
John Liddell,
E. S. Little,
O. Meuser,
W. H. Post.

The

The Secretary and
The Assistant Secretary together with the
Chairman and members of the retiring Council.

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed, whereupon
the Chairman, after gratefully acknowledging the loyal support
rendered to him by his colleagues and the good relations
which have invariably existed between the members and
himself, vacates the Chair. The vice-Chairman, on behalf
of the members, expresses appreciation of Mr. Anderson's long
and valuable services to the community.

Messrs Anderson, Iburg and Platt then retire.

Election of Office-bearers - It is proposed by Mr. Meuser and seconded
by Mr. Heffer, that Mr. Holliday be elected Chairman;
carried nem. con.

Upon a motion by the same proposer and seconder,
Mr. De Gray is elected vice-Chairman, also unanimously.

The meeting then proceeds to the election of the several
committees which, after some discussion, are constituted as
follows:-

Finance Committee - Messrs. Holliday, Little and Poate.

Works — do. — Meuser, Heffer and Liddell.

Watch — do. — De Gray, Ellis and Gresson.

Electricity Committee - Considerable discussion takes place in
regard to this Special Committee, Mr. Meuser being strongly
of opinion that as the purposes for which it was originally
constituted have ceased to exist, its business should now
be included in that of the Works Committee. To this proposal
Mr. De Gray takes exception, alluding to the unsatisfactory
working of the Department as shown in continuous friction
and criticism during the past three years. Mr. Gresson,
supporting this view, suggests that the election of an entirely
new Committee is advisable, and it is eventually decided,
upon a motion by Mr. Heffer seconded by Mr. Gresson,
that the Electricity and Tramways Committee consists of
Messrs. Holliday, De Gray and Poate.

The Council's representatives on various local committees
are elected as follows:-

Public Recreation Ground:- Mr. Heffer.

Shanghai

Shanghai Public School. - Mr. De Gray.

Public School for Chinese. - Mr. E. S. Little.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted.

Health Officer's report for February,
 Engineers " " "
 Gaol Superintendent's " " "
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police Daily reports.

1 Cattle Supply. - The Health Officer having suggested that the Consular Body be requested to prevent the export of cattle or fresh beef, on the ground that such shipments must entail an increase in price locally, the Council, after some discussion as to the advisability of this step, eventually concurs, and it is decided to forward a memorandum by the Health Officer, stating the actual position of affairs and the consequences likely to arise from continuance of the Vladivostock trade.

1 Tramways. - A letter from the Tramway Company's local representatives is read enquiring, on behalf of the Directors in London, whether the Council will be in a position to supply traction power and to complete the required bridges in time for the opening of traffic, which they expect will take place within 12 months. As regards the bridges, it is decided to reply that the Council fully expects that they will be completed within the time limit named in the contract, namely, October 1907. As regards traction plant, the Vice-Chairman states that the Electricity Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the conditions under which the Electrical Engineer will proceed home to make the necessary arrangements in consultation with Messrs. Price and Cardew and Mr. Anderson for the supply of plant, and that the decision to be arrived at will be to a large extent dependent upon the enquiries which Mr. Aldridge will make in America and Germany. It is not expected that the Tramways Company will actually require the power until February next, but every effort will be made to instal the necessary plant, at the earliest date, and a reply to this effect is ordered.

Volunteers. - The issue of the following commissions is sanctioned:-
 "Mascin"

"Maxim Co." - Mr. R. H. Gaskin to be 2nd Lieutenant.
 "Gun Club Irregulars" - Mr. D. McNeill to be Hon Lieutenant.
 - do. - " G. H. Potts " " 2nd - - -

Fire Department. - A letter from the Secretary of the Fire Commission is read reporting the decision of a recent meeting of the Commission in regard to the future services of the fire-boat within and without the harbour limits. Noting that the decision recorded practically endorses the opinion of the Council's legal Adviser, it is decided to express the Council's approval of the course now adopted and to publish the correspondence in the Council's minutes. It is noted that a form will be drawn up for signature by shipowners or agents who may require the services of the float for the use of shipping.

"Perlak" Case. - The legal Adviser forwards a statement of the money received from the Dutch Court, together with an enquiry as to how the costs and the Court's fees should be borne, the Court's judgment not being clear on the point. The Council is disposed to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Court, but concurs in the view that it will be expedient for the legal Adviser first to enquire whether it was intended that the costs should be borne in equal, or in proportionate, shares by the Council and the firemen respectively.

Native Shippers and Local Labour. - The members are informed of the facts as recorded in the correspondence recently submitted to the outgoing Council, and it is suggested that the shipping houses be informed that the Council does not recognise the local cargo-carrying monopoly now held by the coolies' headmen. Decision of the matter is postponed until next meeting in order to afford the new members of Council an opportunity of perusing the correspondence.

Residents beyond Settlement limits. - The Council concurs in the view that the question of taxation to be imposed beyond Settlement limits is a matter of increasing importance, and it is noted that several representations from various districts have recently been received on the subject. The question is referred to the Finance Committee with a view to definite recommendations hereafter.

Mixed

Mixed Court. - The Captain Superintendent reports that the Magistrate has notified him that the case of a prisoner released on security in a criminal case by Mr. Arnold, the U.S. Assessor, will be postponed indefinitely, on account of Mr. Arnold's having left Shanghai. The Council concurs in the view expressed by the Captain Superintendent that this course is inadmissible, and it is decided to request that the trial may proceed before Mr. Barbet who has replaced Mr. Arnold at the Court.

Restaurant Licensing. - The Captain Superintendent in several recent reports has drawn attention to the fact that the closing hour conditions of the special license granted to the establishment known as the "Owl and Oyster" have not been observed, and he enquires whether it is the Council's intention to take action in the matter. Considerable discussion ensues and it is eventually decided (Mr. De Gray dissenting) to take no action unless complaint is made by the residents in the locality.

Soochow Creek Bridges. - Considerable discussion takes place as to the engagement of Mr. Collinson's services as Consulting Engineer for the three bridges to be erected across the Soochow Creek, the Council's original intention being to ask his assistance only in respect of the Garden Bridge, and the inclusion of the other two in the Engineer's subsequent application being the result of a misunderstanding. Mr. De Gray and Mr. Liddell consider that in view of all the circumstances of the case, the money will be well spent in the safeguards afforded by such additional expert assistance, but the opinion of the members being divided as to the necessity for such expenditure, the matter is eventually referred back to the Works Committee to be decided after a further expression of Mr. Mayne's views.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

Basil Houlden
Chairman

J. H. H. H.
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 21st
March 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

G. Holliday, (Chairman)
H. de Gray,
F. Ellis,
W. J. Gresson,
F. B. Heffer,
John Liddell,
E. S. Little,
O. Meuser,
W. H. Poak,
The Secretary and
The 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.

Departmental Reports. The following are submitted. -

Summary of Revenue for February,
Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

Tramways. - A letter from the Tramway Company of this date
is read, suggesting that special attention be given to the
completion, at the earliest possible date, of the Chekiang
Road Bridge. The matter is referred to the Works Com-
mittee, it being noted that the Engineer has been requested
to report on the subject.

The Minutes of the Electricity Committee of the 16th instant are read
and confirmed. In regard to:

↓ Coal Supply, noting a report from the Electrical Engineer
that the Shantung dust coal tests have given unsatisfactory
results, and have caused a temporary breakdown, it is
decided to discontinue purchase of this coal, and to authorize
making a contract with the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Company
for the entire supply, viz 13,000 tons. At the same time the
Secretary

Secretary is directed to enquire whether, with five boilers in working, it could not have been possible to make this test without interfering with the ordinary steam production for lighting purposes.

Volunteers - Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, issue of commissions is authorised as follows:-

(1) On Promotion.-

Lieutenant Frank Harris Crossley "Artillery" to be Captain
Lieutenant Stacy Anson Ransom "American Company" to be Captain
2nd Lieutenant William Stewart Burns "B" Company to be Lieutenant.

(II) New Commissions.-

M^r. Joao Rolasco to be Lieutenant, in charge of "Portuguese Company"
M^r. Frank Jay Kavel, to be second Lieutenant in the "American Company"

Riot Claims - A letter from the Secretary of the Country Club is submitted, suggesting that two members of the Council be appointed to discuss with members of the Club Committee the latter's claim of the 12th January last. It is the opinion of the members that the claim is generally inadmissible and that, with the exception of the item for refreshments supplied and possibly some small compensation for damage actually committed by the Volunteers on duty, no payment out of public funds can be made. After discussion, the Secretary is directed to lay the Council's views before the Chairman of the Club and suggest that the matter be compromised upon reasonable terms.

Taxation beyond Settlement Limits - The Council endorses the view expressed by the Chairman on this question namely, that while scavenging beyond limits is a necessary function imposed by public health requirements, the provision of Police and public lighting beyond Settlement limits must be dealt with as circumstances direct, and taking into consideration the special features of each case.

In reply to the residents in the North Szechuen Road Extension, it is decided to point out that the "Police Contribution" and special rates paid, do not justify a claim to these advantages; at the same time, the development of this roadway as a Municipal Thoroughfare, carrying a tramline, is at present engaging the attention of the Council. As regards the offer of the Shanghai Land Investment Company to pay full

full Municipal rates on this roadway, the members consider it inadvisable to accept the proposal until such time, as by a vote of the Ratepayers, full taxation beyond Settlement limits is made universally applicable.

✓ Fire Department - It is noted from a letter of the Secretary of the Fire Commission that its members consider that construction of the Singa Fire Station may suitably be deferred until next year. A further recommendation is noted that quarters for firemen be provided at the Hongkew and Victoria Stations, and it is suggested in regard to the latter that the present building be replaced by a more modern structure. The Council is opposed to the erection of a two-storied building on the foreshore, and it is decided to reply that while the provision of quarters will be undertaken, when plans and estimates by the Engineer have been approved, those at the Victoria Station will be built on the vacant space adjoining the present building.

X Native Shippers and Local Labour. - In reply to the application of the shipping hongs for the Council's seal on a mixed court proclamation limiting the charges of cargo-carrying coolies, the Council decides to intimate that no monopoly of native labour supply is recognised within Municipal limits, and that the arrangement of fixed charges for carrying cargo is a trade matter in which the Council does not desire to interfere. Issue of the proclamation is accordingly disapproved.

✓ Sedan Chairs. - An application having been received from certain native officials for the issue of free licenses, the Council's instructions are given that, in view of the opposition raised by the Taotai in this matter, it is inadvisable that any addition be made to the free list at present; the Tax Office will be notified accordingly.

✓ Public Band Committee. - Noting that Mr. Raaschow has signified his willingness to serve on this committee, it is decided to invite Mr. R. B. Allen to join the same, leaving it to him and to Mr. Raaschow to elect a third member in due course. The original proposal to request Mr. Pullen to act in this capacity is withdrawn in deference to views expressed by the Band Master.

✓ Mixed Court. - A report by the Captain Superintendent draws the attention of the Council to certain new procedure introduced, which

which limits the sentences imposed by the Magistrate to a maximum of 60 days' imprisonment. As a result of these instructions from the Higher Chinese authorities, prisoners in serious cases are now remanded in the custody of the Police, a practice which leads to constant delays and to the infliction of light sentences for serious crime; the Captain Superintendent is of opinion that unless speedily remedied, the situation is fraught with danger to the general administration of the Settlement. The Council is informed that the Consular Body have received an official intimation of the Imperial Edict which conveyed these new instructions, but inasmuch as no communication has been addressed to the Council on the subject, it is decided to address the Senior Consul and point out the serious nature of the situation thus created, and to request that immediate steps be taken to deal with the same. The Council further ^{notes that the} ~~considers in the opinion expressed~~ by the ~~Captain Superintendent that the~~ abolition of corporal punishment at the Mixed Court, a reform supposed to be universal, ~~but which is apparently confined to the Foreign Settlement, is, under existing conditions, inexpedient and calculated to prejudice the Council's administration.~~

Public Markets. Close Season for Birds. - Upon the recommendation of the Chairman, it is decided to introduce a clause into the stall-holders' licenses in public markets, extending the close season at present in force for game to include various descriptions of small birds at present sold by dealers, this regulation to come into force on the 1st proximo; and to be communicated to the public by notices in the native press in the usual manner.

Municipal Board Room. - Mr. Steffer draws attention to the inferior nature of the accommodation provided for meetings in the Board Room and suggests that the Engineer be directed to partition off the room in such a manner as to make it more suitable for the Council's purposes. Mr. De Gray also draws attention to the defective acoustic properties of the room and the

Secretary

Secretary is directed to take steps to have them remedied as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Cecil Holliday
Chairman.

J. Staud
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
No 23 Kiampse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 28th
March 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present,

in m.

C. Holliday, (Chairman)
F. Ellis,
W. J. Gresson,
F. C. Heffer
John Liddell
C. Meuser
W. H. Poate and
The Secretary

Absent

H. De Gray
E. S. Little

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.

Departmental Reports. The following are submitted:-

Electrical Engineer's report for February,
cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

Electricity Department Coal Supply. - The members of the Electricity
Committee have made a personal visit to the works, and
have

against

are read and confirmed. In regard to the -
 Hange Road widening. The Council is informed that
 the engineer has been unable to obtain a withdrawal
 on the part of the China Export-Import Bank Company
 of their claim for compensation for current or backward
 at 100, and that, in consequence, the case will go forward
 for consideration by the Land Commission.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board Committee of the 21st January
 will be submitted at an early date.
 report from the engineer on the subject with estimates
 relative to divide the hall into three distinct rooms and a
 from a preliminary inspection it appears

to ascertain whether the registered owner will consent to the
 of the present structure. The Secretary is therefore directed
 with the owner of the adjoining lot at the time of the erection
 emanate from the Council, but was due to an undertaking
 out that the opposition to this type of building did not
 in view of the existing. Victoria Fire Station it is pointed
 on the subject of erecting a fire-stored building
 of the settlement.

will be made by the officers charged with the defence
 as a place of refuge on their terms, other arrangements
 that if the Committee is unwilling that the Club be used
 that no claim of this character will be paid should the
 matter on these terms. It is decided to inform the Club
 particularly one, the Council is content to settle the
 admitting that this claim, even if awarded, is a
 actual cost of replacements supplied is refunded without
 for compensation for damage, etc. to \$500, provided the
 behalf of the Country Club, he offers to reduce the claim

at made for that purpose.
 deducting the beds of skanking cost in respect to the border
 assistant in charge had more care been taken in con-
 have formed the opinion that the temporary breakdown
 on the 21st instant might have been averted by the

1. Length

2. Minutes

3. Fire

4. 21st

- against the extension and widening respectively of these roads will be afforded an opportunity of appearing before the Committee at its next sitting in support of their protest.
- Steam Wagon. - Before refusing permission to use this type of vehicle, it is decided to obtain further particulars from the applicants, notably in relation to the weight of the vehicle itself and to the description of types to be adopted. The Chairman has experience of the use of these vehicles in England, and it appears probable that their introduction into Shanghai can only be a matter of time.
- ✓ The Minutes of the meetings of the Watch Committee of the 22nd and 26th instant are read and confirmed. In reference to Ordure Collection. - Joint enquiries into this matter have been made by the Police and the French Police from which it appears that the proposed strike is due to a demand for a reduction in price, and it has been stated that a former contractor is instigating the movement. In the opinion that Police interference would precipitate the matter, and possibly check its settlement, the Council directs that the Assistant Sanitary Inspector proceed to the spot again, and make a further report. If necessary warrants for the arrest of the ringleaders will be applied for later.
- ✓ Voting at Municipal Elections. - The Overseer of Taxes' proposals for increasing the facilities for Ratepayers desiring to record their votes at Municipal Elections are noted, and ordered to be filed for further discussion at the end of the year.
- ✓ Sterling Loan. - Draft form of Municipal Sterling Bond is submitted and, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved. The Council notes that Mr. Addis (manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in London) will be requested to supervise the final form of this document, and directs that legal advice be taken as to the clause in the body of the bond relating to the security for the loan.
- ✓ Public School. - In a letter from the Secretary of the School Committee, the Council is informed that ^{three} ~~four~~ members of the retiring committee are willing to serve for a further period if appointed. Their nomination is therefore confirmed and it is noted that one vacancy remains to be filled at the

the first opportunity. The thanks of the Council will be conveyed to Dr. King, the retiring member. In the second letter, the Secretary alludes to the fact that the increase in the number of pupils will call for an extension of the building accommodation proposed for the present, the Committee proposes to expend the sum of \$12,000 on commencing one of the playing fields to school purposes. The present is of opinion that this sum is a large one to spend on work of a temporary character, and it is decided to call for a report by the Engineer in the matter as soon as he shall have ascertained what additional work he shall have to undertake. The recommendation is requested.

Public Board - Letters from Mr. Raackon and Mr. R. B. Allen are read concerning to name on the Board Committee, and suggesting that the Council increase the number of the proposed committee to four, to include Messrs. E. G. Porter and G. Stark. This suggestion is accordingly adopted.

Volunteer - The Commandant reports to the re-formation of the German Reserve Company and, upon his recommendation the issue of a commission to Mr. X. will be granted to the company is authorized.

A letter from the S. O. S. Hongkong is read in the effect that the Council's request for the supply of additional rifles cannot be complied with at once, but that he has forwarded the application to the War Office for favourable consideration.

Garden Bridge - A plan showing the plan and location of the proposed structure is submitted, previous to being forwarded to the War Office for the official approval of the officer. The Council notes that the location on the Shanghai side has been reduced to 8 feet, and that on the Hongkong side to 6 1/2 feet.

United Provinces - The Police Training State of the 27th instants contains allusion to the numerous gangs of footpads making from the district immediately north of the settlement, and the British Superintendent is proposed to draft 15 Indians, to whom arms will be issued out, for special night duty.

in this connection is approved. Mr. Gresson advocates communicating with the Chinese Authorities through the Senior Consul in this matter, endorsing the view that the ineffectual Police control of these districts is a serious menace to good order. It is decided to obtain exact information from the Captain Superintendent on the subject, and to communicate the same for the information of the Consular Body.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

W. Gresson

Chairman.

W. Gresson
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 11th
April 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

G. Holliday, (Chairman)
H. De Gray,
F. Ellis,
W. J. Gresson,
F. C. Heffer,
John Liddell,
C. Meuser,
W. H. Poole and
The Secretary.

Absent

E. S. Little

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted. -

Cash

- Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.
- ✓ Fire Brigade. - Mr. C. E. Moore, holding the late Mr. McBrain's Power of Attorney, writes to the effect that he has no objection to the erection of a two-storied building in lieu of the present Victoria Fire Station. As a precautionary measure, the assent of the executors of the estate will also be obtained, whereafter the matter will be referred to the Works Committee with a view to compliance with the request of the Brigade.
- ✓ Order Collection. - From a second report from the Health Officer on this subject, it is inferred that the agitation at Springwood is subsiding and that it is improbable that the strike will take place. It is decided, however, to communicate the facts briefly for the information of the Consular Body, with a request for native official intervention in case of need.
- ✓ Armed Robberies. - Further details in regard to lawlessness beyond Settlement limits will be submitted by the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police without delay; in the meanwhile the Senior Consul has forwarded a copy of a communication from the Naotai, in which he states that instructions have been given for severe punishment in all cases of rovdoyism and robbery, which should be brought for trial before himself. It is decided to point out in reply that the Mixed Court is fully competent to try cases of this description coming under the notice of the Police, observing further that the recent order curtailing the Magistrate's power of punishing has undoubtedly proved an incentive to robbery and violence in the settlement.
- ✓ Warrants. - In a second note, the Senior Consul requests that the Captain Superintendent of Police call upon him in connection with certain irregular warrants forwarded for his stamp. A reply has been forwarded to the effect that the Council considers such a course injudicious, but adding that any information which the Senior Consul may require will be furnished if the documents in question

question are forwarded to the Council in the ordinary way. ^{In an} interview with Mr. Siffert, the chairman has ^{ascertained} that the smallness of the staff at the Belgian Consulate renders the work of translating warrants not bearing individual consular endorsement a matter of some difficulty. While the Council is prepared to render such clerical and translating assistance as may be required, it is decided to adhere to the practice obtaining hitherto, viz that all communication, whether official or unofficial, be with the Council direct.

↓ Wai hai wei Regiment - A telegram from Captain Dent offering the services of the officers or men of this regiment, which is about to be disbanded, for duty in connection with the forthcoming increase of the Police Force, has been under consideration by the Watch Committee during the week, and some discussion ensued as to the advisability of accepting the offer. In respect to the officers, the Council sees no way in which their services might be utilised since the new drafts of Indians, if available, will be accompanied by special officers with knowledge of Hindustani. In regard to the men, a report by the Acting Captain Superintendent is read generally summing up in their disfavour. Unarmed, they will probably be of less use than the local recruit, and the Council is generally averse to issuing arms to Chinese under any circumstances, at the present juncture. In conclusion, it is unanimously decided to communicate a reply in the negative.

↓ Steam waggon - Messrs Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co. furnish particulars as to the weight and type of the steam vehicle which they propose to import, from which it is observed that when fully loaded, the waggon weighs 7 tons. It is the opinion of members that this vehicle would have a most destructive effect on the macadamised roads in the Settlement, and the Works Committee's decision to refuse the application is therefore confirmed.

↓ Gambling during Race-week - A letter from Mr. R. E. Lewis is submitted in allusion to the relaxation of Police activity in

in respect to public gambling during race-week, and Mr. Ellis, at some length supports the view that the inconsistency shown in the matter is to be regretted. Upon a show of hands, it is decided to make no change in the arrangements heretofore in vogue, Mr. Ellis dissenting.

Mixed Court. - A Police Report is submitted forwarding a Mixed Court Order issued on the 2nd instant for sealing up a native paper mill on the Yangtze-poo Road. Noting that this order was issued before the case had come into Court, it is decided to return it to the Senior Council pointing out the irregularity. Mr. Ellis states that in this case, a disagreement arose between the two proprietors of the mill one of whom enjoyed Spanish protection. The dispute has now been formally handed over by the Assessor for settlement as a purely native case, leaving the Spanish Assessor to intervene if he wishes.

The Council is informed that a warrant was issued during the week for the arrest of the headman of chair coolies in the Bubblingwell District for refusing to supply the necessary number of coolies for the "Gaotai's" use, and some discussion ensues as to the advisability of protesting at this continued evidence of official oppression, in the case of licensed coolies. Noted that the man was liberated at the preliminary hearing at the Court it is decided to take no further action in the matter, while any further molestation of the man will be reported for the Watch Committee's information.

Van Kalk Det. - a report summarizing all the information in the knowledge of the Police in regard to this notorious criminal has been compiled for the information of the British Assessor, who is preparing a report on the subject to forward to Peking. Mr. Ellis is averse to the transmission of a document which contains statements for which there is no supporting evidence, but it is decided, while disclaiming any responsibility for the accuracy of the statements contained in the report, to authorize its despatch.

Yu Yuen

- 1 Yu Yuen Gardens. - The Council's refusal in July last to sanction an exhibition of fireworks in these gardens is re-affirmed, in reply to an application on behalf of the native owners.
- 1 Municipal Report. - The draft précis in Chinese of certain sections of the annual report, translated by the Christian Literature Society, is submitted, and the Council's view is recorded that while the publication appears unobjectionable, no contribution towards the cost of the work is warranted.
- The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Cecil Holliday
 Chairman.

W. Gresson
 Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiungse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 11th April 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr Mr.

B. Holliday, (Chairman)
 H. De Gray,
 F. Ellis,
 W. J. Gresson,
 F. C. Heffer,
 G. Meuret,
 W. H. Poate and
 The Secretary.

Absent.

John Liddell and
 E. S. Little.

The Summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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the continuation of the road beyond its present termination
occupying the view, which is generally unimpaired, that
excursion, considerable discussion ensued, Mr. McJannet
in favour of the road, and to the abandonment of it scheduled
minutes are read and confirmed. In reference to the

1 The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of the 9th
are this summer.
present will not properly be available for public
that has not yet taken a season of the year as the
Hingham Recreation Ground, the opinion is recorded
during operations at the
minutes are read and confirmed. In reference to the

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table be returned to the hotel.
the probable results of his order that the route
understand to see Mr. Rogers and to point out to him
suggestions of the Board - General, and the Chairman
to make any official intervention calculated to hurt the
in discussing this matter, it is considered expedient
public gambling in race days throughout the settlement.
near the race course into a general persuasion for
measures since the Council's attitude has to gambling
table, pointing out that it is clear that Mr. Rogers
in reference to public route table at the Alcott
pronounced in the American Court on the 9th instant

1 Public Gambling - Mr. De Gray alludes to the judgment
Police daily reports.

Return of prisoners apprehended,
Each statement for the past week,
Chang Pao Ska, Sanitary Station, March Quarter
Chinese classes
Engineers
Heron, Victoria Nursing Home, report for March,
Health Officer's report for March,

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted:
The Chairman and passed for publication.
The minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by

not and will not hereafter prove of public utility. A letter of protest at the suggested abandonment from the China Land and Finance Co. is read, together with a report by the Engineer, strongly deprecating compliance with the petition of Mr. A. W. Maitland and other landowners. Mr. Meuser is of opinion that a concession to private interests in this matter is calculated to have serious results as precedent; he emphasizes also the injustice to persons who have purchased land in anticipation of the projected road. Upon a show of hands, it is decided that the road be abandoned, Mr. Meuser dissenting.

✓ Cemeteries. - A verbal application has been made that the Council's decision on the subject of the number of grave spaces to be allotted to Mrs. Smetlage be re-considered, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided, as an exceptional case, to sanction the reservation of 12 spaces for the purposes which she has in view, upon condition that payment therefor be made at twice the current rate and that the design and position of the mausoleum be hereafter approved.

✓ Chinese Consultative Committee. - Noting a request for certain Municipal publications received from the Secretary of the Committee, it is decided to take the opportunity of pointing out in an official letter to Mr. Yu Ya-Ching that the Council is precluded by the recent resolution of the Ratepayers from having any official intercourse with this Body.

✓ Volunteers. - "A" Company. The resignation of Lieutenant Fleming forwarded by the Commandant is received and recorded. Artillery. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorized for issue as Lieutenant to 2nd Lieutenant J. E. Orr.

✓ General Municipal Rate - Case of St. Farnham. A letter from the Rev. C. M. Myers is read, contesting the right either of the Council or of the Ratepayers to assess premises for purposes of taxation. After due consideration, it is decided to take the usual steps preparatory to obtaining payment of the rate on No. 61 Range Road as assessed

by

by process of law.

Walter Keim - noting that no reply has been received to the

Council's letter of the 20th November last to the Sheriff
General on the subject of the forming of a rate taking by
the Dewey & Company, and further that a process
of certain correspondence between the Sheriff General and
the State in the subject is contained in the native
press, it is decided to address a further communication
to the General Body enquiring what progress is
being made towards the cancellation of the concession
made.

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is recorded that the use of this building by the Bandman
Opera Company would be inadvisable.

A letter from the Rev. G. H. Bondfield is read
directing permission to make use of the State for the
meetings of the General Assembly, the conference to
be held in April of next year, and it is decided,
while sanctioning the proposal, to impose no charge
other than for heating, lighting, etc.

The meeting

Wm. G. Bondfield
Chairman

W. Moore
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 18th April 1906, at 4.30 p.m. -

Present:- M M

O. Meuser, (Chairman)
 H. De Gray,
 F. Ellis,
 W. J. Gresson,
 F. C. Heffer,
 John Liddell
 W. H. Poate and
 The Secretary

Absent:-

C. Holliday and
 E. S. Little.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Summary of Revenue for March.
 Gaol Superintendent's Report for March.
 Wharfage dues return for March Quarter,
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

From the wharfage dues return the Council observes an excess of £12,000 above the estimate for the quarter.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 17th instant are read and confirmed without comment.

✓ Volunteers. - A communication from the Army Council, forwarded from Hongkong, is read, expressing satisfaction at the Council's appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Lieutenant Colonel Watson, and adding that a note of the same has been recorded.

✓ Pontoons and Jetties. - The Commissioner of Customs has called and stated that the scheme for the provision of special passenger pontoons is approved by the Inspector

Inspector General. Before writing officially on the subject he will be glad to receive an assurance that the lot holders, whose frontage is affected, will raise no objection to the course proposed, and the Secretary is directed, upon the return of Mr. Hunter to Shanghai to obtain the assent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to the scheme, avoiding correspondence if possible on the debatable subject of foreshore rights. Hereafter, the Commissioner will interview the managers of the steamship companies, whose arrangements will be modified by the proposal to bring all the passenger launches to one point of embarkation.

Singa Stone Bridge. - The attention of the Council is drawn to certain correspondence which has passed between the Commissioner of Customs and the Taotai on the subject of the repair or re-erection of this cumbersome structure, and considerable discussion ensues as to the Council's attitude thereto. It is pointed out that the Council has given an assurance to the Waterworks Company, who desire to carry a water main over the creek at this point, that the bridge will be rebuilt out of the public funds, provided the assent of the Chinese authorities is obtained. Mr. Liddell is of opinion that the advantages to be derived from the rebuilding, whether from the point of view of water-borne traffic or conservancy, are of such a character as to render it suitable that the Chinese Government defray at least a portion of the cost. On the other hand, it is considered desirable that the control of the bridge should not be allowed to pass into other hands than those of the Council, an end which it will be difficult to attain if the present opportunity is not taken advantage of. It is decided therefore, to communicate to the Commissioner the Council's willingness to rebuild the bridge without specifying within what period. The last named condition is inserted in the view that the rebuilding of the Kiaugse Road Bridge, provided for in the current Budget, should not be deferred on this account.

Wei Hai wei Road. - Members' comments on the proposal to take

take legal advice as to the method of abandoning the extension of this road are read, and the Council's legal liability to pay claims for damage when the road is abandoned is subjected to some discussion. The view expressed by Mr. Downall in 1896 is submitted, but a more explicit statement is considered desirable, and it is decided to ask for the legal adviser's opinion (i) as to whether the Council has the power to abandon the road, and (ii) as to its liability in regard to such action. At Mr. DeGray's suggestion, it is decided to ask that the opinion be supplemented by that of some other legal practitioner.

✓ Battle Lehir - A letter from the Senior Consul informs the Council that the question of the validity of the Senegri concession has been referred to a select committee of the Consular Body, who have formed the opinion that the arrangement was contrary to treaty. A despatch has accordingly been forwarded to the Taotai to this effect, and the result will be communicated to the Council in due course.

✓ Opium Collection - A second letter from the Senior Consul states that due representation has been made to the Chinese authorities in this matter, and the Council is informed that the desired result appears to have been achieved.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

Oecil Hossiday

Chairman.

W. Pearson
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 25th April 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:-

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L. Holliday, (Chairman)
 H. De Gray,
 F. Ellis,
 W. J. Gresson,
 F. C. Heffer,
 John Kiddell,
 E. S. Little,
 O. Meuser,
 W. H. Poate and
 The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted. -
 Summary of expenditure to the 6th instant,
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Board Committee of the 20th instant are read and confirmed. In regard to the Conductorships, some surprise is evinced, at the evident trend of the Committee's deliberations on this subject, but it is decided to await the receipt of a specific recommendation in the matter.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the works committee of the 23rd instant are read and confirmed, and in reference to Road Extension 3 W. (Cross Road) Mr. Meuser states that he has seen Mr. Chien Faying, who finds himself unable to assist in arranging for the deviation of this extension. Under the circumstances therefore it is decided to adhere to the scheduled line.

✓ Garden Bridge. - The Committee is of opinion that the position of the bridge abutment on the Shanghai side is a matter for further discussion, and Mr. Meuser undertakes to see the Engineer

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in the matter.

1. The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 24th instant are read and confirmed. In reference

to

Coal Supply. - The Council, after some discussion, decides to contest the high price charged for sample coal by Messrs. Arnold Karberg & Co., pointing out that the consignment was unaccompanied by an invoice, and that it was understood to be coal of a value of 76.9 per ton.

Tramways. - A further report by the Engineer is read on the subject of the proposed double line of tramways through the narrow section of the Banking Road, and the undoubted hardships to shop-owners involved thereby. After considerable discussion and explanation of the point raised, the recommendation of the Committee is endorsed.

In respect to the decision to refuse permission for centre pole construction in the Yangtze Road, the Council decides to take the first opportunity to remove the present island electric lamps in this thoroughfare, new lights to be suspended from the tram poles.

2. Waihaiwei Road Extension. - The opinion of the Legal Adviser on the proposed abandonment of this extension is read, also that of Mr. White-Cooper, written to the North China Daily News in January 1904; whereupon the first intention of the Chairman is to uphold the Council's former decision in the matter and to contest such claims for compensation as may be submitted. Mr. De Gray is influenced by the view that the precedent so formed might be used hereafter against the Council with unfortunate results, and it is eventually decided on his proposal, seconded by Mr. Gresson, that a similar treatment be accorded to the petition for abandonment, as was adopted in the case of the Mohawk Road in 1902, viz; that the Council's assurance be given that no work on the extension will be done until the public need therefor becomes self-evident.

3. Public School Committee - At the suggestion of the School Committee, it is decided to request Mr. H. E. Campbell to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Irving.

4. House Refuse Contract. Tenders for this work for the ensuing year

have

have been submitted to the watch committee, and, upon the recommendation of the Health officer, it is decided to accept that of Lee Jung Kee, the garbage contractor for 1904/5, whose monthly remuneration will be \$880.

Volunteers. - The report of General Halton on his inspection of the Corps is submitted and ordered for circulation to the watch committee, and publication, as usual, omitting ^{entire} passages not relating to the duties and work of the Corps.

Diplomatic Corps, Peking. A letter from the Acting Consul General for Germany informs the Council that the Doyenship of the Diplomatic Body was handed over by Baron von Munin to Sir Ernest Satow on the 18th instant.

Chinese Proclamations. - From a Police report of the 24th instant, it is noted that two proclamations posted in the Canton Road without the seals of the Senior Consulate and of the Council have been seized, and it is decided to draw the attention of the Chinese authorities to the omission of the usual formalities.

Death of Mrs. R. W. Little. - Upon the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. De Gray, it is decided to convey to Mrs. R. W. Little an expression of the Council's condolence on the death of her husband, the value of whose public work in Shanghai, as a member of Council and otherwise is recognised, and whose death is universally deplored.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 pm.

Cecil Hosie,
 Chairman.

Chairman.

W. Messin
 Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 2nd May 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:

Mem.

C. Holliday, (Chairman)
 H. De Gray,
 F. Ellis,
 W. J. Gresson,
 F. C. Heffer,
 John Hiddell,
 O. Meuser,
 E. S. Little,
 W. H. Poate and
 The 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.

Departmental Reports:- The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Brand Committee of the 27th instant are deferred, to be read together with those of the meeting next ensuing, when the Committee's re-organisation scheme will have assumed a more complete form and be ready for the Council's endorsement.

Garden Bridge:- Mr. Meuser states that the Engineer has undertaken to stake out the line of the abutment on the Shanghai side so as to afford the members of the Works and Parks Committees an opportunity of personal inspection.

Tramways. Supervision of Construction:- Reports from the Engineer and the Acting Electrical Engineer are submitted, recommending the appointment of a special man for the close supervision of the electrical portion of this work, the latter stating that the staff of the Electricity Department is too small to allow of its

its adequate performance undecided. It is suggested that the Water and Gas Companies, to whom protection against electrolysis is of the first importance, would be willing to contribute towards the additional cost involved. Mr. Proke questions the desirability of the assumption of responsibility for this work by the Council, and is of opinion that the supervision by the representative of the Construction Company is safeguard enough. It is also observed that a regrettable lack of foresight was shown by the Electrical Engineer in not raising the point before proceeding on leave, since two to three months must elapse before the services of a qualified man can be obtained and in the meanwhile a considerable portion of the rail-bonding will have been completed. After considerable discussion, and at the suggestion of Mr. Meuser, decision in the matter is referred to the Electricity and Tramways Committee, a special meeting of which will be convened for the purpose at an early date.

Command of Defence Forces. - The memorandum by General Hutton, accompanying his report on the S. V. C. Inspection, is submitted, and on the proposal of the Chairman, its consideration is deferred until further progress is made in the scheme for increasing the Indian Police. The re-organization which this scheme will involve is considered likely to affect the points raised in the memorandum.

Volunteers. - German Company. The resignation of Captain Wilkom is received and recorded.

Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, it is decided to renew the commissions held by Major Clarke, Captain Dowdall and Captain Lalaca, as from their dates of expiry.

Gambling during Race Week. - A further letter on this subject from the Secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. is submitted with members' recorded comments thereon, and the views expressed by Mr. de Gray are endorsed by a majority of the Council. The Chairman points out that

that the Council would be unsupported by public opinion in making any drastic change in the customary procedure in respect to public gambling during Race Week, at so late a time as four days before the meeting. After a full discussion it is decided to reply to the effect generally that Mr. Lewis's proposal is impracticable, and one which the Council would be unwilling to take up without a definite mandate from the Ratepayers on the subject. Messrs. F. Ellis and G. S. Little dissent from the Council's decision in this matter.

It is decided to call for a general report from the Captain Superintendent of Police on the subject of gambling in the neighbourhood of the Race Course during Race Week, descriptive of the extent to which it exists, and with particular reference to any disorder arising as a result of the Council's attitude of tolerance.

Benevolence. - In final settlement of Mrs. Sneathlage's application for grave-spaces, the Council sanctions her reservation of 14 spaces, together with a disused corner strip, which will rank for payment as four extra spaces.

Resignation of P. B. Rosser. - On the subject of the resignation of this constable, sanctioned by the Watch Committee to enable him to take up the post of Marshall at the Supreme Court, Mr. Ellis has been approached by the Judge, who states that the appointment was made at the initiative of Captain Boistragon who led him to infer that the man's chances of promotion were slight, and that his transfer to the Court would be welcomed by the Police. Under these circumstances, it is decided to permit P. B. Rosser to draw one-third of the sum at his credit in the Superannuation Fund.

Riot Claims. - In reply to the Council's letter on the subject of the use of the Country Club building in case of riot, a letter is read to the effect that the Committee is unwilling to sanction the use of the Club unless compensation

reparation for damage is guaranteed. Mr. Gresson states that the Club Committee would be prepared to refer the matter to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, and the Council is content that this course be followed. The Chairman points out that the occupation of the Club is not a vital point in the Settlement defence scheme, and he is of opinion that if the claim as to responsibility for damage is maintained, other arrangements may be made without difficulty.

Royal Asiatic Society. - With reference to the proposal for the erection of a public library and museum in co-operation with the Royal Asiatic Society, the Council is informed that the Society's land is held, not under a title deed, but as a grant from the Commissioners of the Treasury with certain conditions attached. The Secretary of the Society, Mr. J. B. Ferguson, has prepared an agreement which, if it receives the assent of H. M. Government purports to secure the public use of the site in perpetuity. Subject to the approval of the Legal Adviser, the Council authorises signature of this agreement.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Cecil Holliday

Chairman.

M. J. Gresson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 16th
May 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

B. Holliday, (Chairman)

H. De Gray,

F. Ellis,

~~W. J. Greenough,~~

F. C. Heffer,

John Liddell,

E. S. Little,

C. Meuser

and

The Secretary.

Absent. -

W. H. Poate.

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted: -

Traffic Superintendent's Report for April,

Health Officer's

Victoria Nursing Home

Summary of Revenue for April,

General Municipal Rate, Rates, for March Quarter,

Cash Statement for the past week,

Returns of prisoners apprehended,

Police daily reports.

Riot claims. The Council is informed that the Country Club
Committee is unwilling to add anything to the letter
on this subject, and, under the circumstances, it is decided
to reply in terms of a memorandum by the Chairman,
making no allusion to the annual meeting of the Club's
shareholders, but merely stating that the use of the premises
is not vital to the scheme of defence, and that the Council
will not be able to protect the building in case of riot
if its use is confined to members only.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the

3rd instant

3rd instant are read and confirmed, and further consideration of the subject of Tramway supervision ensues. A note by Mr. Poate suggests that the inspector already engaged for the Public Works Department be entrusted with the comparatively simple work of supervising the bonding of the rails. A report from the Engineer is opposed to this suggestion, on the grounds that this employe will be fully occupied when tramway work is begun in several parts of the Settlement. It is therefore decided to authorise the engagement of a second inspector, both men to be under the direction of the Engineer, and to be sufficiently instructed to supervise the rail bonding. The Chairman states that Mr. Wright of the Construction Company has undertaken to give these men the necessary information.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 10th instant are read and confirmed. In reference to Prison Labour, the Council sanctions the daily rate of pay recommended, viz \$0.15, in the view not that the sum represents the actual value of the work, but because the employment of the convicts on out-door work is necessary, and it is advisable that the Gas Labour Account should show as satisfactory results as possible.

General Alarm. - It is decided to call for a report from the Engineer as to the best means of amending the device by which the fire-bell is rung, to provide for the ringing of short, sharp strokes of the bell in case of general alarm.

Water Closet System. After some discussion the Committee recommendations under this heading are endorsed. Mr Little proposes that the Building Rule on this subject be amended with a view to complete prohibition, but before taking action on this point it is decided to refer to the reasons which induced the previous Council to leave the rule in a semi-permissive form, with discretionary power to the Council in special cases.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of the 15th instant are read and confirmed. In reference to Roadside Trees,

- Roadside Trees, it is suggested, for the consideration of the watch committee, that an official request be forwarded for the issue of a proclamation by the Tartar, directed against the wanton destruction of trees.
- § The minutes of the meetings of the Band Committee of the 27th ultimo, and the 11th instant are read and confirmed.
- § General Re-organisation - Mr. Meuser is of opinion that the increased expenditure involved in the committee's proposals is one for serious consideration, but the Council considers that the committee's report bears evidence of a thorough examination into the condition and requirements of the Band, and that, the Committee having been appointed for the purpose of improving public music in Shanghai, nothing remains but to confirm its recommendations.
- § Resignation of Member. A note from Mr. Gresson informs the Council of his approaching departure from Shanghai, and consequent resignation of his seat. It is decided to request Mr. H. Hewick to fill the vacancy thus caused in the Council.
- § Volunteers. "A" Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, it is decided to issue a commission as Second Lieutenant to Mr. J. C. Bosustow, who contemplates attending a course of instruction while on leave in England.
- "German Company". A Commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Second Lieutenant W. F. Susemihl, to command the company vice Captain Wilkonn resigned.
- § Land Assessment - A letter from Messrs. J. F. Scaman and J. N. Jamieson is submitted in allusion to the assessment of cadastral lot 41^B. This lot is a new one formed by excision from lot 41^A which has Bund frontage to which the high rate of assessment is due. It is pointed out that the adjustment sought, in the Council's opinion an equitable one, can only be made with the assent of the owners of the parent lot, the Russo-Chinese Bank, and a reply in this sense is authorised.

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Secretary
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Local Association

The meeting adjourns at 6.55 p.m.
on the terms already arranged, and to vacate the premises
to the firm to effect the sale of the lot in the bazaar
decided to require at what date it will be convenient
for 68 subcommittee to the 31st March last, and it is
for them have decided to pay land tax in instalments
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At the General meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Kiangre Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 23rd
May 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present,

M. M.

B. Holliday, (Chairman)
F. Ellis,
F. B. Heffer,
John Liddell,
E. S. Little,
O. Meuser,
W. H. Poate and
The Secretary.

Absent.

H. De Gray.

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.

Departmental Reports. The following are submitted:-

Engineer's Report for April,
Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police daily reports.

Increase of Indian Police. Upon the Chairman's recommendation a telegram has been despatched to Simla, through the Consul, leaving the question of classes of Indians in the hands of the Indian Government, since it has been shown to be clear that full information as to the duties which the draft of men will be called upon to perform have been forwarded for the Government's information.

The Chairman further alludes to the now strong probability that the Council's request for the Indian Government's co-operation in this matter will be granted, and he is of opinion that early steps should be taken to prepare for the arrival of the first draft of men. Their housing, duties, organization, etc, are matters upon which no definite policy has yet been formulated, and at his suggestion it is decided upon the return of Mr.

De Gray

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forwarded by the Dator Stone Hotel Company in respect
done discussion since as to the claim likely to be
read purposes.

take the earliest opportunity of scheduling the lot for
will be suggested that it is the board's intention to
commission. In the event of a refusal, the company
compensation payable for the lot before the board
They will submit to a friendly arbitration of the
Investment Company and ask in the first place that
the bridge. It is therefore decided to address the board
increasing traffic calls for a wider sweep leading to

where property is available, since the construction of the
clear to the members that the public acquisition of the
Garden Bridge. - In respect to Garden lot 1000 N, it is
value less existing structures, considerable an advantage
current base of the property, instead of the old and almost

the possession of comparatively new houses at the end of the
the whole property in six years' time, and that in consequence
the statement that it is the insurers' intention to rebuild
The largest insurance, with a view to placing on record
to ask for a contribution from the owners concerned,

is agreed from the public funds, the board decides
the house at the north-east corner of the bridge be
Committee's recommendation that the cost of raising
Chapman Road Bridge - while prepared to endorse the

settlement of this case in the hands of the Road Commission
the request of the 9th. Customs Authorities, to have the
Singer Road Extension, it is decided, in accordance with
are read and confirmed. In reference to the

of the minutes of the meeting of the 21st instant
by a second visit to the spot by a Sanitary Inspector.
this incident, the facts being ascertained in the meanwhile
have been taken officially to present a recurrence of
decided to enquire from the Board about what steps

with other botanists at long as has been, and it is
Department it appears that the interference by road
Bottle Collection - from the reports of the Police and Health
full discussion of the question.

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to loss of business occasioned by the construction work on the bridge. No decision, however, is recorded pending receipt of an official communication from the Hotel.

Taxation beyond limits. A letter from the Senior Council is read, forwarding a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the numbering of houses and policing in the district north of the Settlement boundary. In reply it is decided to point out that the Council's policy towards the outside districts has been made public in the fullest possible manner, and to state that the 5% rate at present levied upon residents who enjoy the privilege of water supply must be regarded as part of the cost of such privilege.

Water Closet Systems. - Former minutes on this subject have been circulated for members' information, from which it is evident that it was the previous Council's intention to refuse all applications to instal water closets. It is therefore decided to take the necessary steps to amend the Building Rule so that it shall be simply prohibitive.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. - A letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read, offering the sum of £2,450 for the purpose of erecting a pavilion in the Ground. The Council is of opinion that, in accepting this offer, it should be made clear that any interference in the control of the Ground by another body than the Council, would be undesirable, and thus that the proposal to appoint a special committee to control the pavilion is not approved. It is considered probable that the appointment of Mr. C. D. Kerr as an additional member of the Parks Committee will meet this difficulty, and provided that the present members of the Committee assent, the Secretary is directed to invite Mr. Kerr to serve in this capacity.

Milk Analysis. - Correspondence on this subject, forwarded by Mr. E. S. Little, is submitted with a report by the Health Officer in re. After some discussion, and upon a show of hands, a proposal by Mr. Little is adopted that ratepayers forwarding samples of milk for analysis

analysis and undertaking to prosecute the party concerned in the event of advertisement being shown, shall be charged no fee.

Round Police and Justice - The Council is informed that it is probable that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank will raise objection to the two new passengers being placed opposite the Bank premises. The matter is one closely associated with the project for removing the opium buiko from their present position in the street, and is at present in the hands of the Customs Authorities with a view to settlement.

Public Gambling - A Police report is submitted on the evidence of gambling in the vicinity of the race during Race week, from which it appears that gambling wholly unconnected with racing was in operation at the Hotel Metropole, and at Chang Sa Wo's and the 6 Queen Gardens. It is decided to communicate with these institutions informing them that in future such gambling will not be permitted, in accordance with the resolutions attached to their licenses.

Native Police - The Captain Superintendent of Police in a memorandum draws attention to serious mis-statements in respect to the treatment of convicts in the Gaol and also to a recent number of the Standard, and addresses steps being taken for their withdrawal or correction. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, it is decided to point out to the proprietors of the paper the discrepancies and mis-statements and to call for a definite withdrawal.

Steam Launches - An application on behalf of Mr. H. Morrison is submitted for permission for the S. "Gamskhu" to use the P. & O. Jetty on arrival from and departure to the Saddle Island weekly, and it is pointed out that the maximum fee for this service is at present \$5.00. The Council, while sanctioning the application, records the view that in the compilation of next year's Budget, this matter will need for the attention of the Finance Committee with a view to increasing the charge.

An intimation in this sense will be conveyed to the applicant concerned.

The meeting adjourns at 7.20 p.m.

Oecil Holliday

Chairman.

W. J. Russell

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 30th May 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present. -

Mr. H.

O. Holliday (Chairman)
 F. Ellis,
 F. C. Heffer,
 John Liddell,
 E. S. Little,
 O. Meuser,
 W. H. Poate and
 The Secretary.

Absent. -

H. De Gray.

Mr. H. Keswick takes his seat and is appointed to serve on the watch Committee.

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted -

Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police Daily Reports.

Ordure Collection. - letters from the Senior Consul and from
 H.

The Mixed Court Magistrate are submitted containing an account of the official steps which have been taken in this matter. Copies of the documents have been referred to the Health Officer who will report later whether in his opinion the Ordure Contractor has been to blame for the recent disturbances, and threatened strike.

Public Gambling - Mr. Meuser alludes to the fact that an intimation was conveyed to the newspapers of the Council's decision, in regard to the gambling at Chang Su Ho's Garden and elsewhere, on the day following the meeting of Council, and before official publicity had been given thereto. The Chairman alludes to the necessity for the observance by members of strict reticence in all Municipal matters previous to publication, so long as the representatives of the press are not admitted to meetings of Council. Mr. E. S. Little has seen the Acting Editor of the "North China Daily News" in regard to the case in point but failed to elicit whence his information was derived.

Case of Yu Chien-pao - The Chairman summarises for member information the facts in this case, wherein the convict, Yu Chien-pao, now undergoing sentence for counterfeiting 20 cent pieces, has been demanded by the Chinese Authorities with the support of the Consul General for Germany, for re-trial in the City. In the view that this departure from established procedure would have serious prejudicial results, the case has been referred to the Consular Body for decision. It is pointed out that there are numerous other Chinese at present serving sentences in the Gaol for similar offences, and that on the lines of argument adopted in this case, they also should be handed over to the City Magistrate. It is clear that the criminal in question has been able to bring pressure to bear or otherwise to influence the Chinese Authorities in his favour, and the Council deploras any concession in the matter. It is decided, however, upon the receipt of a reply from the Consular Body to act upon their decision, noting that

- that the full details of the case will be forwarded for the information of the Diplomatic Body in Peking.
- Volunteers. - Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorized for issue to Mr. H. Heswick as Major to command the Infantry Battalion.
- Land Commission. - Awards in Cases XXXIV. to XXXVII. are submitted and recorded. In regard to the last named case, Kiangze Road widening, Mr. Poate explains the reasons which led to the expression of the preceding Commission's opinion in regard to cadastral lot 175 as to the improvement to the property opposite, and it is considered a matter for regret that the present Commission has not given effect thereto in making this award.
- Native Press. - A letter from the legal adviser has been received in respect to the mis-statements in the "Shen Bao" in regard to the Gaol, and, at Mr. Ellis's request, is submitted for discussion. He is of opinion that the course proposed is of too mild a character, and advocates the threat of legal proceedings forthwith. After some consideration, it is decided in the first place to address the proprietors of the paper in the matter and call for a definite and specific withdrawal of the article in question, whereafter, should it be found necessary and should the Council's request not be complied with, stronger measures will be taken.
- Municipal Properties, Municipal Hospital Site. - With reference to the recent negotiations by Mr. Gore Booth for the acquisition of cadastral lot 1152 for incorporation in this property, the Council is informed that an offer of \$15,000 for the land and buildings has been definitely refused. Upon the proposal of the Chairman it is decided to inform the broker that a counter offer of \$17,500 would be favourably considered. If the purchase of the lot does not result from this step, it is decided to submit the case for settlement by the Land Commission.
- Brick Pontoons and Jetties. - The Council is informed that objection to the position of the new passenger pontoons will

will shortly be received from the Hongkong Bank, based on the grounds that the traffic at this point on the Bund is already unduly congested and that a more favourable site for the pontoons may be found on the ^{North}~~South~~ side of the existing Customs Examination Shed. The Secretary is authorized to communicate the facts of the case for the information of the Chamber of Commerce, whose initiative originally led to the present negotiations.

Increase of Indian Police. - A second telegram from the Indian Government is submitted on the subject of the pay proposed for the officers to be seconded with the first draft of Indian constables, and it is decided to concur with the recommendation of the Indian Army Headquarters in the matter, noting that the two men at present under requisition will be junior officers of identical military and local Police rank.

Senior Consul Correspondence. - Three letters from the Senior Consul are read; (i) in allusion to the insertion in Mixed Court Orders of a clause to the effect that they are to be carried out with the assistance of the Police, to which end a communication has been addressed to the Taotai; (ii) in reference to the procedure in vogue in connection with Chinese official proclamations, and (iii) desiring that certain steps be taken to prevent the use by Chinese mafios of official hat buttons. In regard to the last-named, the Council is of opinion that redress lies in the hands of the authorities having jurisdiction over the employers concerned.

Yangtze Paper Mill Case. - A report by the Captain Superintendent is read informing the Council that the seals fixed by the Police for the closing of the mill have been removed by a Spanish Consul's assistant and that the mill has been re-opened. It is decided to enquire under what authority

authority this executive action was performed by the Consular Assistant concerned, and the action of the Police Inspector in permitting the irregularity without protest is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman.

W. Mason

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 6th June 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:-

M. M.

O. Meuret, (acting Chairman)
 F. Ellis,
 F. C. Heffer,
 John Liddell,
 E. S. Little,
 W. H. Poate. and
 The Secretary.

Absent:-

C. Holliday
 H. de Gray and
 H. Keswick

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.

Departmental Reports.—The following are submitted:—

Statement of Expenditure to the 22nd May,
 Summary of Revenue for May,

Health

Health officer's Report for May,
 Victoria Nursing Home " " "
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of the 31st ultimo, are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 1st instant are read and in reference to the water tank, a memorandum on the subject is submitted pointing out that in the case of an order involving so large a sum, public tenders should properly be called for, and further that provision was not made in the Budget for this item of capital expenditure.

Mr. Poate has quotations for a cast iron tank, the cost of which would be one-quarter of that contained in the Dock Company's tender for a steel tank, and the question is referred for re-consideration by the Committee.

Yuhang Road Culvert. - Mr. Poate finds a consensus of opinion among those well qualified to judge that a single large sized main would be a practicable and less expensive substitute for the proposed system of small mains.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 4th instant are read, and with reference to the Weichawei Road the Chairman is of opinion that the subject is one which should be left for discussion by a full meeting of Council.

General Alarm. - The Chairman states that the Committee's view on this subject was not so decisive as is stated in the minute under this heading, but after some discussion, the Council directs that the necessary change in the striking mechanism be carried out.

Outbreak at the Gaol. - The Superintendent's report on the outbreak among the convicts on the 4th May has been

been circulated to the members, and it is decided to furnish a copy of the document for the information of the Mixed Court Magistrate.

Native Press -- The reply of the Manager of the "Shen Pao" informs the Council that a contradiction of the mis-statements in regard to the Gaol will be made, and this course has been followed. It is pointed out, however, that while the original article was on the front page of the paper with main headlines, the correction has been made in an inconspicuous position in the fly leaf supplement; it is therefore decided to request that equal prominence may be given to the latter as to the former, and further that the management will insert an expression of regret at having inadvertently printed the original article in question.

Mixed Court -- From the returns of the 31st ultimo, the Council observes that a ~~case in which a mafoo~~, accidentally responsible for the death of a child who ran under his vehicle, has been sent into the City for the hearing of his case. It is understood that the Police, after an ineffectual protest, acted on the Court's order, and it is decided to issue directions, when so significant a departure from established procedure is ordered that the facts of the case be submitted without loss of time for the watch Committee's information before the order is carried out. Some discussion arises as to the desirability of addressing the Council General concerned after the event, but in the opinion that it would be inadvisable to allow the case to pass without protest, it is decided, so soon as the fate of the mafoo has been ascertained, to lay the facts before the American Consul General and to record the Council's strong protest at the course which was adopted.

Yangetzepos Paper Mill Case -- From the reply of the Consul for Spain to the Council's letter on this subject, it is noticed that he accepts full responsibility for the executive action of Mr. Vizeninovich in ~~closing~~ ^{regarding} the mill, and it is decided to inform Mr. Castillo that

future

future similar action will involve the summary consent of his representatives. As the same time the fact will be communicated without comment for the information of the Board and other interested parties, should be no doubt, may want fresh orders for closing the mill.

"Boat of Hope" - A letter from this institution applies for remission of Street Municipal Rate on its various establishments throughout the settlement, and it is pointed out that the annual Municipal grant of Rs. 2000 is no understood to be in support of the infirmal remission of taxation heretofore enjoyed by the "Boat of Hope" Mr. Pate points out that remission with this request would necessarily involve similar requests from the State, Rajya and other bodies institutions and, after some discussion, it is decided that no exceptional treatment shall be accorded.

Reaction Grounds - A report by the Engineer states that, through the medium of Mr. Bryan, the trees of land of an aggregate area of 1200 which are required to complete the new road on the west side of the ground may be obtained at a total cost of about Rs. 7000, and he strongly recommends their purchase. It is observed that the balance is without compulsory forests in this case, and that the portions of these small lots are actually needed for road purposes and complete a valuable fringe lot for sale hereafter; purchase accordingly authorized.

The New Garden - The decision of the preceding Council to prohibit exhibitions of fireworks in the Garden is reaffirmed.

Blayne Road Bridge - From the reply of the Engineer in answer to the Council's application in this matter, it is noted that the Engineer is prepared to defray one half of the cost of re-erecting the bridge on the north east corner of the bridge.

Local Post Office - From a circular letter from the Postal Commissioner, it is understood that the system of deposit

deposit accounts heretofore in operation will be discontinued during the current month. Reference is made to the original proposal of the customs authorities for taking over the Municipal Local Post in 1897, wherein it was stated that no change would be made in the existing local procedure, and it is therefore decided, while alluding to this paragraph, to enquire to what extent deposit account facilities are at present availed of, with a view to ascertaining whether any inconvenience to the public will result from their abolition.

Garden Bridge - Two tenders for the supply of Oregon pine for the cofferdams for the bridge are submitted, by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. at £6.45 per thousand superficial feet, and by the China Import and Export Lumber Company at £6.41.50, together with the Engineer's recommendation that the latter be accepted. It is understood that the contract concerned will amount to about £6,28,000, and Mr. E. S. Little is of opinion that in this case public tenders should be called for. This view is shared by the members generally, and it is decided to ascertain from the Engineer the reasons, if any, against the course proposed.

Traffic - Mr. Heffer alludes to a recent Police case in which, as a result of the stopping of a horse and trap by a foreign constable, the horse fell and was so far damaged as to necessitate destruction. Some discussion ensues as to the Police method of dealing with traffic in the Banking Road and elsewhere, and it is decided to refer the question for further consideration and enquiry by the Watch Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

Oecil Holliday

Chairman

M. Munson

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No 23 Exchange Road, Singapore, on Wednesday, the 13th June 1946 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

- Mr. McElday, (Chairman)
- Mr. Gray,
- Mr. G. Helger,
- Mr. Weisbach,
- John Keadell,
- Mr. S. Killo,
- Mr. McEwert,
- Mr. H. Porter,
- Mr. E. Lio,
- The Secretary,

The Chairman calling the meeting in taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, agreed by

The Chairman and passed for publication.

Separate Reports - The following are submitted -

General Municipal Rate, Foreign, March quarter,

Engineer's Report for May,

Local Department's Report for May,

Local Statement for the past week,

Return of payments apprehended,

Police daily reports

Garden Bridge, Oregon Fire. - Report by the Engineer

inform the Council that he has been unable to

obtain a better tender from Chinese suppliers than

that of the number bought, and that the latter will

not remain open for acceptance longer than noon on the

14th instant. Mr. Porter is of opinion that had public

leaders for the road been called for in sufficient time

to be specially imported, a cheaper rate might have

been obtained, and it is decided, subject accepting on

this occasion the tender recommended, to record the

Council's decision to uphold the practice of obtaining

for the tenders for all contracts of this magnitude.

Mackenzie - In comment on the Health Officer's report

submitted for publication, it is observed that his note

on

on this subject is not in accordance with the Council's views as recently expressed, since it is considered to be preferable, when milk is presented for analysis and an undertaking given to prosecute in the event of adulteration, that, should no adulteration be found, no fee be charged. Messrs. De Gray and Meuser dissent from this view.

The minutes of the meeting of the watch Committee of date are

read and confirmed. In reference to

The Yangtzeppoo Paper Mill Case, after considerable discussion of the failure of Inspector Mc Dowell in the performance of his duty, the view held by Mr. Herwick is endorsed by the Council, and it is decided to issue a severe reprimand to the Inspector

- (i) for proceeding to the spot to witness the opening of the mill without previously obtaining instructions as to what action he should take, and
- (ii) in witnessing the removal of the seal without taking steps to prevent this unwarrantable action or without protest.

The Chairman is of opinion that the Chief Detective Inspector was also to some extent to blame in not reporting the rumoured re-opening of the mill to the Captain Superintendent and, in the discussion of this point, it appears that the routine governing the Detective Branch is still of a somewhat promiscuous character, a point which the Committee will take up at a later date.

It is decided for the future that where an order of this description, to which the attention of the Council has been directed or where foreign interest is involved, that a constable shall be permanently stationed to watch that the seals are not broken or otherwise tampered with.

Wei-hai-wei Road Extension - After some consideration of the renewed request for the abandonment of a section of this road, the suggestion is adopted that reply be made to the petitioners to the effect that the Council will hinder in no way any scheme for the development of

of their properties which they may desire, the necessary building permits being issued on application. In the meanwhile the work is scheduled with reference to the plan and if hereafter it is needed in the public interest due compensation will be paid for any buildings to be removed. It is noted that the western portion of the section in question shows some probability of being carried through at an early date.

Postal Savings Accounts - From a further letter from the Postal Commissioner, it is observed that deposit account facilities are available to a small extent only, and, noting the recognition of the necessity for the Council's consent to the change, and assurance that any protest will be met by the continuation of the account in question, it is decided to raise no further protest in the matter.

Road & Station No. 17 is (Ehngku Road). A letter from the Commissioner of Customs informs the Council that the Inspector General has nothing to add to his former dispatch on this subject.

Protestion beyond limits. A letter from the Senior Council

desires certain information in regard to the numbering of houses and the levy of a special water rate in the neighborhood of the North Szechuan Road. Replies to his enquiries will be furnished so far as the information of the Council's disposal permits, but it is decided to point out that, as to the conditions under which water mains have been laid elsewhere than in Municipal roads, the Council has no complete knowledge. A letter from H. M. Council General is read, forwarding a copy of telegram from the Chinese official in Peking, from which it is apparent that the latter apprehends a return disturbance as the result of the Council's action in this matter. No sign of such a disturbance is reported by the Police, beyond the unusual appearance of certain magistrates and runners in the neighborhood, and it is decided to reply in this sense, adding that the levy of the 5% rate is not and

and cannot be a compulsory one, that no threats have been used in its collection, and that failure to pay on the part of the business in the district will result in the discontinuance of their water supply.

Water Collection - Report by the Health officer is submitted in comment upon the various official letters received on this subject. Therefrom it appears that, while no breach of his agreement is proved against the contractor, there appears to be some probability that the recent threatened strike was partially due to his extortionate methods. The Council is of opinion that it will be sufficient for the present to administer a severe caution, adding that further trouble will involve the cancellation of the contract.

The Council's thanks will be conveyed to the Senior Consul for his energetic handling of this incident.

Disturbance in a Native School. - A letter from the Senior Consul forwards translations of despatches from the Taitai on this subject, and seeks information thereon in the name of the Consular Body. It is pointed out that the case having been before the Mixed Court on several occasions, the facts should properly be obtained by the Senior Consul from the Consular Assessor in charge of the case. In the meanwhile, noting that the Police were exonerated from blame in the matter and that the charges of obstructing the Police and assault were dismissed without any stated reason, it is decided to apply to the Consul General for Germany for a new trial, under provision of Article VI of the rules of 1869.

Land Assessment. - The Chairman states that, as a result of an interview with Mr. J. F. Seaman, it has been arranged that the point in dispute as to the assessment of cadastral lot 41^B Central District, shall be submitted for arbitration before Sir Havilland de Saussure, a proposal which meets with the approval of the Council.

Water Lettin. - The Chairman also mentions that he has received overtures from the Senior Consul in regard to a proposal that the Council, in return for the cancellation

cancellation of the Benegri contract, shall pay
 a sum of \$60,000 per annum to the Chinese
 Authorities, in abolition of all lekin on cattle
 brought into the settlements from Tanyang. Mr.
 Siffert is anxious that no correspondence
 shall take place on this subject until the Council
 has had an opportunity of discussing and approving
 the suggestion, but the consensus of opinion
 among the members is averse to the proposal, in
 the view that any action tending to perpetuate
 the levy of lekin in any form should be discour-
 tenanced by the Council, and further, that it
 is probable that the supposed advantage to be
 gained by the course proposed would be counteracted
 in some other form, and in a manner over which
 there would be no check.

The meeting adjourns at 7.10 pm.

Oecil Houlday

Chairman.

W. Messon
Secretary.

at the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 20th June 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present,

M. M.

C. Holliday, (Chairman)
 F. Ellis,
 F. C. Heffer,
 H. Keswick,
 John Liddell,
 C. Meuser,
 E. S. Little,
 W. H. Poate and
 The Secretary.

Absent-

H. De Gray.

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash Statement for the past week,
 Return of presents apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

Cattle Lethin. - The Chairman has learnt from the Senior Consul that, owing to the rejection of the scheme for payment by this and the French Councils of the equivalent of the Tartar's receipts under the Denegri Contract, the original question of the quashing of that contract has been referred for settlement in Peking.

Yangtze Paper Mill Case. - Mr. Ellis is of opinion that the Council's decision in respect to Detective Inspector Mc Dowell should be included in the published minutes. He states that considerable public interest has been aroused in this matter, and that there is a general inquiry as to what steps the Council has taken. The members are averse to such a course, in the view that the Inspector's reprimand does not call for the unusual emphasis which publication would involve, and upon a

a show of hands, the proposal is negatived.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of the 12th instant are read, and confirmed.

Public Garden. - The Council is informed that the permit for the current year having been issued to Messrs. Bernardi Brothers for the erection of their refreshment kiosk, it will not be possible to effect its removal until the end of the summer. In the meanwhile a letter will be addressed to the firm calling attention to the complaint formulated by the Committee.

Recreation Grounds. - Mr. Little is of opinion that the present is a suitable time for taking steps to provide a Recreation Ground in the Western District similar to that purchased in the neighbourhood of the Rifle Range. In the discussion which ensues, the advantage of open spaces of this character to the public is admitted, and at the Chairman's suggestion the matter is referred to the Parks Committee for consideration as to the most suitable site and probable cost.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 15th instant are read and confirmed.

X Public lighting. - A further report by the Engineer is read containing alternative proposals for the lighting of the Tongshan Road by electricity and by gas. It is suggested that the matter may well be left over until next year, when a sufficiency of electrical power may be expected to be available, but, after some discussion it is decided that the existing electric lamps in the road shall remain and that the new section of the road shall be lit by means of light incandescent gas lamps.

X Meter Rent. - The Council is not favourable to the proposal that the rate per unit be increased, at all events during the current year, but the opinion is recorded that it would be well, as soon as the financial condition of the department permits, to discontinue the charge for meter

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 18th instant are read and confirmed. In reference to the

Reserve

Reserve Garden, the Secretary is directed to ascertain exactly what form of reply to his letter will meet the wishes of H. M. Surveyor of Works consistent with the maintenance of the public rights under the original grant of the garden, and foreshore rights under the Land Regulations.

Native Labour. - The proposal to change the basis of payment of native labour from copper cash to silver is disapproved; at the same time, the necessity for amending the present scale of wages is recognised, and further proposals will therefore be laid before the Council so soon as the replies from the other employers of labour have been received.

Motor Cars. - The departmental requisitions for cars, now completed, are submitted for consideration and it is noted that the recommendations aggregate seven. From figures furnished by Mr. Macleod, it appears that the estimates for up-keep compiled for the Council's information may be regarded as low, and that, viewed from the stand point of economy only, the purchase of motor cars is not wholly advisable. The Council, however, recognises the increased efficiency which may be expected to follow their adoption, and, in the first place, authority is given to purchase four cars, i.e. one for each department, noting that they will be confined to official work only, and that, under no circumstances, will employes be permitted to make use of the cars for private purposes. Messrs. Heffer and Keswick undertake to make a recommendation as to the type of car to be adopted, in co-operation with Mr. Macleod if the latter is willing to act.

Fire Brigade. - The Secretary of the Fire Commission notifies the election of Mr. J. O. Barnes as Foreman of the Hongkew Company vice Mr. W. Hazel, resigned. This appointment is confirmed.

Water Closet Systems. - The Health Officer reports the discovery of a number of these in the Barchet (private) Road beyond the settlement boundary. Action in the matter is deferred pending receipt of a reply from the French Council

Council to the enquiry as to co-operation in the steps now being taken to prohibit the use of water closets throughout Shanghai.

Native Press. - The attention of the Council is drawn to the issue of the "Shen Bao" of the 18th instant, wherein is a satisfactory article on the subject of the arrangements and routine at the Municipal Gaol, written as a result of a visit of the Chinese editors to the institution.

Mixed Court. - Reply from the American Consul General is read to the Council's protest at the treatment of a mafoo responsible for the accidental death of a child as reported on the 31st ultimo. Noting that Mr. Rodgers concurs in the decision to refer this case for settlement by the City Magistrate, it is decided to publish the correspondence, together with a note as to the fate of the mafoo.

Two proclamations forwarded by the Magistrate on the subject of gambling and disorderly conduct in the neighbourhood of a native school in the Peking Road are submitted, and the attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the customary procedure providing for the Senior Consul's seal has not been observed. A reply in this sense is authorised, and it is decided further to point out that the proclamations relate to a matter within the ordinary competence of the Police and that their issue is therefore unnecessary.

Volunteers - Medical Staff. - Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to St. Mitroslav Urbanch as lieutenant.

Taxation beyond limits. - The Chairman points out that unless a withdrawal of the Chinese opposition to the levy of the special rate is forthcoming, it will be necessary to call upon the Waterworks Company to disconnect the houses for which the rate has not been paid. He states that the Company would necessarily require to give one month's notice before disconnection, and it is decided, if and where necessary, to put this procedure into force.

The meeting adjourns at 7 o'clock.

W. Benson
Secretary

Cecil Stoddart
Chairman.

at the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kaungse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 27th June 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

L. Holliday, (Chairman)
 F. C. Heffer,
 H. Keswick,
 John Liddell,
 E. S. Little,
 O. Meuser,
 W. H. Poole and
 The Secretary.

Absent

H. De Gray.

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted. -

Electrical Engineer's report for May,
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 20th instant are read and confirmed.

In reference to

Tram Cars. - It is pointed out that cars in New York are designed, without exception, so that the conductor makes use of the foot board on the outside of the car, and, under these circumstances, it is considered undesirable to raise this point in discussing the type of car suitable for local use.

Wood Paving. - Mr. Keswick states that much of the difficulty which has arisen in connection with the inspection of the blocks is due to the fact that the Municipal inspectors appeared in the contractor's yard without the necessary authority, and there adopted a tone which was resented by those in charge of the work.

work. The Council is of opinion that this matter should be amicably settled by the Engineer in co-operation with the concerned.

Resignation of Member. - A letter from Mr. F. Ellis is read containing the resignation of his seat on the Council, and it is decided to reply accepting the same with much regret.

Mixed Court, Native Gaol. - An application and plan, forwarded by the Magistrate, are submitted for the erection of a new prison within the Mixed Court compound, designed to accommodate more than 200 convicts, and considerable discussion ensues. It is clear that the proposed building is designed with a view to the custody of more prisoners than the females and civil suit defendants, for the housing of whom only, under the present system, the Magistrate is responsible; and the Chairman points out that the establishment of a Chinese criminal gaol under purely native control, either within the boundary or in the immediate neighbourhood of the settlement, would be a serious menace to security and good order. It is decided to lay the facts before the Consular Body, and to request that the Chinese Authorities be immediately and clearly notified that the erection of this building cannot be permitted. The Council is of opinion that this action would have the unanimous support of the Ratepayers.

Disturbance in a native school. - A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted renewing his request that the Police reports in this case be forwarded for the Consular Body's information. Noting that the German Consul General has assented to the Council's application for a re-hearing of the case, which will shortly be held, it is decided to reply to the effect that any discussion of the case previous to its settlement would be undesirable, and adding that, should it hereafter be found that any members of the Police Force have exceeded their duty, the Council will take the necessary steps in regard to its employees to prevent

a repetition of the offence.
Native Proclamations. - A second letter from the Senior Consul forwards a copy of a proclamation by the Mixed Court Magistrate, directed against the prostitution of girls ~~and~~ under the age of fifteen years, and enquires the opinion of the Council as to the advisability of posting it in the Settlement. The effect of the proclamation generally is considered likely to be a good one, but, in respect to the means to be taken for the enforcement of its provisions, there is some doubt, since no authority exists for Police intervention or inspection in native brothels.

Volunteers - Mounted Scouts - upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorized for issue to Mr. A. W. Burkhill as Second Lieutenant.

Land Assessment. - A letter from the Legal Adviser informs the Council that Mr. J. F. Seaman has withdrawn from the arbitration in respect to the tax payable on Cadastral lot 41^B Central District, and it is noted that the amount in dispute has been paid.

American Celebration. - An application from the 4th July Celebration Committee is received, containing the proposed programme of the day's proceedings, and applying for the reservation of a portion of the Public Garden for the American Colony and their friends. Mr. Meuser points out that the formal reservation of any part of the Garden would be undesirable, both in view of its public character and as precedent. It is decided to reply that the Committee is free to place chairs in any portion of the Garden and to occupy them when required.

Yangtzeppoo Paper Mill Case. - A letter from the Consul for Spain states that he is unable to receive the Council's letter of the 7th instant and returns the same. It is decided to publish this document with a note to the effect that the intention of the Council as conveyed in the letter in question remains unaltered.

Garden Bridge. - Draft notification, calling for tenders for the
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The erection of the Garden and Chetkiang Road Bridges, is submitted and approved. In regard to the date upon which tenders are to be received, Mr. Little is of opinion that the 3rd December is unnecessarily late. He states that, upon receipt of detailed specifications in Europe, tenders may well be called upon to cable the amount of their tender in a lump sum, and, after some discussion, it is decided to fix this date for the 30th September.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

W. C. Holliday

Chairman.

A. J. Murrison

Secretary.

at the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room
No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday, the 4th
July 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

W. C. Holliday, (Chairman)

H. De Gray,

F. C. Heffer,

H. Kewick,

John Liddell,

E. J. Little,

C. Meuser,

W. H. Poate. and

The Secretary.

Mr. A. W. Burhill takes his seat, and is appointed to serve on the Watch Committee.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed
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by the Chairman and passed for publication.
Departmental Reports.— The following are submitted:—

Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meetings of the Works Committee of the
29th ultimo and 6th instant are read and confirmed.

In reference to

Native Labour, a schedule of the proposed increase in the pay of the Chinese outdoor staff of the Public Works Department is submitted, and it is pointed out that the increase proposed for wheelbarrow coolies will probably have the effect of rendering the coolies performing similar work in the Sanitary Branch discontented with their present remuneration. The Secretary is therefore directed to ascertain the views of the Health officer in the matter before this change is authorized. The view is expressed that it is possible that the situation has been somewhat exaggerated, but, in the face of the refusal of the bricklayers and coolies to work at their present rates of pay, there appears to the Council to be no alternative but to accede to the proposal.

Yangtzeppoo Paper Mill Case.— The Council is informed that fresh sealing orders for the mill have been received from the Mixed Court Magistrate and have been duly executed. The Senior Consul, whose seal was upon the document, wrote under date the 29th ultimo, withdrawing his seal, but, acting on the advice of H. M. Consul General, the Watch Committee has given directions that the mill remain closed pending the forthcoming proceedings at the Mixed Court in regard to the case. Letters from the Spanish Consulate and from the Mixed Court Magistrate are submitted, the former stating that the mill is Spanish owned, and the latter stating that any transfer of the mill to a Spanish subject must have been subsequent to the initiation of the present proceedings. The Council is content therefore to allow matters to remain in statu

status quo for the present.

Electricity Department. - Proof copies of the code of rules for the supply of electricity, as approved by that committee, have been circulated to members, and the rules are now adopted by the Council without comment.

Motor Cars. - A report, compiled by St. Macleod and Messrs Reswick and Heffer, recommends the purchase of "Beaufort" cars for Municipal use, and the Council authorizes a requisition for 4 cars forthwith. At the suggestion of Mr. Burhill, it is decided to request the Examination Department of "The Autocar" magazine to undertake the work of inspection before shipment. He is of opinion that this course will ensure attention to all necessary details and otherwise prove satisfactory.

Water Closet Systems. - The approval of the Land Commission to the Council's amendment to Building Rule 76, rendering it simply prohibitive, is received and recorded.

The reply of the French Council to the Council's enquiry on this subject is also submitted from which it is inferred that in future the treatment of the matter in the French Settlement will be identical with that recently adopted on this side. At Mr. Meuser's suggestion it is decided to write requesting that the tank system may be applied to all existing water closets.

In regard to these appliances outside Settlement limits Mr. Poate states that the Waterworks Company will refuse to supply water to all houses wherein they are installed, a solution of the matter which appears to the Council as suitable and entirely satisfactory.

Brund Pontoons and Jetties. - A letter from the Chamber of Commerce forwards a copy of a communication, addressed by that body to the Customs Authorities, summarising the position in which this question now stands, and concluding by bringing to the Commissioner's notice the desirability of removing the

the opium hulks from their present moorings in the river, with a view to the provision of better facilities for the landing and shipping of cargo. It is decided to address the Commissioner in the same strain, advocating the steps on general public grounds. Mr. Hewick intimates that arrangements are already in progress, calculated to bring about the result desired within two months.

A letter from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank protests against the adoption by the Council of the frontage opposite the Bank premises as a site for the new passenger pontoons, and the Council considers that a preferable position would be on the north side of the existing Customs pontoons instead of on the south side as formerly proposed, provided the question of the removal of the opium hulks is satisfactorily settled. The Secretary is directed to ascertain from the managers of the Russian and German Banks their views on the amended proposal.

Public School for Chinese. - A letter from the Secretary of the School Committee forwards the resignation of the headmaster, Mr. W. S. Ridge, to take effect from the date of expiry of his current agreement in February next. The Council decides to accept this resignation, and Mr. Little states that the Committee's recommendation, in regard to filling the vacancy created, will be forwarded in due course.

Mixed Court. - A Police Report is read stating that of three prisoners found guilty on a charge of robbery and murder on the 9th ultimo and sent to the City Magistrate for sentence, two have been sentenced to one year's imprisonment and the third has been released. Noting that sentences of this character are well within the competence of the Court, as recently amended, it is decided to address the Senior Consul on the subject, pointing out the futility of the existing procedure, and desiring that the facts of the case may be forwarded to Peking in further evidence of the illogical character of the present arrangements.

Taxation

Taxation beyond limits. - The Chairman states that, as a result of a conversation with the Senior Consul, he has reason to believe that the question of the collection of the special rate from native residents in the Paoshan district will shortly be settled. He has further learned that the large house-owners in this district have agreed to pay the rate, which will be collected from their offices within Settlement limits, and that a Central Office similarly situated will be chosen for the collection of the rate from the owners of one or a small number of houses.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Oecil Holliday

Chairman.

W. W. W. W. W.
Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Thursday the 5th July
1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

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C. Holliday, (Chairman)
A. W. Burkill,
H. De Gray,
F. C. Heffer,
H. Hewick,
John Piddell,
E. S. Little,
O. Meuser,
W. H. Poate. and
The Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

Police

Police - Augmentation of Indian Branch. - The Chairman states that although no definite reply has been received to the Council's application for the co-operation of the Indian Government in recruiting 250 Indians for Police work in Shanghai, it appears desirable to make early provision for their accommodation and generally to outline their duties in preparation for their arrival, which may eventuate at short notice.

For the information of new members, the minutes of meetings of the preceding Watch Committee and Council bearing on this subject are read, also the Council's letter of application to India, and in the first place, a discussion ensues on the original proposal to house the men in two camps, vis-à-vis a later suggestion that they be distributed among the existing Police stations and housed as may be found most convenient in the districts concerned. It has been inferred, from the documents submitted on the subject, that the duties of these men were intended to be essentially different from those of the existing Indian branch of the Force, but it is pointed out that to give the men two hours drill a day is quite unnecessary, and that a considerably modified course will suffice; it is decided that the duties of the new men shall be primarily Police duties.

On the grounds (i) that their control by the officers who will accompany them is likely to prove more effective if the men are housed separately, in their own barracks, (ii) that co-operation with the existing members of the Force will be simplified if they are so provided for, and (iii) that their serviceability as a patrol for the outlying districts, notably, hi-Hongkew, will be enhanced, the Council decides in favour of camps. The location of these camps, one in the Eastern and one in the Western districts, will be a matter for the early consideration of the Watch Committee, who will also proceed to arrange the details relating to the new drafts duties. The Committee

Committee is authorized to undertake the purchase of the necessary land forthwith, and to make every preparation for building camps on the lines laid down by Major Pictou, so soon as definite news as to the departure of the men is received. It is observed that hereafter, when these arrangements are complete and the new draft installed, the present Indian police will return to India as their agreements expire.

Command of the Force. - A general discussion ensues on the work of the Force generally, the unsatisfactory features of which are attributed to the unsuitableness of Major Boisragon for the position which he holds. His inefficiency as Captain Superintendent is considered to be at the root of the general lack of discipline among the men; his neglect of correspondence is alluded to, also his failure to grasp the importance of the work which he is called upon to perform. The Council is unanimous of opinion that steps should forthwith be taken to terminate Major Boisragon's services, and with this expression of opinion the matter is left in the hands of the Watch Committee for execution, and for a recommendation as to the means which should be taken to appoint a successor. Mr. Heffer states that since Major Boisragon has been permitted to proceed on leave upon the understanding that he will return to duty, it is incumbent upon the Council to treat him liberally in regard to the terms upon which his agreement is terminated.

The Chairman alludes to the manner in which Mr. McEwen has conducted the affairs of the Force during Major Boisragon's absence, which he considers to have been satisfactory under the circumstances, but he is of opinion that his youth and lack of experience under a competent Chief preclude the possibility of offering him the post of Captain Superintendent at this juncture. He suggests that it may be possible to obtain the services of a
senior

senior officer of the Indian Police to be seconded for duty in Shanghai for a term of years.

Defence of the Settlement. - In connection with the proposal made by the General Officer Commanding the troops in South China for the establishment of a Defence Committee, to consist of the Chairman of Council, Captain Superintendent of Police, and Commandant of Volunteers, the Chairman points out that the defence scheme formulated some years ago is now out of date, and it is, in his opinion, a matter of the first importance that the scheme be revised in preparation for any eventualities. General Hatton's proposal is open to criticism, since the Chairman of Council is not invariably a member of the Watch Committee, or otherwise interested in the semi-military side of Municipal work. It is therefore resolved that a Defence Committee shall be appointed to consist of a member of Council, to be elected annually together with the two Municipal employes above mentioned, whose sole duty will be to prepare a scheme of military defence for the Settlement, it being noted that the execution of the plan so devised will fall under the charge of the Watch Committee in time of riot or other necessity. Mr. Holliday is nominated to serve on this Committee for the current year.

Gaol. - The Chairman expresses the opinion that it will be advisable to appoint a Visiting Committee for the Municipal Gaol upon the lines recently laid down for H. M. Consular Gaol and, with the approval of the members, this proposal is referred to the Watch Committee for a recommendation as to the Committee's constitution, noting that a Chinese of good standing may be invited to accompany the Committee upon its visits of inspection.

Sale of Arms. - The Council is informed that the illicit sale of arms in the Settlement has recently been brought

brought prominently to the notice of the Commission of Customs, and the Chairman expresses the view that provision for licensing the sale might be calculated to effect some improvement in the state of affairs. Mr. Meuser points out that it is not retail sale in local shops which is at the root of the evil, and that improvement can only be effected by stricter Customs supervision.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

Oecil Holliday
Chairman.

W. Meuser
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 11th July 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M. M.

O. Holliday, (Chairman)
A. W. Burhill,
H. De Gray,
F. C. Steffer,
H. Keswick,
John Liddell,
O. Meuser,
W. H. Poate and
The Secretary.

Absent -

C. S. Little.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted.

Summary of Revenue for June,
 Gaol Superintendent's Report " " "
 Health officers " " "
 Victoria Nursing Home " " "
 Wharfage Dues Return for June quarter,
 Chun Pao Sha Station Report for -so-
 Cash Statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

Motor Cars. - Letters from the Eastern Trading Company and the International Cycle Company are read, requesting that the Council's order for cars be made through their agency, and a letter from Dr Macleod points out the advantages to be gained from this course. Noting that the agency of the Beaufort Company is not yet secured by either of the companies in question, the Council decides to adhere to the decision to order the cars direct through Messrs. John Pook & Co, who will ship them, already assembled, after inspection by the Examination Department of "The Autocar".

Mixed Court. - Referring to the case in which three criminals were sent into the City for sentence, the Council learns from a Police report of the 10th instant that the man who was released by the City Magistrate has been re-arrested by the Police and will be brought up again before the German Assessor.

Taxation beyond limits. - The Chairman states that, from notices in the native papers, it appears that the settlement of the question of collecting the special rate from natives will improbably be settled on the lines previously indicated, since a counter-proposal has been made that the collection be performed by the so-called Cha Pei works Bureau, a scheme which would involve the definite establishment of a purely native body functioning on Municipal lines in the Paoshan district. Rather than accept this proposal the Council would favour the

the collection of double rates by the waterworks company, half of the amount to be transferred periodically to the Tax Office. If a suggestion on these lines is made by the Taotai, the Council authorizes acceptance.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of the 5th instant are read and confirmed. with reference to the.

Increase of Indian Police and with a view to ascertaining definitely the fate of the Council's application to India on this subject, a telegram has been despatched to Mr. F. Anderson, requesting him to call at the India office and enquire what progress has been made in the matter.

Command of the Force. - A memorandum by the Secretary has been circulated to members, and further discussion ensues on the subject of the Council's decision to terminate the services of Major Boisragon. Mr. Meuser would be reluctant to consent to this step if it were shown that anything in the nature of a definite promise of re-engagement had been made to Major Boisragon by the late Chairman of Council, a point as to which Mr. De Gray is assured no doubt can exist, since it is highly improbable that Mr. Anderson would have made any statement, calculated to prejudice action which the succeeding Council might find it necessary to take. The Chairman is of opinion that the Council would be assuming grave responsibility in placing the Force under the command of Major Boisragon for a further term of three years, and, after some further debate it is decided to telegraph to the effect that this employé should make no arrangements for return to Shanghai pending receipt of mail advices.

Native Proclamation. - The proclamation prohibiting the use of official buttons by mafos is submitted, and

and Mr. Hewick takes exception to its terms, which imply that the Council's action in the matter is under the direction of the Senior Consul. It is further pointed out that it was not the intention of the Council that any steps should be taken by the Police in the matter, except under warrant, or by summons. It is decided, however, to authorise posting the proclamation, in the opinion that this trifling matter has already received sufficient attention.

The proclamation on the subject of prostitution is forwarded by the Magistrate for the Council's seal, and a further proclamation on the subject of the misuse of certain trade marks, is forwarded by those concerned, both bearing the Senior Consul's seal. The practice in the past has been for the Senior Consul to forward similar documents direct for the Council's seal so soon as that of his own office has been affixed, and the Chairman undertakes to draw the attention of Mr. Siffert to this undesirable innovation in customary procedure.

Mixed Court. - The Senior Consul's reply to the Council's letter, on the subject of the erection of a native Gaol, is submitted, containing the request of the Consular Body that the permit for the building be withheld pending negotiations on the subject. The Council is informed that the work of demolishing one half of the existing prison at the Court is in progress and, after some discussion on the subject, it is decided to permit its continuance. In this connection, the Magistrate has stated that the projected large building is not intended for the custody of female prisoners, who are to be housed in a separate building in the rear thereof, but that the 210 cells shown in the plan, reduced by about 20 for gaolers' quarters and offices, are designed wholly for civil suit defendants and prisoners sentenced to imprisonment in River Police

Police cases. In regard to the last named, the Chairman is of opinion that if these cases are to be heard at the Mixed Court and the prisoners to be housed in the Settlement, their custody must be in the Municipal Gaol under foreign supervision.

Chinese Volunteers - with reference to the procession of the Corps through the Settlement on Sunday, the 8th instant, the Police Report of that day states that the procession was accompanied by a number of Mixed Court runners, who employed themselves in directing the traffic in the streets through which the procession passed. Considerable regret is expressed that the Police on duty permitted this usurpation of Police function without protest, and the view is expressed that if the runners had refused to desist after due warning, they should have been arrested. It is decided to address the Magistrate on the subject and warn him that a repetition of this action on the part of the runners will have serious consequences.

Gambling beyond limits - Allusion is made to the fact that it is public knowledge that roulette tables and other gambling paraphernalia are at present in full operation in 3 establishments in the Siccawei Road. It is noted that the Taotai has addressed letters to the American and Spanish Consulates in this matter and, in the case of the Lou Yuen Gardens, stated by the Police to be under the control of a French protégé, it is decided to lay the facts before the Consul General for France, with the request that he will take such action as he may consider expedient for suppression.

Volunteers - a letter from the General Officer Commanding in Hongkong informs the Council that the War Office has authorized the issue of 300 rifles and 60 pistols, which will be
despatched

despatched in due course by one of H. M. Ships.
Municipal Hospital site. - A letter from Messrs. Smedley, Deaham & Rose is submitted accepting the Council's offer for Cadastral lot 1152, subject to a small amendment of area, the purchase of which has been in the hands of Mr Gore-Booth for arrangement. Some comment is made upon the fact that the beneficial owner now accepts £s. 3,500 less than the amount which the Council had formerly expressed readiness to pay.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Oecil Holliday

Chairman.

W. Meuser
Secretary.

at the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 18th July 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

O. Holliday, (Chairman)
 H. De Gray,
 F. C. Heffer,
 H. Keswick,
 John Liddell,
 O Meuser
 W. H. Poate and
 The Secretary.

Absent

A. W. Burhill and
 E. S. Little

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted.

Engineer's report for June,
Cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police, daily reports.

Increase of Indian Police. - Telegraphic reply from Mr. F. Anderson is read, to the effect that this scheme received the approval of the Foreign Office in May last, and has been referred to the Indian Government. It is decided to wire to Simla again, asking for an official and specific reply to the Council's application.

Mixed Court. - As a result of a conversation with the American Consul General, the Chairman is assured of the support of Mr. Rodgers and of Sir Pelham Warren to a protest against the housing of River Police prisoners in the Mixed Court cells under purely native control. It is stated that the Consular Body is about to accept the Taotai's guarantee that the prison now proposed to be erected shall be used entirely and solely for the accommodation of defendants in civil suits. Mr. De Gray points out that the project for erecting the building emanated from the Ranking Viceroy, and states that, in his opinion, nothing short of the Viceroy's guarantee as to its use should be accepted by the Council.

Gambling beyond Limits. - Letter from the Consul General for France is read, assuring the Council of his intention to prevent the establishment of clandestine gaming houses under the management of French citizens or protégés. In regard to the Lou Yuen Garden he is prepared to consult with the Captain Superintendent as to measures for the suppression of public gambling at this resort. The Council directs compliance with Mr. Ratar's wishes in this matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the watch Committee of the 12th July

July are read and confirmed. In regard to the Victoria Nursing Home. - It is noted that the new agreement of Nurse Lee will date from the expiry of her probationary period as Matron, that is, from the 1st May.

East Hongkew Market. - A report by the Engineer is submitted pointing out certain further disadvantages in the proposal to locate this market and the Eastern Police Camp upon adjoining sites. Under the circumstances, it is decided to proceed with the erection of the market on the lot purchased for that purpose, and the Engineer will be directed to obtain offers of land suitable for the Camp some distance therefrom in a northerly direction.

Case of Sergeant Cronin. - Considerable discussion takes place in regard to this case, and the Chairman has learnt that there is in the Force considerable sympathy for the injured sergeant. The various statements taken at the time of the fracas are read, and regret is expressed that the promotion of Sergeant Mc Gregor followed so closely after the incident. The Watch Committee expresses readiness to hold a special enquiry into the facts of the case should it be considered advisable, but, in view of the lapse of time which has taken place, this course is regarded as unnecessary. Finally, at Mr. Meuser's suggestion, it is decided to issue six months' pay to Sergeant Cronin as a gratuity, in recognition of the permanent injury he has sustained.

o Command of the Force. - A telegram from Major Boisragon is read, stating that he has made all arrangements for his return to Shanghai, and asking for further explanation of the Council's intentions. It is decided in reply to communicate the decision not to renew Major Boisragon's agreement, and to point out that as a consequence thereof, it will be undesirable for him to return within so short a time from its expiry.

The gratuity recommended for issue is the subject of some discussion, at the conclusion of which it is decided

decided to substitute for the £750 proposed, one year's salary. Having regard to the official notice of Major Boisragon's retirement from the Municipal service the members are averse to any announcement at the present juncture, and it is decided to permit the movement to have the form of resignation.

In regard to the Committee's recommendation as to the appointment of his successor, the Chairman considers that it should be made abundantly clear that Mr. McEuen's responsibility for the management of the Force is not impaired by the arrangement proposed, and that he should refer to Colonel Watson upon disciplinary points only. This view is shared by the members, and Mr. de Gray points out that it was within the meaning of the Watch Committee's recommendation, to which end it is proposed that Mr. McEuen shall seek advice only when he considers such a course desirable, and that Colonel Watson shall undertake, when application is made, to afford Mr. McEuen the benefit of his experience in handling men under discipline.

Public School for Chinese. - A circular letter by the Chairman of the School Committee is submitted, recommending to his colleagues that the resignation of Mr. Ridge take effect forthwith, and further that application be made to Mr. C. S. Addis of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, London, desiring that he undertake the work of selecting the new headmaster. These recommendations have received the unanimous assent of the members of the Committee now in Shanghai and are endorsed by the Council.

Taxation beyond limits. - A letter from H. M. Consul General is read pointing out that the apprehension of disturbance referred to in the telegram from Peking of the 12th ultimo was not that of H. M. Charge d'affaires but of the Waiwaper. It is decided to comply with the request that a correction be made in this sense.

Mixed Court. - Two cases have arisen during the past week, wherein the Magistrate, previous to the hearing in Court, has issued sealing orders relating to (i) a semi-Japanese hospital, and

and (ii) a Chinese restaurant. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided to point out to the Magistrate that trial must in all cases precede punishment, since thereby alone can the interests and property of the residents in the Settlement be safeguarded. In the meanwhile, the closing orders will be held in abeyance.

Chang Su Ho's Garden. - Referring to the complaint by Messrs. W. H. Poate and others on the subject of the continued nuisance due to displays of fireworks at the Garden outside prescribed hours, a letter will be addressed to the Management limiting the displays to Wednesdays and Saturdays only, and stating that the Police have instructions to see that the time-limits are adhered to.

Fire Brigade. - A Police report is read in allusion to the damage to a safe found in a house in the North Honan Road, recently destroyed by fire. From the observations of the Detective Constable on the spot, it appears that an attempt was made to break into the safe with a fire-axe and, at the suggestion of the Acting Captain Superintendent, the matter is referred to the Fire Commission for enquiry.

Ordure Collection. - A complaint is submitted by the residents in a terrace of houses in the Yangtzepoo Road, referring to the nuisance due to the loading of ordure at the Ewo Road Jetty, and the Health Officer points out that as soon as Road Extension 17 is made available for this purpose the cause of complaint will cease. Directions are given that the making up of this extension proceed with a minimum of delay, and in the meanwhile arrangements will if possible be made to confine the loading work to the Hongkew and Yangtzepoo Creeks.

The meeting adjourns at 7.5 p.m.

W. Emerson

Secretary.

Cecil Holliday
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 25th July 1906 at 4.30 pm.

Present.

M. M.

C. Holliday (Chairman)

A. W. Burkill

H. De Gray

F. C. Heffer

H. Kerwick

O. Meuser

W. H. Poate and

The Secretary.

Absent.

John Liddell and

E. S. Little.

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.

Departmental Reports. The following are submitted:-

Summary of Expenditure to the 12th instant.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Case of Sergeant Brown. - The Council is informed that this sergeant does not propose to leave Shanghai and that he contemplates instituting proceedings against Sergeant Mac Gregor. It is noted that the Council's offer in this case is complete and includes passage; thus, if Sergeant Brown carries out his present intention the gratuity authorized will not be issued.

Command of the Force. - Considerable discussion ensues on the subject of the leakage of the Council's decisions, which reach the newspapers previous to official publication, a noteworthy instance being that in respect to Major Boisaragon. While every preventative precaution will be taken in future by the careful handling of the proofs of the minutes and

and other documents circulated for members' information, the Secretary is directed to take every possible step to insure the confidential treatment of the Council's business in the office.

Referring to the watch Committee's recommendation in regard to the post of Captain Superintendent, Mr. De Gray has interviewed Colonel Watson, who is unwilling to accept the position suggested, in the view that its tendency will be to divide responsibility before the public, and lead to unsatisfactory results. The matter is therefore one for re-consideration by the Committee.

Taxation Beyond Limits. - At the suggestion of Sir Pelham Warren, it is decided not to publish the Council's minute on this subject unless further reference is made thereto by Mr. Carnegie. In the meanwhile he has written to Peking, stating that the Council has made the required correction.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 19th instant are read and confirmed.

On the subject of the:-

Water Tank. - Mr. Burkill points out that in the specification for the tank, the Electrical Engineer definitely stipulated for wrought iron, and he is therefore of opinion that the acceptance by the Council of a cast iron tank constitutes an injustice to the other tenderers. It is noted that this action on the part of Mr. Blagden had not the authority of the Committee, but the facts being as they are, it is decided to accept the tender of the Vulcan Ironworks for No. 4490.

Tramways. - Further reports by the Engineer, and a letter from Mr. W. R. Wright, are submitted on the subject of the unsatisfactory road replacement work in Hongkew. Messrs. Burkill and Steffer have visited Broadway and the Yangtzepoo Road, and have formed the view that strong measures should be taken to prevent further road opening until the sections already opened are satisfactorily re-instated.

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It is decided to inform the Company that the issue of permits will be discontinued until this work is done.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of the 20th instant are read and confirmed. In respect to the:-

Pavilion, in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, the Council is unanimous in the opinion that the building should have a southerly aspect, and without overriding the Committee's decision on this subject, it is decided to request that the matter have reconsideration.

Volunteers - Portuguese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorized for issue to Mr. B. M. Cation as Second Lieutenant.

Mixed Court. - Letters from the Magistrate are read, on the subject of the delay by the Police in executing his order to seal up the restaurant in the ^{Soochow} ~~North~~ ~~Howan~~ Road. The Council is informed that the whole question of the sealing by the Senior Consul of orders of this description has been referred to a Committee of the Consular Body, and that Sir Pelham Warren anticipates that hereafter no such orders will be sealed until proceedings have been heard in Court and judgment given.

Police - Japanese Interpreters. Referring to the case of Interpreter Murata, who was granted one month's leave, the Japanese Vice Consul has called stating that a telegram from the Japanese Foreign Office has been received to the effect that the man's private affairs will prevent his return to duty. The man has, however, reported himself at the Central Station, and it is noted that his presence in Shanghai was within the knowledge of the Japanese Consulate. A letter from the Consul General is read, enumerating the facts of the case, explaining his motives for the action taken, and expressing regret therefor. Noting that the
Captain

Captain Superintendent reports well on the man's work so far as it has gone, it is decided to permit him to complete his probationary contract for one year.

Indian Agents. - With a view to facilitating the execution of the Council's orders for accoutrements and gear from India, it is decided to appoint Municipal agents in Bombay. The arrangements for transport of Indian Policemen, and other matters connected with the projected increase of the Indian branch will be placed in their charge, and it is decided, in the first place, to enquire from Messrs. King, King & Co as to the terms upon which they are prepared to act in this capacity.

Ordure Collection. - A letter from the Senior Council is read, enclosing a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the recent disturbance at Tsingpu, together with a report by the Health officer in the matter. It is decided, in reply, to state that the Municipal Contractor has been warned that he will be held responsible for any recrudescence of dissatisfaction among the boatmen.

Loans. - A letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read, desiring that the Council will refund on the 31st December next the sum of £5,000 of the special loan, to enable the Trustees to finance the Shanghai Yacht Club; it is decided to comply with this request.

Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges. - A report by the Engineer enumerates the plant which it will be necessary to purchase in connection with the construction of the foundations of these bridges at an aggregate cost of £32,000. Noting that at the conclusion of the work, much of this plant may be resold, the Council authorizes the purchase as recommended.

Portland Cement. - Three tenders received in response to Municipal notification no. 1770 are submitted, for the annual supply of cement, and, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, it is decided to accept

accept those of the Green Island Cement Company for 300 casks per mensem, with provision for additional supply at £s 3.50 per cask, and of Messrs. Albert & Co. for 300 casks per mensem Haifong cement at £s 3.20 per cask.

Sanitary Branch - a report by the Health officer alludes to the fact that difficulty is being experienced in regard to the sanitary coolies, who demand an increase of pay such as has recently been authorised in the Public Works Department. At Mr. Stanley's suggestion, it is decided to place the whole number of coolies on the permanent staff at a rate of pay to be fixed at \$8 per mensem.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

W. H. Holliday

Chairman

W. M. Mearns

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 1st August 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M. M.

W. H. Holliday (Chairman)

A. W. Burhill

H. De Gray

H. Keswick

O. Mearns

and

The Secretary

Absent -

F. C. Heffer

John Kiddell

E. S. Little

and

W. H. Poate

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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.

Departmental Reports. The following are submitted:-

Electrical Engineer's Report for June,

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Case of Sergeant Cronin. The application of Sergeant McGregor is submitted for legal assistance in the forthcoming proceedings against him for assault. The Chairman is of opinion that since the affair arose while both the men were off duty, the intervention of the Municipal legal advisers would not be in order, and, the members concurring, it is decided to refuse the application.

Tramways. - The reply of the Company to the Council's remonstrance on the subject of road replacement work is read, together with a further report by the Engineer. Messrs. Burkill and De Gray certify that some improvement in the condition of Broadway and the Yangtzepon Road has taken place but that considerable re-rolling is still necessary. It is decided to resume the issue of permits for new work stating at the same time that the rolling must be continued in the sections completed.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. Pavilion. Letter from three members of the Parks Committee is read stating their views on the subject of this proposed building. Noting that the grant of the Recreation Fund will be expended in accordance with the trustees' wishes, it is decided to point out that there is no provision for the erection of a second building, to be used as suggested as a store house, in the budget for the current year.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 28th

ultimo are read and confirmed. In reference to Road Extension 31 N. Mr. Kerwick states that in the present mood of the Chinese Railway directorate it is improbable that any contribution towards the cost of a new public approach road will be made. If, however,

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a letter be addressed to his firm as agents for the British and Chinese Corporation the first suitable opportunity will be taken to lay the matter before the Board in a favourable light.

In this connection the Council decides to purchase outright any small lots which are affected by the extension, and to this end the Engineer will make enquiries as to the terms upon which they may be acquired.

Eurasian Cemetery. - The agent for the owner of this property has stated that he is not authorised to sell at a price less than that named and it is therefore decided to effect the purchase at 76.500 per mow, less \$500 already expended in anticipation that the lot would be used as a public cemetery.

Accommodation for Chinese prisoners. - From Police reports it appears that there are at present nearly 400 prisoners confined in the Station cells, while the Gaol is fully occupied. It is noted that there is a steady percentage of men in the Gaol Infirmary and that as a result 20 beyond the official maximum number may be sent to the Gaol; further that during the month of August the number of female convicts will be reduced to 2, and that, provided Colonel Watson can make special arrangements for housing these women, 30 additional cells will be available. Directions are given in this sense and it is noted that the erection of the third wing originally projected will engage the attention of the Watch Committee at its next meeting.

Taxation beyond limits. - The Senior Consul forwards a draft proclamation on this subject after the posting of which it is hoped the Chinese landlords will pay the 5% special rate demanded, and it is agreed that the Municipal house numbers in the North Szechuen and other roads shall be withdrawn, in accordance with the wishes of the Chinese authorities.

Siccawei Observatory. - A letter from Father Moidrey enquires as to payment of the promised grant of 76.5000 towards
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the cost of removing the instruments to the Hills. Since the tramway service will not begin till next year he will be informed that the sum will be paid from and charged to next year's expenditure

Wharfage Dues. - The Council assents to the proposal of the Commissioner of Customs that the charge for collection of the Dues shall be increased from £s. 2,500 to £s. 3,500 per quarter.

Recreation Ground Committee. - A note from the Shanghai Race Club states that Mr. R. Macgregor will represent the club on this Committee vice Mr. D. Landale now in England.

Fire Brigade. - Noting the report of the Chief Engineer on the subject of alleged damage to a safe by members of the Brigade it is decided to await the return to Shanghai of Mr. A. McLeod, Chairman of the Fire Commission, before taking any steps in the matter.

Indians. - From evidence furnished through the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police and Gaol Superintendent it appears that there is a tendency on the part of the Indians to desert and to proceed to America where higher rates of pay are said to be obtainable. The Secretary is directed to consult H. M. Police authorities with a view to preventing men under agreement from this course.

Recess. - Having reference to the departure from Shanghai of a number of members the Council decides to hold no further meeting for a period of three weeks i.e. until the 22nd instant.

The meeting adjourns at 7 o'clock.

W. J. Wilson
Secretary.

Oecil Stoddard
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday, the 22nd August 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present,

M. M.

G. Holliday, (Chairman)
A. W. Burkiel,
H. De Gray,
H. Keswick,
O. Meuser and
The Secretary.

Absent

G. B. Steffer,
John Liddell,
E. S. Little and
W. H. Poole.

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted.

Engineer's Report for July,
Health Officers " " "
Victoria Nursing Home, Report for July,
Gaol Superintendents " " "
Summary of Revenue " " "
Parks and Open Spaces, Report " "

The minutes of the meeting of the Defence Committee of the 2nd instant are read and confirmed. On the subject of

Maps. - The Council is of opinion that a serviceable map of the Settlement and environs, corrected to date, should be printed and issued to all the foreign members of the Police Force and to the Volunteer Corps, and enquiries as to the cost of issue will therefore be made forthwith.

Alarm Bell. - The instructions in respect to the fire bell appear to have been deferred, as the result of the protest of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade, and

and the Chairman undertakes to see Mr. Bidwell in the matter and ascertain his reasons for this course of action.

Defence Scheme. - As part of any preparations for defence Mr. Kerwick proposes that formal application be made to the principal steam launch owners that, in the event of riot, their vessels be placed at the Council's disposal. This suggestion is approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 15th instant are read and confirmed. In reference to Insubordination among Indians. - Letters from the legal adviser are submitted from which it appears that if the refusal of duty on the part of the men assumes serious proportions they may, after a preliminary warning, be dealt with under an act relating to breach of contract of service. His recommendations on this subject are adopted.

Gaol. - In furtherance of the Committee's proposals for preventing the erection of Chinese houses in proximity to the Gaol, the Council resolves to negotiate for the widening of the Alcock Road by the incorporation therein of the whole of Cadastral Lot 1960, the native shops whereon are regarded as unduly close to the wall. This matter is referred to the Works Committee for further consideration in the first place.

Indian camps, Western District. - The Engineer reports the cost of raising the proposed site on the Gordon Road to be not more than Rs. 200 per mow, and further states that he has an offer from a native broker of the property at Rs. 200 per mow less than that formerly made through the Compradore. Discussing this unusual proceeding the Council deprecates making use of the services of any Chinese in Municipal employ in land purchases, and, noting that the Horse Bazaar are unwilling to dispose of their property for a less sum than Rs. 50,000, authority is given for the purchase of the former site on the terms recommended. The work of raising the site will proceed as soon as possible.

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Ditto. Eastern district. - The Engineer reports his inability to obtain any reduction in the price claimed for the selected site for this camp viz. Th. 1800 per mow, a figure which the Council regards as excessive. Mr. Burhill undertakes to prosecute enquiries as to available land in this neighbourhood and to report the result to the Council in due course.

Command of the Force. - The Committee is in receipt of Mr. McEwen's expression of his readiness to undertake the duties of Captain Superintendent on the lines indicated, and Mr. De Gray states the reasons which have led the Committee to recommend the appointment upon probation of a tried man rather than face the risk of engaging a new comer whose work may prove unsatisfactory. The Chairman is of opinion that the entire Police Force is in need of reorganisation and that it would be preferable to apply for the services of an Indian Police officer to be seconded for duty in Shanghai. After further discussion the Committee's recommendation is upheld, Mr. Holliday recording his dissent therefrom.

Volunteers, New Artillery. - Letter from the General Officer Commanding in Hongkong is read communicating the decision of the War Office to issue four 15 pdr. quick-firing guns for the use of the corps. In reply it is decided to convey the thanks of the community to H. M. Government for this evidence of continued interest in the welfare of the Shanghai Volunteers, and, at the same time, to express to General Station the Council's appreciation of his personal share in bringing about this valuable augmentation of the local defences.

Do. - "A" Company. - Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Second Lieutenant R. J. Fearon.

Fire Brigade. - A letter from the Secretary of the Fire Commission informs the Council of the dissolution and re-constitution of "Le Torrent" Company under the
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foremanship of Mr. A. Berthet. These arrangements receive the Council's formal approval.

Wharfage Dues. - A letter from the French Council, referring to the recent increase in the cost of collection by the Customs, desires that the shares of the two Councils be apportioned in the same ratio as the receipts from the levy, viz 3 to 1. It is pointed out that under the agreement of 1899 one quarter share of the cost is payable by each Council, and further that on the basis of wharf accommodation in the two settlements the past year's returns shew a result very favourable to the French Council, the total being as 1 in 5 against an appropriation of 1 in 4. It is decided in reply to draw attention to these facts and state that, in the Council's opinion, no alteration should be made at the present juncture.

Passenger Pontoons. - The Commissioner of Customs writes informing the Council that payment of one half of the cost of the new pontoons by the Customs has now been officially authorised by the Inspector General. The Council is aware that this question is in suspense pending the removal of the opium hulks, and the members' decision is against any further progress in the scheme until definite assurances as to the position of the new pontoons are given.

Numeration of Houses. - Report by the Overseer of Taxes on this subject is submitted, alluding to the advisability of discontinuing the system of separate series for Foreign and Chinese houses, but in the absence of stronger arguments in favour of the change the Council decides to retain the existing system.

Tramways. - The reply of the Company to the proposal to expedite work on the Bund-Honan Road section is of an indefinite character, and, in reporting thereon, the Engineer points out the necessity for carrying out the cable laying before completing the wood paved margins. It appears to be impossible to comply with the wishes of the petitioners on this subject, and, should this finally be found to be the case it is decided

decided to request that the utmost possible despatch be observed in concluding the laying of the track in this the busiest section of the route.

Messrs Bruce Peebles and Company's quotation for laying the margins east of Kiangse Road in wood blocks is, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, accepted, viz £s. 9.42 per square yard.

Correspondence between Messrs. Bruce Peebles & Co. and the Gas and Water Companies is submitted on the question of the removal of mains which lie beneath the track, and the view is expressed that the Council, beyond concurring in the advisability of their removal where such a course can be arranged, is unable to intervene in the discussion since provision for connections hereafter is made in Article 10 of the Concession Agreement.

Lotteries - A proposal by Lord Li Ching-fong has been made to the Chairman that the tickets of the Anhui Railways Lottery be sold in the Settlement, but the Council is opposed to any modification of the existing prohibition except under mandate from the Ratepayers.

Case of Assistant Building Inspector Pierce - A letter from this ex-employe, recently discharged for drunkenness and neglect of duty, is submitted making a large pecuniary claim in respect to his dismissal. It is decided to make no reply to this claim.

Sanatorium - A letter from the Health Officer is read advocating the establishment of a bungalow at the Quarry or at the Saddle Islands for Municipal employes while convalescent. This project is considered at some length, but, in the opinion that the arrangements for food at the latter location will probably present insuperable difficulties, and in view of the absence of medical assistance at either, the scheme is deferred for re-consideration.

Mixed Court Gaol - The Senior Consul's letter of the 15th instant is considered, wherein the opinion of the
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consular Body is expressed that the permit for this building should now be issued. The Council is unanimously opposed to this course, and a reply is submitted in draft summarising the reasons against compliance with the application of the Magistrate, these reasons having already been published for general information. To this draft the Chairman proposes to add a clause expressing willingness to accept the assurances of the native authorities that the proposed building will not be used as a criminal gaol, and he is also averse to any criticism by the Council of the accommodation to be provided for civil suit defendants. In a private memorandum addressed to his colleagues Mr. Holliday has stated that his opinion on these two points is so strong as to necessitate his resignation if not acted upon. Mr. De Gray speaking in the name of the watch Committee adheres to the view that the surest ground for the Council to take in this matter is that the building must not be erected under any assurances whatever, a view in which Mr. Meuser concurs. After protracted discussion it is decided upon a show of hands that the reply shall be sent as originally drafted.

The meeting adjourns at 7.30 p.m.

W. Wilson
Secretary.

Henry Beswick.
Chairman

At a special meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Friday the 24th August 1906 at 12 o'clock (noon).

Present:

m. m.

H. De Gray (Acting Chairman)

A. W. Burkill,

H. Herwick,

O. Meuser and

The Secretary.

Resignation of member. - This meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering the resignation of the Chairman, conveyed in a note to the Secretary, dated the 23rd instant. In reply thereto, the members have addressed a personal letter to Mr. Holliday, pointing out the inadvisability of making public a difference of opinion on a minor point of tactics at the present juncture. The reply to this communication is read, from which it appears that the Chairman, as a result of the discussion which took place at the meeting of the 18th July, informed the Senior Consul that the Council would permit the erection of the proposed gaol at the Mixed Court if certain assurances were received from the Chinese Authorities. The members are unanimous in the opinion that it neither has been, nor is, the intention of the Council to permit the erection of the building shown in the plan submitted under any circumstances whatever, and, in view of the concluding paragraph of Mr. Holliday's letter, there appears to be no other course but to accept his resignation with deep regret. Upon the proposal of Mr. De Gray, this course is therefore decided upon.

Some discussion ensues as to the advisability of postponing the election of a new Chairman until the next full meeting of Council; but, since Mr. De Gray is about to leave for Hongkong, and since it appears important that the Council should, during the ensuing few weeks, give no evidence of being

being in a state of transition, and finally, in view of the provision of Standing Order No. 1, it is decided to proceed with the election forthwith.

Upon the proposal of Mr. De Gray, seconded by Mr. Meuser, Mr. Keswick is elected Chairman for the remainder of the Municipal year. Mr. Keswick thanks the members for their expressions of confidence in himself, and undertakes to carry out the duties of Chairman to the best of his ability, and in the assurance of the support of his colleagues.

The meeting adjourns at 12.45 p.m.

M. Meuser
Secretary.

Henry Keswick
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 12th September 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

Mr. Mr.

H. Keswick, (Chairman)
H. De Gray,
O. Meuser,
W. H. Poole and
The Secretary.

Absent

A. W. Burkill,
F. C. Steffer,
John Liddell and
E. J. Little.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted.

General Commercial Rate, Foreign for June quarter.

Summary of Revenue for August

Health Officer's Report for "

Victoria Murray House Report for August

Local Superintendents

Break statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police Daily Reports

Police - a letter from Mr. Anderson informs

The branch of the result of his enquiries at the

Foreign Office, on the subject of the new draft.

From information received unofficially from the

Government, it would appear that the facts

expressed as to difficulty in recruiting are

groundless, and that the delay is due to the ex-

haustive character of the arrangements considered

necessary in regard to discipline and other matters

Referring to the general question of the control of

the Indians by the British Police Magistrate, the

Government states that Sir John Jordan is prepared

to issue the necessary order as soon as the best

legal advice as to its scope has been obtained. In

this connection, a letter from the legal adviser

is read, containing proposed terms for the King's

Regulation on the subject, but it is decided to

await the return to Shanghai of Mr. Judge

before officially forwarding the branch's application

in regard to the state of discipline in

which the existing force is found, the acting

Captain Superintendent reports having taken

ten of the men, who recently refused duty, before

the acting Judge on the 11th inst. Mr. Bourne

secretly conferred the men as to the probable

results of their action, and expressed the hope

that a better tone among the force might be

looked for in the future. It is decided to com-

municate by wire to the Indian Government the

fact that the force is at present 40 below

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its normal strength, and ask that a preliminary draft of this number of men be despatched without delay.

Volunteers. Staff. Official notice is submitted of Major Meswick's resignation of his appointment in the Corps, which other duties compel him to vacate.

— do. — Artillery. — upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Second Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Mr. A. J. Stewart.

Defence Scheme — a letter from the Commandant is submitted in allusion to his report of the 21st February last as to the supreme command of the defence forces in time of riot. The members of the watch committee have given this matter considerable attention and, upon their recommendation, it is now decided that if and when the settlement is declared in a state of riot, an official, previously specified, will take command both of the Police Force and Volunteer Corps. Under present conditions Colonel Watson is nominated for this duty, it being noted that the appointment is a personal one, and will not necessarily apply to future occupants of his post.

Mixed Court — Procedure for Warrants. — a letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate, forwarded by the Senior Consul, is submitted, containing a proposal under which a certain runner shall be provided with a blank warrant, to be used when occasion serves. It is decided to reply to the effect that the Council would deprecate any such deviation from the existing procedure.

Cases referred to the City Magistrate. — The reply of the Taotai, is read to the Council's letter of remonstrance, dated the 6th July last, in the case of three convicts referred to the City Magistrate for sentence, one of whom was released and the others leniently dealt with. The Chinese reports of the case are inextricably confused, and since the chief culprit has been re-arrested and sentenced to five years' imprisonment, it is decided to

do no more than forward a copy of the Police Report in re for the information of the Consular Body.

Sealing Orders - A letter from the Senior Consul is read, in relation to the order to seal up a licensed native restaurant in the Foochow Road, which, for reasons already recorded, has not been executed. The Council is informed that a warrant for the arrest of the defendant in the suit has been issued, which will probably result in sealing orders being issued in the regular manner. It is therefore decided to reply, informing the Senior Consul of the facts, and pointing out that the placing of his stamp on such orders before the case has come up for hearing is without precedent until the current year.

Peasfield Inn - A letter from the Acting American Consul General is read, in protest at the Police action in ejecting the occupant of this inn, an American citizen, on the 25th ultimo. From the Police report in the matter, it appears that the operations were in strict accordance with an order of the French Consular Court and, under the circumstances, it is decided to reply that the action of the Police appears to the Council to have been undeniably correct, and to refer Mr. Boyd to the French Consulate General for further information on the subject.

Ping chao Quarry - The Engineer reports considerable disquiet among the coolies at the Quarry, whose rate of pay has become insufficient as a result of the recent increase in the cost of rice. He recommends increases aggregating about \$150 per month and, upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, this step is authorized.

Pahsica Cemetery - A letter from the French Council is read, on the subject of the projected wall along a portion of the dividing line between the two sections of the cemetery, and to the effect that the

the French Council has decided to adhere to its
 first line of demarcation. Mr. Inceper states that
 had he known that the wall was designed to be
 erected within the line of plane-trees at this point,
 he would not have recommended counter-banking
 towards the east. It is considered, however,
 inadvisable to withdraw the money offer, and a
 reply is authorized expressive only of the Council's
 regret at the decision which has been arrived at.
 Public School for Chinese. - The arrangement is confirmed
 and recorded under which Mr. J. B. Livingston
 has been appointed, in six months' probation, as
 headmaster of the school, vice Mr. Ridge resigned.
 His testimonials have been forwarded to Mr. Addis
 in London, with a view to further enquiries as to
 his fitness for the post.

Upon the recommendation of the School
 Committee, it is decided to permit Mr. Ridge to
 draw remuneration under Rule 8 and have
 allowance at the rate of \$260 per annum from
 the 10th instant, until such time as he leaves
 Shanghai within the period of his agreement.
 Shanghai within the period of his agreement.
 Telephone Contract. - In connection with the negotiations
 now in progress for re-drawing the agreement with
 the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Company upon
 the lines of that between the Council and the
 Waterworks Company, certain points have arisen
 calling for the Council's consideration. In regard
 to the clause prohibiting the connection with the
 exchange of any residents beyond the limits of the
 settlement, except under agreement to pay the 5%
 Special Rate, the Council is informed that the
 Company will raise no objection thereto and such
 a clause is considered desirable. As to the clause
 relating to purchase of the Company's plant and
 undertaking by the Council, the members are
 of opinion that, while there is no reasonable
 expectation of such a transaction, it will be
 advisable, for use in future negotiations, to embody
 it

Public School for Chinese
 Telephone Contract

it in the new contract

High Buildings. - An application by Messrs. Scott & Carter is submitted, to erect a nine-storied steel frame building for Messrs. Arnholt Harberg & Co. at the corner of the Szechuen and Kinkiang Roads of a total height of 130 feet. Considerable discussion ensues, and Mr. Meuser expresses the view that with streets of a width of 40 feet only, a structure of this description would be very undesirable. It is pointed out that the increase of traffic due to the building will be considerable and, under the circumstances, it is decided to reply that the Council is unwilling to depart from the provisions of the building rule relating to this point.

Victoria Fire Station. - Plan and estimate by the Engineer are submitted of the proposed two-storied building, with quarters for firemen, to be erected in place of the present Victoria Truck-house. The estimated cost thereof is £6,30,000, and the Council is unwilling to authorise this heavy expenditure in the absence of appropriation therefor in the Budget. The matter will therefore be left for the consideration of the Finance Committee in framing the Budget for 1907, but, in view of the large capital outlay on public works contemplated in the immediate future, it is considered improbable that provision can be made for the erection of the building during next year.

Electricity Department Plant. - Extensive communications from Messrs. Preece & Gardew and from Mr. F. Anderson inform the Council of the steps which have been taken in regard to the plant for the supply of power for the tramway, and it is noted that the following tenders have been accepted in London:-

Two 24000 lb boilers, with stokers and various pipework, Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox £8,150, delivery in 15 weeks.

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Two 600 H. W. reciprocating engines and dynamos, and condensers, together with a 300 H. W. motor generator and switch boards. Messrs. Bruce, Peebles & Co. £15500, delivery in 26 weeks.

The question of the settlement of exchange for this machinery, as also for that en route, amounting in all to about £30,000, is considered, and after some discussion, it is decided to let the matter take its course and exchange be settled when the relative bills arrive.

In regard to the payment for the Tramway plant during next year, the matter is one which will require the careful attention of the Finance Committee at a later date.

Referring to Mr. Anderson's recommendation to revise the terms of Article 18 of the Supply of Power Agreement on the grounds that the existing clause is liable to misinterpretation, the Council is of opinion that such a step is unnecessary at the present juncture and while the tramway is under construction. It is considered improbable that further machinery will be required before the formation of a new company with whom doubtless further negotiations on this and other points of detail will be required.

Public School. - The Chairman states that Mr. Lanning's application to the British Charge d' Affaires for permission to make use of the Legation archives for the purpose of writing a history of the Settlement, cannot be complied with except by permission of the Foreign Office, and the Council assents to the proposal that a letter be addressed to the Minister in this sense.

Mr. De Gray states that the question of the renewal of Mr. Lanning's agreement, which will expire on the 1st proximo, is engaging the attention of the School Committee, and that a project is on foot for permitting him to undertake this historical work and certain general duties in connection with all the Municipal schools in receipt of grants,
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his salary while so employed being regarded as in the nature of a pension. The matter is one requiring further discussion, and the Council decides to await the receipt of a recommendation from the School Committee in the matter.

Vacancy in the Council - with reference to the existing vacancy, it is decided to take no step in the matter until the next full meeting of the Council.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

W. Wilson
Secretary

Henry Hewick
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 19th September 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

H. Hewick, (Chairman)
F. C. Heffer,
O. Meuser,
W. H. Poate and
The Secretary.

Absent

A. W. Burhill,
H. de Gray,
John Liddell and
E. S. Little.

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.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted.

General Municipal Rate, Native, June Quarter,
Engineer's Report for August,

Cash

cash statement for the past week,
Return of prisoners apprehended,
Police Daily Reports.

Vacancy in the Council. - The Chairman states that he has informally consulted Mr. Skottowe as to his readiness to rejoin the Council, in the assurance that his colleagues would approve the step. Mr. Skottowe has expressed readiness to serve, and has undertaken to apply for the necessary sanction of the Board of Directors of the Chartered Bank in London.

Native Official Proclamations. - A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a proclamation by the Shanghai City Magistrate stamped in his office, nominating a headman of chair-coolies. With this are submitted copies of former minutes on the subject, illustrating the Council's policy in the past towards similar attempts on the part of the native authorities to intervene in the control of the Settlement, a policy which has been directed towards securing for the coolies complete freedom of action in respect to the appointment of their headmen. It is decided to reply in the same sense, and to point out the inadvisability of permitting the proclamation in question to be posted.

A second letter from the Senior Consul notifies the Council that he has countersigned and sealed a proclamation issued at the request of Mr. F. Botnewann for the protection of a certain trademark. It is noted that the usual procedure has not been followed by the Senior Consul, in that he has failed to forward the document for the Municipal seal, but, in the first place enquiries are authorized as to whether it is Mr. Botnewann's intention to expose the proclamation outside his premises or not.

Stone Bridge, Singa. - From the Taotai's reply to the Council's letter on this subject, it appears that he is satisfied with the present condition of the bridge and is unwilling to discuss the question of its re-erection.
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The project for building a new bridge at the public charge was initiated in the interests of the native community, and with a view to improving the conservancy of the Soochow Creek; since, however, the Council's proposal has been rejected, it is decided to take no further action in the matter, a result which, upon financial grounds is not without advantage at the present juncture.

River Police Prisoners. - Letters from the Taotai, forwarded by the Senior Consul, are submitted, from which it is noted that the Mixed Court will no longer be used for the housing of River Police prisoners, whether foreign interests have been involved or not.

Wharfage Dues. - A letter from the French Council states that its proposal for re-adjusting the basis upon which the cost of collection of wharfage dues rests, has been withdrawn, and it is decided, in accordance with the French Council's wishes, that the publication of the correspondence on the subject is unnecessary.

A letter from the Commissioner of Customs is read, stating that the Taotai now objects to payment of his one-half share of this expenditure, and it is decided to reply to the effect that the Council will concur in any equitable arrangement the Commissioner may see fit to make.

Defence Committee. - Since, by the resignation of Mr. Holliday, the Council is deprived of the benefit of his special knowledge of the work of this committee it is decided that hereafter its functions will be re-assumed by the Watch Committee, to whom, therefore, the special report of Lieutenant Colonel Watson will be presented.

Captain Superintendent of Police. - From a telegram from the London Agents, the Council learns that Major Boisragon has accepted the Council's offer in regard to the termination of his services, and is forwarding his resignation of the post of Captain Superintendent

Superintendent. Some discussion ensues as to the advisability of issuing a notification to this effect, and stating that Mr. McEwen has been appointed Acting Captain Superintendent. Mr. Heffer is of opinion that such a course would be prejudicial to the interests of Mr. McEwen should he hereafter not receive the substantive post, and it is therefore decided to publish no more than the fact that Major Boistragon has resigned. The members express regret at Major Boistragon's decision to return to Shanghai for private purposes, and the Chairman undertakes to point out to him indirectly, the inadvisability of such a course.

Reinforced Concrete. - Referring to the application of the Mutual Telephone Company to erect a high building of this material, a report from the Engineer is read on the subject, alluding to the fact that standard rules for the supervision of such work are still under consideration in Europe and America. After some discussion, it is decided to issue a permit for the building with a reservation that, as regards its safety, not even that measure of responsibility which the Council accepts under provision of Article ~~XXX~~ of the Land Regulations can be assumed in this instance.

Tramways - Tracks. - Reports by the Engineer are submitted on the subject of the unsatisfactory condition of the macadamised section of the track which he attributes to inadequate sanding and watering. Complaints on this subject have also been received privately, from the Police, and in the Press. A communication to the Company is therefore authorized, requiring closer attention to the provisions of the agreement on this point, and stating that, for the maintenance of the track, no dependence should be placed on such watering as may be performed by the Council for the purposes of sanitation and laying of dust.

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Cars. - Two further tracings of the proposed type

type of car are submitted by the company for the Council's criticism, together with a report thereon by the engineer. The cars appear to the members to be generally inferior to those in use in Hongkong and Manila, and Mr. Mayne's report alludes to numerous points wherein improvements might be looked for. It is decided to draw the company's attention thereto, and to state that, before the Council's formal approval will be given to any type of car, a finished drawing thereof, together with a written description of such parts as are not shown, must be deposited for record.

"Alhambra." — From the Police Report of date, it is observed that public gambling is again in full operation at this hotel, but it is decided that, so long as no complaints as to noise or indecency are received, no action on the part of the Police is called for.

Unmuzzled Dogs. — Mr. Steffer alludes to the fact that the muzzling of foreign dogs beyond the limits of the Settlement exposes them to attack by the numerous native village "wouks" whose numbers show no sign of diminution. The matter is considered one calling for the attention of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

W. Messer
Secretary.

Henry Beswick
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 26th September 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M M

H. Keswick, (Chairman)

F. B. Heffer,

John Liddell,

C. Meuser,

W. H. Poate and

The Secretary.

Absent

A. W. Burkill,

H. De Gray and

E. S. Little.

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted -

Statement of expenditure to the 19th instant.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended,

Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of the 14th instant are read and confirmed. In reference to the

Hongkew Recreation Ground pavilion, the Council is informed that a further communication on the subject of the grant for this purpose may be expected from the Recreation Fund Trustees.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 24th instant are read and confirmed. Referring to Road Extension No. 15 W., Mr. Meuser alludes to the loss of taxation due to the non-registration by the Catholic Mission of Kiangnan of their property, consisting of about 18 Mow of land. So soon as the surrender, now under discussion, is completed, it is decided to take steps in this matter, if necessary by recourse to legal proceedings.

Land

Land Assessment. - Some discussion takes place in regard to the decision not to show projected road extensions in the plans to be prepared for the assessors, and it is pointed out that though this course may tend in the direction of low assessments in certain cases, it will also probably result in similarly low claims for compensation for land surrendered.

Pahienjas Cemetery. - Mr. Meuser undertakes to see the Chairman of the French Council in this matter with a view to its settlement, but the Council is of opinion that the contribution offered of Rs. 2200 should suffice.

Indian Police. - A note from Mr. C. R. Holcomb forwards a petition signed by a large number of the Sikh constables applying for additional pay. The Chairman states that the deposits of these men in the Municipal Savings Bank is sufficient evidence of their comparatively affluent position, and that the number of cases of drunkenness reported during the current year tends to show that a firm hand is necessary in maintaining discipline among this class of employe. He has arranged, subject to the Council's approval, that a parade of the whole of the Indian branch of the Force be held on the following morning, which he will attend, for the purpose of informing the men that the Council regards the source through which their petition has been forwarded with the utmost disfavor, and that it will, on that account, not receive attention. He will further state that any grievance which any of the men may believe himself to be suffering under will be enquired into and rectified if forwarded through the proper channel, that is, through the responsible officers concerned. This course meets with the unanimous approval of the Council.

Automatic Telephones. - A letter from the representative of the Automatic Telephone Construction Company

is submitted, requesting that, since the Council's agreement with the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Company has not been concluded, negotiations be opened for the installation of the machines of his company. It is decided to reply that the telephone monopoly was in fact granted to the Mutual Company at the Ratepayers' Meeting in March last, and that the Council is unwilling to re-open the matter. At the same time, Mr. Liddell alludes to the necessity for securing that the telephone service be supplied with all improvements and be otherwise up to date, and the Secretary is directed to distribute copies of the agreement when received in draft for members' information.

Tramways, Track. - A letter from the Company is read, making proposals for duplicating the track in certain streets, together with a report thereon by the Engineer. This matter is one calling for close attention, and is referred for consideration by the Committee concerned.

Dr.

Poles. - In reply to the Council's communication on this subject, a letter from the Company maintains the view that the base is not an integral portion of the pole within the meaning of the concession agreement, and proposes arbitration of the point. Some surprise is expressed at this attitude, and the Secretary is directed to confer with Mr. Wheeley on the subject, and state that the Council is willing if necessary to go the length desired. A list of streets compiled by the Engineer, in which it is proposed that an improved form of base be erected, is approved.

Smoke Nuisance. - With reference to the complaint of Mr. G. Advoaat and others as to the nuisance caused by the chimneys of Messrs Liddell Brothers Co. and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Mr. Liddell states that his engineer will confer with the Electrical Engineer as to the efficiency of mechanical stokers, and he undertakes generally that every reasonable step will

Native	<p>will be taken for mitigating the nuisance so far as his works are concerned.</p> <p><u>Official Proclamations</u> - with regard to the proclamation issued to Mr. F. Bortemann, the Council is informed that it is not his intention to post the document outside his premises, and, though strictly speaking the action of the Senior Consul in returning the document direct and without the Municipal seal is open to criticism, the Council is of opinion that the matter is not one of sufficient importance to call for intervention</p>
Public works Department,	<p><u>Native Staff</u>. - A report by the Engineer has been submitted to the Works Committee, containing proposals for a general increase in the pay of the natives throughout the department, as to which the members are of opinion that compliance would give rise to justifiable discontent unless similar treatment be adopted throughout the Municipal service. This matter will have the attention of the Finance Committee at a later date, and in the meanwhile, the advisability of paying efficient road foremen a sufficient wage to ensure continuity of service is recognised, and the Engineer will be directed to submit a list of such men as he may recommend for this treatment, stating for what salary they would be prepared to accept service for a term of years.</p>
Price of	<p><u>Rice</u>. - A discussion arises as to the hardship which at present falls upon the lower class native employees as a result of the existing high price of rice, which now exceeds \$9. a picul. In conclusion the Council assents in principle to a special issue of rice money of from \$1 to \$1.50 per mensem to all employees of a monthly salary of less than \$15, until such time as rice is obtainable at \$6 a picul. The recommendations of the various Heads of Departments will be called for on this subject, and the details of the scheme are</p>

are left for further consideration.

Mixed Court. - From a report by the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Council learns that bricks are being stacked within the Court enclosure, apparently with a view to commencing building operations. The Chairman has made an informal communication to the Senior Consul on the subject, with the request that the Taotai be notified that no building operations will be permitted while this matter is under discussion. In a subsequent interview with Mr. Siffert, he has ascertained that the Consular Body has taken no step therein since receipt of the Council's letter of the 24th ultimo. In this connection, the Secretary is directed to show the plan of the proposed gaol to the Senior Consul, so that its inadaptability for any other use than that of a criminal prison may be made perfectly clear.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

W. W. Wilson
Secretary.

Henry Beswick
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangs Road, Shanghai on Wednesday, the 3rd October 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M. M

H. Hewick, (Chairman)

A. W. Burkill,

H. De Gray,

F. C. Heffer,

John Liddell,

C. S. Little,

C. Meuser,

W. H. Poate and

The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted.

Electrical Engineers' report for August.

Cash statement for the past week,

Return of prisoners apprehended,

Police daily reports.

Electricity and Tramways Committee. - To fill the vacancy in this Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. Holliday, Mr. Burkill is appointed and consents to serve.

Tramways. - Poles. - The Council is informed that Mr. Wheeler concurs in the view that the position taken up by the Engineers to the Company in respect to bases is an untenable one, and considers that the base is without doubt an integral portion of the pole. He has now under consideration the list of streets in which the Council desires an improved pattern of base, and will forward a communication on the subject as soon as possible.

Indian Police. - The minutes of the special meeting of the Watch Committee are read and confirmed. The proposal to apply to the Government for the

services of an officer of the Indian Army to report to the Council on the question of the Indian Police and the conditions under which the men live is approved by the members, and Mr. Poate expresses the view that, under any circumstances, such a report would be a valuable one, and that a definite application might therefore be forwarded forthwith. It is noted, however, that such a course might appear to conflict with the action being taken by the Supreme Court, and, after some discussion, the Committee's minute is confirmed as it stands.

The recommendations of the Acting Captain Superintendent are submitted as to promotion and reward for the men who turned out for duty on Sunday, and the matter is left in the hands of the Watch Committee for settlement.

Gaol warders - A report by the Assistant Gaoler in charge is submitted, on the behaviour of the warders during the recent crisis, and the Chairman states that in company with Mr. De Gray ^{and Mr. Burkill} he made a visit of inspection to the Gaol, and after commending the warders for their conduct, he informed them that the recommendation of the Superintendent to increase their pay by \$1.50 per man per mensem would be granted by the Council. This decision is unanimously confirmed.

Rice Money - The recommendations of Heads of Departments on this subject are submitted, from which it appears that the issue of \$1.50 per man to all employes of a less salary than \$15.00 per mensem and \$1.00 for those from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per mensem would involve a total monthly expenditure of \$2,000. Mr. De Gray considers that this issue should under no circumstances be allowed to result in a permanent increase of pay, and it is decided to communicate the Council's instructions in Chinese to the employes concerned, and to state that the money will be paid only during the
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abnormally high price of rice. Mr. Burhill is of opinion that the general issue of \$1.00 per mow would sufficiently meet the case, and his recommendation in this sense is adopted.

Town Hall. - The application of the St. George's Society of Shanghai for a reduction in the tariff for the use of the Town Hall and of the Band, for the annual dance on the 9th proximo, on the grounds that the Society exists for Charitable purposes, is negatived.

Indian Camp - Eastern District - An offer of a piece of land is submitted at the north west corner of the Kalgan Road and Extension No. 31 E, measuring about 20 Mow at the rate of \$6.1500 per Mow, and it is noted that the site includes the registered lots formerly offered to the Council at \$6.1800. The land appears to the Watch Committee to be suitable for the purposes for which it is required, and although payment for Mow 2.764 of land scheduled for road purposes is involved, the price is considered a fair one, and the purchase is authorized.

Gaol. Extension of Site. - A report by the Engineer contains an offer of the whole of Cadastral Lot 1965 to be incorporated in the Gaol property, for the sum of \$6.22,550. This land forms the western half of the block which it was recently decided to acquire, and the Council is of opinion that the purchase of the unregistered eastern half should be expedited with a view to arriving at a fair rate of purchase for the land in question. A suggestion is made that the owner of the property, Mr. D. Main, might be willing to accept a valuation to be fixed by the Land Commission which is holding a sitting at an early date, but it is decided, in the first place, to inform him that the proposed purchaser is the Council and to make a definite offer of \$6.3000 per mow.

Case

Case of Mr. Pierce. - A letter from Messrs. Andrews and Brooks is submitted, setting out again the claim for compensation on behalf of this employe, recently dismissed for drunkenness. The Secretary is directed to inform Mr. Brooks verbally of the facts of the case, and to state that the Council is prepared to meet any proceedings which may be taken in the matter.

Voting Tickets. - Mr. Little alludes to the practice under which voting tickets are at present signed in person by all ratepayers when recording their votes, and proposes that, (with a view to ensuring the secrecy of the ballot) in future, this formality be discontinued. The members are of opinion that no reason for this change in procedure has up to the present been shewn, and, since the proposal would involve an alteration of Article XVIII of the Land Regulations, it is decided to take no action in the matter.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

W. L. L. L.

Secretary -

Henry Beswick
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the 13th Room, no. 22 Kiang Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 10th October 1901 at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr. Xu.

- H. Weirich
- A. W. Burtell
- H. De Gray
- T. G. McArthur
- John Kiddell
- E. S. Kitchin
- C. Meunier
- W. H. Foster
- The Secretary

The Chairman calling the meeting to take a recess, the minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed.

signed by the Chairman and passed for publication. Departmental Reports - The following are submitted:

Chief Superintendent's report for September

Superintendent of Parks

Victoria Nursing Home

Khang Pao Ska Sanitary Station, report for September guests

Annual Statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Rice Money - The Council's decision on this subject is re-considered on the proposal of Mr. Meunier, who is of opinion that the effect which it is desired that the same shall have will be emphasized if the small appropriation recommended by Mr. de Gray is approved. It is a month since \$1.50, the others remaining at \$1.00. After some further discussion this modification is agreed to.

Chief Superintendent's report for the Engineer's extension of water - A report by the Engineer is read, stating that Mr. D. Mann, the owner of the property, is willing to accept a value to be placed thereon by offer of \$6,000 per acre for his property, but would be willing to accept a value to be placed thereon by the Council's decision. It is agreed that the Council's decision on this subject is re-considered on the proposal of Mr. Meunier, who is of opinion that the effect which it is desired that the same shall have will be emphasized if the small appropriation recommended by Mr. de Gray is approved. It is a month since \$1.50, the others remaining at \$1.00. After some further discussion this modification is agreed to.

the Land Commissioners. The Council assents to the proposal that this course be followed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 8th instant are read. In the matter of the light Horse Riding School, a note by the Engineer states that the proposed permanent structure would cost approximately £21,000, and, under these circumstances, it is decided to adhere to the matched system. Directions are given for the immediate erection of such a shed on the Gordon Road site, of the strongest and most durable type.

Public Lighting. - Mr. Heffer has visited the section of the Markham Road in which it was proposed to erect gas lamps, and states that, in his opinion, there is no public need at present for this step. The lighting of the road will therefore be deferred for the present.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 9th instant are read.

Tramways. - With reference to the question of the suspension of electric arc lamps from the poles of the Tramway Company, surprise is expressed at the view taken by the Acting Electrical Engineer in this matter, and it is pointed out that, on the return of Mr. Aldridge from leave, a clearer indication of how this connection is made in Europe and America will probably be forthcoming.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese, held on the 9th instant, are read and the decisions therein recorded duly noted.

Indian Police. - A telegram from the Indian Government is communicated by H. M. Consul General, on the subject of the Council's special application for 40 men, to be despatched immediately to fill the existing vacancies in this branch of the Force. The Chairman is of opinion that the occasion should be taken to call attention to the urgency of the need for carrying out the Ratepayers' authorisation in respect to the additional 250 men, as to which

a second note from the British Consulate informs the Council of the estimated cost of the contingent. Mr. Burhill considers that it would be well to avoid confusion between the 40 men who are to be under the existing Municipal terms of service, and the men to be obtained officially through the Indian Government. After some discussion, the matter is left in the hands of the watch committee, the Council recording the view that it is advisable to take the best possible steps for increasing the Force without delay.

The members are informed that an application has been made by H. M. Judge for a King's Regulation, to be issued under the Order in Council, whereby he will be in a position to exercise additional authority over men serving as Municipal Police, and if necessary, to repatriate them.

Josefield Inn Dispute - A letter from the Acting American Consul General is submitted, enclosing a copy of the French Consulate's reply to his enquiry, on the subject of the installation by the Police of the French protégé Koutos in this hotel. Nothing in these documents leads the Council to modify the opinion previously expressed that the action of the Police in the case left nothing to be desired, and the opinion is general that Mr. Boyd's despatch calls for no reply.

Mixed Court Procedure - A report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted in allusion to the method of handing over prisoners, by the French Mixed Court, who properly fall under the jurisdiction of the Court in this Settlement, and recommending that the Council make official representations to the Senior Consul in the matter. The Chairman states that it is not the Council's policy to do more in the matter of Mixed Court procedure than to maintain the rights which the Council has acquired.

acquired up to the present, and he is averse to seeking to amend the procedure on any point through the medium of the Consular Body. The arrangements which the Captain Superintendent desires may possibly be put into force without any such representations, and the Chairman will take an early opportunity of discussing the point with the French Consul General.

Wharfage Dues. - A note from the Commissioner of Customs proposes for the Council's approval an amendment of the clause in the Agreement of 1899 relating to the cost of collection of dues, under which the Council will bear one-half of such cost and the French Council and the Taitai each one-quarter. From the figures furnished by Mr. Hobson in support of this proposal, it appears to the members to be generally equitable, and it is decided to reply assenting to the change.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

M. Merson
Secretary -

Henry Keswick
Chairman

at the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 17th October 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

H. Keswick, (Chairman)
A. W. Butkell,
H. De Gray,
F. C. Heffer,
E. S. Little,
G. Meuser,
W. H. Poate and
The Secretary

Absent

Absent - Mr. John Liddell.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read in draft, confirmed, and passed for publication.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Considerable discussion ensues on the advisability, or the reverse, of publishing fuller extracts of the Council's proceedings, and the Chairman alludes to the, in his opinion, very necessary practice of deferring publication of a minute on any subject while still under negotiation. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Little records his opinion that the minutes as customarily presented for publication are inadequate; his resolution in this sense finds no support among the members.

Indian Police - A telegram from General Waters is submitted, from which it is observed that an officer will leave Tientsin after the 24th instant, accompanied by a Jemadar, the latter's services being at the disposal of the Council for six months if required. A letter expressing the Council's appreciation of this prompt compliance with its wishes has already been forwarded.

The Chairman recounts the further action taken by the Watch Committee during the week for obtaining additional Indians, and it is noted that, in compliance with the telegram received from India, a party consisting of Cadet Anton, a foreign sergeant and an Indian sergeant, will forthwith proceed to Lahore to assist in the recruitment, and take charge of the special draft of 40 men.

Apart from this a letter, dealing with the subject generally, has been addressed to H. M. Council General, in which he is urgently requested

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to communicate with the Indian Government and to point out the necessity for the despatch of the main draft of 250 men as soon as possible.

Mixed Court - The Chairman states that, as a result of an informal conference between the Senior Consul, the Mixed Court Magistrate and himself, it has been suggested that a plan of a suitable house of detention and female ward be compiled by the Council and handed unofficially to the Magistrate. The Senior Consul was astounded at the condition in which he found the various outbuildings and accommodation at the Court, and has expressed the hope that some means of settling the present deadlock may be devised.

From the Magistrate's point of view, the recent decision that River Police prisoners be no more housed in the Court precincts forms a sufficient reason for discarding the plan formerly submitted. The proposal meets with the unanimous approval of the members, and the Engineer will therefore be directed, in the first place, to compile a plan showing the existing buildings, and to report briefly upon their condition, whereafter the Watch Committee will indicate what additional accommodation is requisite.

Volunteers - Portuguese Company - Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorized for issue to Mr. E. dos Santos Barneiro as 2nd Lieutenant.

Jessfield Inn Dispute - A petition, and suit for damages arising out of this dispute, by Mr. G. A. Biddle has been presented to the Court of Consuls, and is forwarded for the Council's reply within 14 days. It is noted that the matter is in the hands of the legal adviser for treatment, the Chairman stating that he has learnt that the support of the French Consulate will be given to the Police, and that conclusive evidence may be produced for the reputation of the charges made by the American occupant of the establishment.

Public

Public Swimming Bath - water supply - The reply of the waterworks Company is read to the Council's proposal in regard to enlarging the main in the North Szechuen Road, and it is noted that, in addition to the contribution of £ls. 2,400 towards the capital cost, the Company requires that the re-instatement of the road be carried out at the Council's expense. Mr. Heffer is of opinion that the original offer was upon a most liberal basis, and he is opposed to any addition thereto. Since, however, the cost of the re-instatement work concerned is estimated at £ls. 594 only, it is inferred that the proposed condition will be withdrawn.

Public Band - A telegram from the London Agents states that the party of new musicians will probably leave London on the 8th November, and, with regard to the new Conductor, Dr. Knappe recommends that the passage to Shanghai of his wife be defrayed by the Council. Mr. Meuser points out that it has been the rule of the Municipal Service that the passages of employes' families be paid by the men themselves, but, since a refusal of the present application would be in a measure discourteous to Dr. Knappe, it is decided, as a special case, to sanction payment. The Secretary is directed to take such steps as are necessary for preventing this concession from being quoted as precedent.

Motor Omnibusses - A letter from the New York Export ^{Company} is read, making proposals for the establishment of a system of motor omnibusses, in reference to which it is decided to adhere to the course adopted in March of last year in connection with a similar application. That is to say, to inform the applicant that, provided the vehicles are found to be suitable, they will be licensed under certain conditions which will be liable to revision at the annual meeting.

meeting of Ratepayers.
Yao - Extension of Site. - A letter from Mr. D. Main, on the subject of the purchase by the Council of cadastral lot 1965, states that he would be willing to accept £6,350 per mow for the property, being at a rate half way between his original claim and the Council's counter offer, and it is decided to conclude negotiations on this basis.

Chang and West Soochow Roads. - Mr. J. H. Teedale's offer of the whole of B.C. lot 3285, required in connection with the extension of these roads, at the rate of £6,600 per mow is authorised for acceptance.

Survey Beyond Limits. - A letter from the Senior Council forwards a communication from the Taotai, complaining of the survey now in progress in the district beyond the northern boundary of the Settlement, and particularly that portion known as North Singa. In reply, it is decided to point out the necessity for an accurate and careful survey of this district owing to the large number of foreign registered lots therein situated. The assistance of the Consular Body will be invoked in allaying the fears of the Chinese Authorities that trouble will ensue as a result of this purely pacific and harmless operation, and an offer will be made to furnish the Taotai with a copy of the survey so soon as it has been completed.

Chinese Volunteers. - A letter from Messrs. Yu Ya-ching and Yuen Hung Kee, Directors of the Chinese Physical Association is read, containing a proposal that the Association be incorporated in the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, and some discussion ensues thereon. The members are generally favourable to the proposal in principle, provided suitable restrictions and special regulations are imposed, and in the first place the Commandant of the S.V.C. will report on the matter for the Watch Committee's information and guidance. In the meanwhile.

meanwhile, the applicants will be informed that their proposal is receiving the Council's careful attention.

Municipal Properties - Cadastral Lot 168. - In reply to an application by Messrs. Major Brothers Ltd for an extension of the term of occupation of this property, recently purchased by the Council, it is decided to authorise a renewal of the informal lease for six months at the rate of £b. 350 per annum.

Trust Funds. - The Chairman states that he has been approached by the Committee of the Shanghai Club with a view to the investment of a certain portion of the Municipal Trust Funds in the 6 per cent debentures about to be issued by the Club at 94. The matter is referred for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

Fire Brigade. - Referring to the fire at the Telegraph Company's new building on the Bund, comment is made on the inadequacy of the existing appliances for dealing with buildings of this height, and it is also stated that the Fire Float did not come into operation until 35 minutes after the outbreak. The Chairman undertakes to see Mr. McLeod, the Chairman of the Fire Commission, in this matter, with a view to an enquiry into the points raised.

Public Gambling. - The Council is informed of a discussion now proceeding between the Race Club and the Manager of the Metropole Hotel with regard to the restrictions imposed by the Council as to gambling within licensed premises, unconnected with races, and, in the discussion which ensues, it appears that the Council is now prepared to go the length of confining gambling to the Race Club enclosure. Mr. Burkill proposes a resolution in this sense which is seconded by Mr. G. S. Little. Mr. Meuser points out that, during the debate which took place

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on this subject in May last, it was held that the Council should not properly interfere with a custom of so long standing, except under a definite direction by the Ratepayers, or other strong expression of public opinion, and, since the position has not changed in the meanwhile, he advocates adherence, for purposes of this ensuing meeting, to the Council's published conclusions. The motion is, however, carried, and the Secretary is directed to communicate this amendment of the Council's former decision to Mr. Hogg, whose property adjoining the Horse Bazaar is chiefly affected.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

W. W. W. W.
Secretary

Henry Keswick
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
no. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 24th
October 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

H. Keswick, (Chairman)
A. W. Burkill.
H. De Gray.
F. B. Huffer.
E. S. Little,
G. Meuret,
W. H. Poole and
The Secretary.

Absent.

John Liddell.

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.

Departmental

Departmental Reports :- The following are submitted :-

Engineer's Report for September,
 Electrical Engineer's Report for September,
 Summary of Revenue " "
 Wharfage dues for September Quarter,
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

Jessfield Inn Dispute - Draft reply by the Legal Adviser to the petition in the Court of Consuls is submitted, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, adopted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee, of the 16th October are read and in reference to the:-
Western District Recreation Ground, some discussion ensues. The Chairman states that the advisability of establishing means for recreation in this district is undoubted, and that the question is one only of ways and means. It would be impossible at the present juncture to carry out the purchase of a tract of land, of sufficient size to form a public park, as an ordinary item of expenditure from public funds, unless the rate of purchase is a very low one. Mr. Heffer states that he has some acquaintance with the tips in this district, and he undertakes to conduct some preliminary enquiries on the subject of the price of land west of the Edinburgh Road.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 18th October are read.

Trach. A letter from the concessionaires is submitted, containing a proposal for the establishment in the North Szechuen Road of a form of automatic signalling apparatus designed to overcome the difficulty, in respect to passing places, and the view of the Engineer that this device will be inadequate, is upheld.

Cars - A drawing in duplicate is submitted of a type of car containing the amendments demanded.

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by the Council, and generally meeting the requirements formulated by the Engineer. The members are of opinion that the closed-in cab-front for the driver is unnecessary.

It is observed that the cars shown in the drawing, while suitable for winter use, are not convertible into cross-seated cars for the summer. A limited number only therefore will be approved pending the receipt of future drawings in accordance with Messrs. Dent's letter of the 24th June.

The subject of trailers, introduced by the Engineer into his report on this subject, is discussed, and, since it clearly is the intention of the agreement that trailers in some form should be permitted, and the Council decides for the present to take no prohibitory action as to their use.

Poles - Upon reconsideration by the Committee of the list of streets in which improved bases are demanded, the omission of Seward and Yangtze-poo Roads is authorized.

The minutes of the meeting of the works Committee of the 22nd October are read, and in regard to the widening of the Alcock Road by the purchase of cadastral lot 1960, the opinion is general that the advantage to be gained from the point of view of Gaol protection is not commensurate with the cost involved, and the project is therefore abandoned.

Shew Bridge - Mr. Poak is of opinion that the re-erection of this bridge in reinforced concrete is uneconomical, and that brick retaining walls with iron girders might be substituted without sacrifice of efficiency. Alternative estimates will therefore be submitted before proceeding further with the matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 23rd October are read.

Escort for Lahore - A further telegram from the Indian Government is read directing that the recruiting party report for duty in the first place at Calcutta, and the necessary modification in the arrangements will

with ease.

Land Regulation VIC. - The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the draft of this proposed regulation adopted by the Ratepayers in March last, and forwarded to the Senior Consul under date the 14th idem, has apparently escaped attention, since no intimation has been received as to the progress of the measure, and the Council's letter has remained without acknowledgment. It is decided to address the Senior Consul again on the subject.

Volunteers - Light Horse - The resignation of Lieutenant Davers is received and recorded.

Mounted Scouts - The resignation of Lieutenant Landale is received and recorded, and, upon the recommendation of the Commandant, Commissions are authorized for issue to 2nd Lieutenant A. W. Burkill as Lieutenant and Mr. L. Midwood as 2nd Lieutenant.

Public Gambling - The minutes and correspondence on this subject, which passed in April, have been circulated for the members' information, and Mr. Heffer states that, having seen Mr. Hogg, he finds him unwilling to withdraw from the position which he takes up in regard to the Council's financial liability. After some further debate, the resolution by Messrs. Burkill and Little is amended to read that gambling shall not be permitted during Race week in any form except such as is connected with the results of the Races.

Disturbance in a native school. - A letter from the Senior Consul is read, to the effect that the support of the Diplomatic Body in Peking has been obtained to the application by the Consuls for the Police reports in this case. It is pointed out that, owing to the lamented death of Dr. Scholz, the hearing on appeal of the case has been unduly postponed, but that the Taotai, for whose information the reports are required, may obtain all necessary information in the matter by fixing an early date

date for the re-hearing. The facts will be communicated for the information of the Senior Council, and, in the meanwhile, the Chairman undertakes to see Mr. Siffert personally, with a view to ascertaining his object in prolonging this correspondence.

Case of Mr. Lanning. - A letter from the Committee of the Public School draws attention to the fact that Mr. Lanning's agreement expired on the 1st instant, and states the views of the Committee on the subject of its renewal. In further explanation of the position, Mr. De Gray represents (i) the difficulty which would be experienced if the services of a principal were retained whose chief interests were not the School's progress and welfare, and (ii) the disadvantage under which a new principal (probably Mr. Billings) would labour by having his predecessor placed in a supervisory position with regard to his management of the institution. In the discussion which ensues, it appears, speaking generally, that Mr. Lanning's retirement would be advantageous, and, in this connection, two points arise for solution. Upon what reasonable pretext may salary continue to be issued to Mr. Lanning, whose claim to public recognition of his work in the past is admitted, and at what rate shall that salary be fixed? Mr. Poate undertakes, in the first place, to ascertain what amount this employé would be prepared to accept.

Motor Car Licenses. - A letter from the Committee of the Automobile Club of China is submitted, containing recommendations as to the amendment of the conditions attached to motor licenses, and, at the Chairman's suggestion, the matter is left in Mr. Heffer's hands for the inclusion, in the amended conditions, of provision for licensing drivers. The comment of the Overseas of Taxes on the subject will be submitted for the Club's consideration.

Court of Councils. A letter from the Senior Council notifies the Council of the election of the representative of Belgium

Belgium, that is to say, of himself, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of H^r Hagberg, Consul General for Sweden.

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

W. Morrison
Secretary

Henry Bevan
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 31st October 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

m.m.

H. Keswick, (Chairman)

A. W. Barthelin,

H. De Gray,

E. S. Little.

O. Meuser,

W. H. Poate.

E. B. Skottowe and

The Secretary.

Absent -

F. C. Heffer

John Liddell.

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Summary of expenditure to the 20th instant,

Cash statement for the past week,

Return of prisoners apprehended,

Police daily reports.

New member. - Mr. Skottowe takes his seat and is appointed to serve on the Finance Committee, the Chairman expressing the appreciation of the members of Ins. Skottowe's motive in rejoining the Council to fill the
third

Third vacancy which has occurred during the current year.

Gambling during Race Week - A further letter from Mr. E. J. Hogg, and a petition from the Hotel Metropole Co. Ltd. are read in allusion to the financial loss which they will sustain as a result of the Council's decision on this subject, but, after some discussion, it is decided to adhere thereto, in terms of the minute passed for publication. Mr. Meuser records his opinion that it would be preferable to defer action until next race meeting, and in the meanwhile to give due notice of the projected change.

Volunteers - Ambulance Section - The resignation of Major Miles, forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted, and recorded with an expression of the Council's appreciation of his fifteen years' work with the Corps.

Mixed Court - Alleged Illegal Arrest - A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Magistrate referring to the action of the Police while in the execution of a summons on the 1st instant, and from the Police Report in re, it appears to the Watch Committee that the action of the Detective Sergeant concerned was correct in every particular. It is decided to communicate the substance of the report for the Magistrate's information.

Case of Extortion by Court Servant - The Special return of the 26th instant is submitted, from which the Council learns that one of the watchmen at the Court, convicted of extortion, has been imprisoned for six months in the Court cells. Mr. De Gray is of opinion that, the protest of the Assessor at this action having failed, it would be injudicious on the part of the Council to intervene, and it is further considered probable that such intervention would tend to prevent the satisfactory solution of the rebuilding question now under negotiation. It is decided, therefore, to take no action in the matter, while, at the same time, directing the Police to report specially, and from time to time, on the man's

custody

Case of	<p>custody and treatment in the cells.</p> <p><u>Mr. Lanning.</u> - Mr. Poate states that, in an interview with Mr. Lanning, he has ascertained that there is no wish on the part of this employe to sever his connection with educational matters in the Settlement, and he reads a letter from Mr. Lanning to the same end. The view is general that Mr. Lanning's retirement from the position of Principal is called for in the best interests of the School, and, in reply to the Committee's letter, it is decided to state that the Council is prepared to offer a salary of £6.250 per month, calling in return for no other work except that of compiling the projected history of the Settlement.</p>
Indian	<p><u>Police Quarters, Western District.</u> - From the official plan of this property, it appears that the lot may be consolidated and made more generally regular by the acquisition of about 2 mow of additional land on the west, and directions are given that the further purchase be effected forthwith, so that if changes in the position of the proposed buildings are involved, they may be made without delay.</p>
Chinese	<p><u>Volunteers.</u> - A report by the Commandant S.V.C. is read on the proposals of the leaders of this movement, and the matter is referred for consideration in detail by the Watch Committee hereafter. The Chairman states that, in his opinion, the Chinese Company to be incorporated in the Corps should be limited to 100, with an understanding that if the number of efficient falls below 75 it should be disbanded, and he states that the men might be armed with carbines preferably to purchasing new rifles.</p>
Indian	<p><u>Police.</u> - A letter from H. M. Consul General forwards a copy of a notification about to be published in relation to the service of Indians as Police in China. This notice prohibits the enlistment of men except through the Indian Army Recruiting Staff, and it is not clear how it is intended to enforce it. The direction, while applicable</p>

applicable in Hongkong and Tientsin, can only be effective locally, with the assent of the Council, and the difficulties which it presents were set out in the Council's letters of the 13th December and 16th January last. It is therefore decided, while referring to the fact that these letters have up to the present remained without reply, to state that the Council's willingness to conform to all regulations promulgated by the Indian Government in this connection remains unaltered, provided a sufficiency of suitable men are available when required.

Pork Dealers. - A letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding a copy of a proclamation by the Mixed Court Magistrate on the subject of the pig slaughter house which was under discussion by the Council in June of last year. This matter will have the attention of the watch Committee, together with the views of the Health Officer on the subject of Municipal supervision of the industry.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

Mason
Secretary

Henry Kerwick
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Hingpo Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 14th November 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

M. M.

H. Kerwick,

Chairman,

A. W. Barkell,

H. De Gray,

F. C. Heffer,

John Liddell,

E. S. Little,

O. Meuser,

W. H. Poole,

E. B. Skottowe

and

The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted :-

Health officers report for October,
 Victoria Nursing Home report for October,
 Superintendent of Parks' " " "
 Engineer's " " "
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended, and
 Police daily reports.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the previous day are read and confirmed. With reference

to the question of Indian Police, a telegram from London, communicated by H. M. Consul General, is read to the effect that all action in regard to recruiting by the Indian Government is to be suspended for the present. The Chairman states that Sir Pelham Warren cannot definitely state whether these instructions will include the 40 men who were to have been obtained forthwith, but that he has telegraphed for further information on the point.

Trappers in the Maloo. - With regard to Mr. E. S. Little's proposal to distribute hand-bills to rickshaws and barrow coolies, the Council resolves that the expense being small, the experiment may well be tried.

Policing of Li Hongkew. As a result of further consideration of this subject by the Committee in the light of the report by the Acting Captain Superintendent, it is decided to inaugurate a sub-station in the East Kaching Road district, provided the Land Investment Company will make good its offer of land for the purpose on favourable terms, to which end therefore negotiations are authorised.

Volunteer Matters. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions are authorised for issue to Captain J. E. Trueman as major to command

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The Infantry Battalion, and to Lieutenant H.R.H. Thomas to be captain of "B" Company.
Garden and Chikiang Road Bridges. Seventeen tenders have been received in response to the notification on this subject, and are now under consideration by the Works Committee, who will report thereon so soon as is possible.

Telephone Service. - Copies of the draft agreement, compiled by the legal adviser, are in the hands of members, and the Chairman points out that the question of the Company's thirty years franchise, in view of the present public criticism of the existing service, will require most careful treatment. On his proposal, a special committee of the Council is appointed for its discussion, to consist of Messrs. Skottowe, Heffer and Little, with this end in view.

Tramways. - Cars. - A letter from Mr. W.R. Wright is read, on the subject of the type of car to be adopted, from which it appears that, acting on the Council's letter of the 29th June last, the Company has given an order for the whole number of cars required for the service, and that the Council's recent reservation with regard to the use of cross-seated cars during the summer cannot well be complied with. From perusal of all the correspondence on this subject, it is evident that the Company has again made the mistake of contracting for plant before obtaining the necessary formal sanction of the Council. As to the stand which should be taken in the present instance, the Electricity and Tramways Committee will formulate a recommendation in due course.

Rice Money. - Noting the fall in the price of rice to \$6.30 per picul, the Council directs that, in accordance with the terms under which rice money was authorized, the issue will cease at the end of the current month.

West Hongkew Police Station. - The tender of Cheung Sing Kee for the erection of the new buildings at this station is accepted, being for \$41,570 with

with extras amounting to 76,654.
 The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

W. L. Surson

Secretary

Henry Herwick

Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 21st November 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

m. m.

H Herwick (Chairman)
 A. W. Butkell,
 H. de Gray,
 F. G. Heffet,
 John Liddell,
 E. S. Little,
 C. Meuser,
 W. H. Poole,
 E. B. Skottowe and
 The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:

Yao Superintendent's report for October,
 General Municipal Rate, Native, September quarter,
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

Telephone Service. - Mr. Skottowe states that, as a result of preliminary investigations, the Special Committee finds points in the draft agreement requiring explanation, and others for which no provision has been made. In the course of a brief discussion it is decided that:-
 i the definition of the Settlements is drawn in compliance

and 19th instant are read and confirmed. With regard to the:

Garden and Blenheim Road Bridges - Copies of the reports and minutes on this subject are in the hands of members and, after some discussion, the proposal to accept the tender of Messrs. Howarth & Co. is confirmed.

Road Extension procedure - Mr. Huxford explains the nature of the new forms which have been adopted for notifying applicants to build, of improvements upon projected roads, and the view of the Committee thereon is generally endorsed. Mr. Huxford points out that an arrangement calculated to reduce the facilities of the Secretariat for detecting irregularities would be regrettable, and the Chairman reads a memorandum by the Secretary agreeing with the point, it is decided, however, that the new forms should not have this effect, and upon a show of hands the minute is confirmed.

Gross Road. Upon the suggestion of the Chairman it is decided

!! The arguments shown in the published correspondence for increasing the fee on the number of subscribers increases are incomplete, and it is a point for the legal adviser as to whether the Council has bound itself in principle to the according scale.

!!! The attitude of the French Municipality to this question will be a matter for early enquiry, and it will be arranged, if possible, that the negotiations on all points be left in the hands of the Council.

IV - a clause is required providing for procedure in the expiry of the fixed period of 30 years.

V. The proposal to limit purchases of shares in the future to four for each holder is regarded as impracticable.

The minutes of the meetings of the works committee of the 16th and 19th instant are read and confirmed. With regard to the:

decided to re-name this road Hark Road, in recognition to the Inspector General of Customs. The aim of the petitioners in regard to the extension of the Gunter Road through the Central District, in some extent the provision of additional fringe for foreign shops, and its proximity to the market is thus no far to its adoption. Because II of the minutes on the subject will therefore not be included in the Council's reply for publication. The decision is recorded that the Peking Road shall be scheduled at the first opportunity to be of a standard width of 40 feet.

House of Deacons - General plan of this proposed building is submitted and approved, with a note to the effect that its reduced size will result at unnecessary that the building about directly upon the North Chikang Road.

6 also referred to City Magistrate. Reply from H. W. Bond General is submitted to the Council's letter of the 2nd August last, referring to the despatch into the City by the Assistant Magistrate of three men and a woman without the concurrence of an assessor. From a Police memorandum on the case it appears that the persons meet all released in October, and, since the matter has been brought to the notice of H. W. Bond in Peking, the Council's object in drawing attention thereto has been attained.

A second letter from the Japanese Consul General is read on the subject of the case of alleged arson recently brought to the notice of the watch committee. Since Mr. Braki advises to the view that it is proper that this case be tried by the City Magistrate, it is decided to comply with the watch committee, and arrange that a full report of the incident be published.

Stromberg's - Cars - The members of the Electricity and Tramway Committee have read the complete correspondence as to the Council's approval of the type of car to be adopted, and are of opinion that the company were justified in considering the cross-track car to be abandoned. Under the circumstances therefore

- Therefore it is decided to withdraw the limitation imposed on the number of cars to be ordered of the type recently approved. Mr. Poole states that, in any case, the car is a satisfactory one, and that if it does not meet with the approval of the public it will be to the interests of the Company to substitute another design.
- Volunteers, German Company. - Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorized for issue to Mr. C. Hoch as Second Lieutenant.
- Public School. - Letter from the School Committee is read asking for the assistance of the Council's agents in London in the engagement of an assistant master, and some comment is made on the salary (£6.150, 175 and 200) which it is proposed to offer. Mr. De Gray states that the Committee's action is limited by the amount of the Annual Grant for the School's upkeep, and that higher pay for the masters is not at present possible. The subject is one which will call for attention in framing the ensuing budget for the Ratepayers' approval.
- Refuge for Slave Children. - A request by the Committee of this institution that it be included among those in receipt of Municipal Grants is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.
- Indian Police. - From a letter from H. M. Consul General the Council learns that in July last the Indian Government expressed the opinion that no measures for preventing the independent flow of emigrant Indians into China could be completely effective, and that compulsory repatriation would be undesirable. In discussion of the general position of the questions of Indian Police and watchmen in Shanghai the Council decides that its only course is to await the result of Cadet Fenton's visit to Calcutta, and the decision of the Government as to the draft of 250 men.
- Special Police Services. A recommendation by the Acting Captain Superintendent, that charges be made to the departments concerned for the services of the Police in the public gardens and grounds etc, which has the approval of the Watch and Finance Committees, is formally adopted, to come into force from the 1st January.

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6 claim by Mr. T. G. Walker - Referring to the claim forwarded by Messrs. Stokes, Platt and Wade for compensation for alleged damages to certain premises in the Department Road due to the erection of a Municipal carport, the Engineer is informed that the verbal explanation of the Engineer has proved fruitless, and it is therefore decided to meet the claim, if necessary depending a legal action in the matter.

Law being during the month - The attention of the works committee has been drawn to the report of a point of a Chinese against G. R. Biddle, from which it appears that, after receipt of due notice that gambling would not be permitted in the Franklin Road houses, the defendant knew that for that purpose, and now declines to refund the rent paid in advance. The members are advised to formal intervention in the case, but it is decided to bring the matter unofficially to the notice of the new American Judge upon his arrival in Shanghai. The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

Secretary
 Wilson

Chairman
 Henry B. ...

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 28th
November 1906.

Present

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H. Keswick, (Chairman)

A. W. Burkhill.

H. De Gray,

F. B. Heffer,

John Liddell,

E. S. Little,

O. Meuser,

W. H. Poate

E. B. Skottowe and

The 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.

Departmental Reports—The following are submitted:—

Electrical Engineers Report for October,

Cash Statement for the past week,

Return of Prisoners apprehended,

Police Daily reports.

Public School—Recent correspondence between the School Com-
mittee and Mr Lanning is read, on the subject of the
continuation of the latter in his present post, and the
attitude adopted by the Committee in a draft reply to
Mr Lanning's letter of the 26th instant is confirmed by
the Council.

Tramways—Cars—At the request of Messrs. Liddell & Skottowe,
the Council's decision on the subject of cross-seated cars
is re-considered. The correspondence on the subject
appears to Mr Liddell to show that the Council's formal
approval has not been given to any type of car for more
than a portion of the requisite number, and he further
considers that an effort should still be made to secure
cars with seats facing in one direction for use during the
summer months. It is the opinion of the Tramway Com-
mittee, apart from the question as to whether the
Council

Council is pledged or no, that ~~it would be unfair to~~
~~insist upon the provision of two descriptions of cars,~~
~~each to be out of use during a portion of the year, and~~
~~that, under the circumstances, the type recently approved~~
 is best suited for general use. After considerable dis-
 cussion, and understanding that a contract for the
 whole number of cars has been made, it is decided to
 withdraw the limitation imposed when the car was
 approved, and to express the hope that some cross-seated
 cars may be introduced at an early date. A strong
 expression of the Council's opinion is recorded that the
 methods which have been adopted by the Company
 throughout this discussion have been the reverse of
 satisfactory. The Home Board has worked at cross
 purposes with its local agents, and the provisional
 sanction of the Council to a certain number of cars
 has been received by the Board as complying with
 their obligations under clause 7^b of the Concession
 Agreement.

Beard Pontoons and Jetties. - A memorandum by the Harbour
 master, furnished by the Commissioner of Customs
 to Mr. Meuser, is read, in accordance with which
 the position of the new passenger pontoons is arranged
 to be immediately north of the Customs Examination
 Shed. Under these circumstances, the Council decides
 to proceed with the work of construction, and to place
 the pontoons in the position indicated. The questions
 of foreshore rights, traffic congestion, and other
 matters connected with this public improvement may, in
 the Chairman's opinion, be left for settlement if and
 when they arise. In the meanwhile, the promise by
 the Customs Authorities of half the cost having been
 secured, and the opium hulks having been removed,
 the Council considers that this public work should
 be delayed no longer.

Indian Police. - Major Hall's report on the recent refusal of
 duty by a section of the Indian Branch of the Force
 and the general condition under which the Sikhs
 in Shanghai live, is read, together with a confidential
 memorandum.

memorandum on certain minor matters connected therewith. In the opinion of the Watch Committee, the work performed by Major Hall has been highly satisfactory, not only that shown by his reports, but in the assistance and advice he has rendered to the acting Captain Superintendent with a view to the control of the Indian Branch in the future.

Use of the Town Hall. - A telegram from the Bandmann Opera Company, now in Calcutta, is submitted, enquiring as to playing in the Town Hall in March, April and May next, and the Council authorizes granting this request in the event of the Lyceum Theatre being still closed. It is noted that the Hall will not be available until the close of the Volunteer Training Season, and that it has already been engaged upon certain dates for the forthcoming Missionary Conference.

With the approval of the Finance Committee, certain reductions, to be hereafter arranged, will be made when the Hall is engaged for a number of consecutive nights, or for a season.

Claim by Mr. J. C. White. - At the suggestion of Messrs. Stokes, Platt and Tesdale it is agreed to submit this case to the arbitration of His Judge.

Mixed Court. - Referring to the case of a Court watchman convicted of extortion before the Magistrate and British Assessor on the 20th October, a letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate to the acting Captain Superintendent of Police is read, to the effect that for certain reasons he has decided to transfer the prisoner from the Court to the Police Station cells. This action is in conformity with the existing arrangement, under which accommodation in the Court is provided for defendants in civil suits only.

Fire Brigade. - A letter from the Secretary of the Fire Commission informs the Council of the names of the winners of the Municipal presentation cups for the year ending 31st July last.

Water Supply. - Mr. Burkill draws attention to the recent notification by the waterworks Company under provision of which

which water will only be supplied to Chinese, the monthly rental of whose houses is under \$10, by means of wall hydrants instead of by tap, and, after some discussion, the opinion is recorded that this arrangement is ~~not contrary to the terms of the Company's concession agreement, and~~ is a reasonable measure for the protection of its interests.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

M. Merson
Secretary

Henry Keswick
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,
No. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 5th
December 1906 -

Present

M. M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)
A. W. Burhill
H. De Gray
F. B. Heffer
John Liddell
E. S. Little
C. Mueser
W. H. Poate
E. B. Shottowe and
The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:

Health Officer's report for November,
Victoria Nursing Home report for November,
Engineer's Report " " "
General Municipal Rate (Foreign) September Quarter.
Summary

Summary of Revenue for November,
 Summary of Expenditure to the 24th November,
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the works Committee of the 3rd

instant are read and confirmed. With reference to the North Szechuan Road, Mr. Meuser explains that it is not the Committee's intention to address the Chinese authorities on this subject until the survey of the northern outside district is completed, when the opportunity may be taken in forwarding a copy of the plan for the use of the Native Land Office, to point out the useful function which the extension will afford.

Peking Road. - Mr. Burkell enquires as to the possibility of rendering this road more serviceable at once, by replacing the cobbles with macadam, and by carrying out such widening as will not involve the removal of substantial buildings. He points out that the central section of the road consists largely of worthless Chinese Hencments. This matter will engage the Committee's attention.

Cheking Road. - Mr. Poak is of opinion that cases of road widening rendered necessary on account of the tramway, should be submitted for the consideration of the Tramways Committee in the first place, and he states that the general direction as to not placing the rails within five feet of the kerb will probably be found impracticable. While confirming the decision in this instance, it is decided to obtain further particulars from the Engineer on the point raised.

Skew Bridge. The enquiries in regard to the position of Mr. Marki having proved satisfactory, it is decided to accept his tender for this work, waiving any claim for cash security. The Council notes that, should the contractor fail in the performance of the work, the Public Works Department is prepared to carry it to a conclusion.

The late Mr. G. J. Morrison. - At the Chairman's suggestion the Council decides to accept the offer of Mrs. Morrison, conveyed through Mr. J. L. Scott, to hang a portrait

of her late husband in the General Room. A suitable
 expression of the Council's thanks will be conveyed
 to Mrs. Morrison.

Indian Police. - From a copy of a telegram from the Indian
 Government, forwarded by Mr. General General, the
 Council learns that the recent instructions to suspend
 action in regard to recruits, relate to the date of 250
 only, and not to the 40 men, whose special enlistment
 is now taking place. In acknowledging this message,
 it is decided to enquire from Sir Picham Iyer
 the reason for the Government's decision, and to
 request him to point out the necessity for obtaining
 additional Indian Police by one method or another
 without delay. The Government's view of this matter is
 that the Council's object may be attained by continuing
 drafts of two-colored men, 40 at one time.

Chinese Volunteers. - The reply of Messrs. Yu Ya Ching and Yuan
 Hsing Kee is read to the Council's offer in regard to
 the incorporation of a company of Chinese in the 8th,
 in which is proposed to accept the details
 from, provided the special conditions are in conformity
 with those imposed upon other companies. The only sub-
 stantial point of difference is that in respect to the custody
 of arms, and there is some divergence of view among the
 members as to the extent to which an objection on this
 kind may be met. It is decided, in the first place, to
 comply with the request to furnish copies of the Regula-
 tions of the Corps, of the Byelaws of the last raised
 company, the Portuguese, and of the special conditions
 arranged for that company.

Anti-dynastic Literature. - A letter from the General Council is
 read, on the subject of the publication known as the
 "Hing Pao", and forwarding a communication from the
 Magistrate with regard to its suspension. This publication
 has already formed the subject of a Police Report to
 the State Committee, from which it is learnt that no
 copy has yet been found exposed for sale in Shanghai.
 The proposal is stated to be the organ of Dr. Sun Yat-
 Sen, notorious for his delusion in the Chinese movement.

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Anti-dynastic Literature

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Indian

in London, and to contain the writings of Chang
 Fung-ling the prisoner in the Sui-poo case recently
 liberated. Extracts from one issue purchased in Japan
 shows writings of a pseudo and visionary character. It
 is decided to inform the nearest branch that the efforts
 of the Police will be directed towards preventing the
 introduction of the Young Pao into the Settlement.

Wanted Court - The Council is informed that, at the request
 of the Magistrate, arrangements were made for a visit
 by Mr. Yuan himself to the Gaol on Saturday last,
 accompanied by the British Consul. A careful
 examination of the entire establishment was carried
 out, the Magistrate expressing appreciation of the system
 upon which the prison is governed.

Sparden and Lokking Road Bridges - Some discussion was
 as to the advisability of publishing the names of the
 unsuccessful bidders, and the opinion of the Council
 is generally against the proposal. It is decided to notify
 the firms concerned of the non-success of their tender,
 and to return the deposit in all bona fide cases.
 The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

Milner
 Secretary

Henry Kew
 Chairman

At the general meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Exchange Road, Singapore, on Wednesday the 12th December 1906 at 4.30 p.m.

Present

- H. Hearnick,
 - A. W. Fairbank,
 - H. De Gray,
 - G. E. Hefner,
 - John Kiddell,
 - D. Stewart,
 - W. H. Parke,
 - G. B. Schoffeleers,
 - The Secretary.
- and
- 8 & Little.

The minutes calling the meeting to be taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports: The following are submitted. -
Each statement for the past week.
Return of prisoners apprehended.
Police daily reports.

Indian Police. The letter forwarded to Sir Pickham Warren on this subject is read, and the Chairman states that a telegram has been despatched enquiring the reasons for suspending action in regard to the arrest of 250 men, and further asking whether the decision of the Government is likely to prove permanent.

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Committee of the...

minutes are read and confirmed. In regard to the Refuge for Slave Children, it is noted that the Police will be directed to make most careful inquiries as to the parents of all stray children before their admission into the Refuge is applied for, so as to guard against infant desertion, and consequent overhauling of the resources of the institution.

Referring to the visit of inspectors by the Government,...

Mr. Burkill desires to record the decision that the partition walls between the cells in the contemplated new building should protrude further into the passage, so as to prevent communication by hand between the prisoners.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 10th instant are read in draft and, with some amendment, confirmed.

Mixed Court - Mr. De Gray recounts the action taken by the watch Committee in respect to a case reported by the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police on the 11th instant. Therefrom it appears that during the investigation of a charge of theft, arson, and attempted poisoning against the coolie of Madame Botte, a warrant, issued by the French Mixed Court and bearing the requisite Consular countersignature, was received for the arrest of the man's father. After consultation with H. M. Consul General and the British Assessor, Mr. Barton, this man has been handed over to the French Police without preliminary hearing in the Mixed Court. Sir Peter Warren expressed the opinion that this course is in compliance with the Provisional Rules of the Court laid down in 1902, and the Committee considered that, in spite of the provisions of the Resolution passed by the Ratepayers at the special meeting convened in that year, the course followed was, in the circumstances, the only course available. This view has the unanimous concurrence of the members, and it is decided to leave the question of protest at this instance of interference by the Police of the French Settlement in respect to a crime committed in the Chapoo Road, in the hands of the watch Committee.

Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges - A report by the Engineer is submitted in allusion to his proposal to publish a complete list of the tenders for these bridges, and, in the discussion which ensues, it appears that the members are opposed to the suggested innovation in the practice obtaining hitherto, while, at the same time, it is decided that the information in question may be furnished to any one of the
tenders.

renders on application.

Fire Brigade. Letters from the Secretary of the Fire Commission inform the Council of certain difficulties which have arisen in regard to the election of a new Foreman for the Houghkes Company. As a final result, Mr. J. M. D. Thomas has been elected, and his appointment is now approved and confirmed by the Council.

Proposed Music Hall in the Bubbling Well Road. An application by the Manager of the Metropole Hotel, to make use of the buildings adjoining the Hotel on the western side for this purpose, is submitted and referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Telephone Agreement. - Mr. Skottowe states that he has received a letter from Mr. E. S. Little resigning his position on the Special Telephone Committee for personal reasons. The work of the Committee having been completed, except in respect to the legal drafting of the new contract, it is decided to take no steps in regard to appointing an additional member.

The meeting, adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

W. Musson

Secretary

Henry [unclear]
Chairman

at the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangre Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 19th December 1906, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

N. N.

H. Reswick, (Chairman)
 A. W. Burdell,
 H. De Gray,
 F. C. Heffer
 John Liddell
 E. S. Little
 C. Meuser
 W. H. Poole
 E. B. Shottowe and
 The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted: -

Goal Superintendent's report for November,
 Cash statement for the past week,
 Return of prisoners apprehended,
 Police daily reports.

Mixed Court. - Discussing the question of protest in the case reported at last meeting, Mr. Meuser alludes to the necessity for recording dissent in some form at action taken under compulsion contrary to the terms of the Resolution passed by the Ratepayers in 1902 in regard to the right of all native residents to a preliminary hearing of their case at the Mixed Court of this Settlement.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 17th instant are read and confirmed. In regard to the Peking Road, the Council, after some debate, endorses the Committee's minute. While recognizing the desirability of increasing the width of this thoroughfare to the dimension suggested by the Engineer, the members consider that a width of 40 feet is as much as can reasonably be arranged at present, having in view the many and annually increasing calls upon the public revenue as at present would.

Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas - with regard to the dilatory action of this firm, in Municipal matters to which their attention is called from time to time by the Engineer in correspondence, it appears that no case of legal liability has been cited, and under the circumstances, it is decided to await an occasion when the Council will be in a position to call for compliance with its requests in return for concessions granted, rather than take any strong measures at present.

Survey beyond limits - A letter from the Taotai, forwarded by the Senior Consul, is read, in continuation of the correspondence as to the Council's right to carry out this work, and, as a first measure, it is decided to give directions that the survey be continued to completion with all reasonable speed. Mr De Gray points out that the limits of the port as constituted under Treaty are still undefined, and that the question may well be raised as to whether the district now in question is not for all practicable purposes within its boundary. It is understood that this aspect of the matter is already the subject of correspondence between the British and Chinese authorities, and, on these grounds, it is decided to confine the Council's reply to a citation of the authority under which the Council claims the privilege of making and policing roads beyond Settlement limits, that is to say, the explicit provision contained in Article VI of the Land Regulations, and the official correspondence recorded at the time when the Settlement was last extended.

Telephone Service - A letter from the Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration is read, in allusion to certain negotiations between themselves and the Mutual Telephone Company in respect to the extension of the telephone service to the Chinese city and other districts beyond Settlement limits. Mr. Skottowe states that the agreement with the Mutual Company now under compilation will contain adequate safeguards for the protection of the service, ~~against any~~ ~~substantial~~ ~~disadvantages~~ ~~to the foreign community,~~ and it is therefore decided to point out in reply that the
subject

Subject of the present letter is one for discussion not with the Council but with the directors of the company. Electricity Department - with reference to the purchase of the Department by the Tramway Commissioners, the Council is in the first place of opinion that, having in view the adverse vote of the Ratepayers in favor of rate year, it is beyond the province of the Council to enter into any negotiations on this point until a further expression of public opinion is recorded in favor of the scheme. At the same time, the opinion is almost immaterial that the heavy calls upon the Council for the issue of bonds are such as to warrant the delegation of the supervision of this extra-municipal undertaking to an independent Board of Directors. The Ratepayers are that the lack of continuity of control and general policy under the present system works disadvantageously for the interests of the department, and he has the concurrence of the majority of the Council in the view that it is not desirable. It is decided, therefore, to go the length of informing the Council that the Council would not be aware to receive and consider a proposal on this subject which would be made public and recommended for acceptance at rejection, in the Council's discretion.

Reverting to the subject of improving the facilities for voting, raised by the Council of 1903 earlier in the year, it is decided as a first step in the matter to arrange for an additional polling booth at the Hongkong Police Station for the ensuing election. This booth, as also that established to remain in the Municipal office, will be open during the whole time provided for the election in the Land Regulations.

The reply of Messrs. Yu Ya-chung and Yuen Hung-tse to the Council's conditions of treatment is submitted, and it is noted that modification of three of those conditions is proposed. With respect to Chinese words of command upon formal occasions, no objection is raised; with regard to the Company's right to elect its own officers, it is pointed out

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out that, under the Regulations of the Corps, no
 company enjoys this privilege, on the other hand the
 branch is prepared to agree that, as soon as the com-
 mandant is in a position to certify one or more
 members of the company as fit and qualified for the
 post of officer, the rank of the necessary commission
 will follow.

The question of custody of arms between parades
 is, however, one as to which the members are opposed
 to any concession, and, while adhering to condition (11)
 as originally drawn, it is decided to press out that
 the intricate mechanism of the modern rifle renders
 it essential that its custody should be in the hands
 of an expert or fully qualified man, and further that
 the storing of rifles at headquarters would facilitate
 the misuse of the company in an emergency, and
 minimize the risk of the members to individual attack.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

Secretary
 W. Moore
 Vice-Chairman
 J. G. ...

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23
Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 2nd January 1907, at
4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. De Gray (Acting Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
F.C. Heffer
John Liddell
E.S. Little
O. Meuser
W.H. Poate
E.B. Skottowe and
The Secretary

Absent -

H. Keswick

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Electrical Engineer's Report for November.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 24th December
are read, and in regard to the:-

✓ Police Estimates for 1907, the members are unanimous in the view
that the provision made by the Committee is not more than will
meet requirements for adequately controlling the Settlement.

✓ Training Depot for Native Constables. The Council considers that
a depot, which is a necessary part of Police equipment in all
Forces in Europe, cannot fail to be productive of improvement
when established locally.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 31st December
are read and confirmed.

Indian Police. A letter from H.M. Consul General communicates a
telegram from the Indian Government, enquiring whether in the
Council's opinion it is essential that the 40 men now being
enlisted be obtained from the Lahore district, and from a
communication from Cadet Fenton the Council learns that this
point

point has been the cause of delay in collecting the draft. The Jemadar has been consulted in the matter, and as a result it is decided to reply that, provided the men are Jat Sikhs, the question of district is not an important one, adding that time-expired soldiers are required and that the height limit may be reduced, if necessary, to 5 feet 7½ inches.

✓ Fire Brigade. The Council confirms the re-election of Mr G.S.V. Bidwell to be Chief Engineer for the ensuing year.

✓ Electrical Engineer. A letter is read from Mr Aldridge, the Electrical Engineer, now on leave, explaining his reasons for exceeding the period of nine months granted to him, by an additional three weeks. The Chairman considers that this action of Mr Aldridge, in the face of the Council's twice repeated telegraphic refusal of his application for extension of leave, places the Committee concerned in a most undesirable position, and is calculated to have a very unsatisfactory effect on the general discipline of the Municipal service. He points out that the Committee's action was taken after receipt of a report by the Acting Engineer, who, failing to see urgent reasons for Mr Aldridge's presence in England, stated that his presence in the Works was a matter of great importance both to himself and to the Department generally. Considerable discussion ensues, but, in the absence of the Chairman, no final decision is recorded, and the matter is postponed for further discussion at next meeting.

✓ Tramways. A protest is received from the Gas Company in respect to the line in the Canton Road, which is about to be laid vertically over an existing gas main. Under the Concession Agreement no liability in this respect will fall upon the Council; at the same time, it appears advisable to take every possible step calculated to prevent traffic disorganisation in the future, which cannot fail to arise unless steps are taken to remove the main. Mr Poate states that it may be possible by a small deviation of the track say by one or two feet, to adjust the matter, but, should this prove not to be the case, it is decided to point out that the matter is one for settlement between the companies concerned.

✓ Native Proclamations. A note from the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police reports the seizure of a proclamation near the Cotton Mill in the Markham Road, bearing the seals neither of the Senior Consul nor of the Council. From perusal of a translation of the document

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document in question, it appears that the Taotai has given instructions for the survey of a number of native districts, many of which are within the limits of the Settlement, and it is generally agreed that the Council should forward the usual protest at this disregard by the native authorities of the fixed procedure in respect to proclamations.

Mr Little points out that, while the native survey in question is unobjectionable, the Chinese have thereby furnished an argument in favour of the continuation of the Municipal survey beyond the Northern boundary. The Council's reply to the Taotai's communication on the latter subject will therefore, when despatched, contain a clause in this sense.

✓ Peking Road Widening. A plan showing the scheme of widening for the Peking Road as recently approved, is submitted and signed by the Chairman. Copies are ordered for distribution among the several Consular Land Offices.

✓ Sale of Opium. Mr Little, introducing this subject, is of opinion that, having in view the measures said to have been adopted in Tientsin with the object of prohibiting the sale of opium, it would be advisable for the Council to take the initiative locally by informing the Taotai that so soon as there is definite evidence of the closing of opium shops elsewhere, the Foreign Settlement will not fail to co-operate in the movement. The members are informed that this matter has already been the subject of correspondence between the Taotai and the Senior Consul, and, under the circumstances, it is decided to take no step at the present juncture.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Henry Beswick.

Chairman.

W. W. W. W.
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 9th January 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 H. De Gray
 F.C. Heffer
 John Liddell
 E.S. Little
 O. Meuser
 W.H. Poate
 E.B. Skottowe and
 The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Engineer's report for December
 Health Officer's do.
 Victoria Nursing Home do.
 Chung Pao Sha Sanitary Station for December Quarter
 Cash statement for the past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of the 7th instant are read and confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the meetings of the Public Band Committee of the 4th and 7th instant are read and confirmed.

In reference to the probable heavy increase in cost of maintenance of the Band, discussion arises as to the contribution of the French Council thereto, which has stood at ¥1500 per annum for the past 20 years. It is the opinion of the Council that if the Band is to be considered as jointly for the benefit of both Settlements, a reasonable proportion of the cost, say one-fourth, should be defrayed by the French Council, but that otherwise it would be preferable to discontinue acceptance of any contribution whatsoever. Since, however, performances in the French Settlement have been discontinued, and since no attempt is made on the part of the French Council to intervene in control, it is decided to take no action in the matter at present.

Victoria

Victoria Nursing Home. A report by the Engineer estimates the probable cost of acquisition of Cadastral Lot 980, required for the consolidation of the site and for the provision of quarters for the nurses, at ₹36,000. The recommendation of the Watch Committee on this subject is to the effect that the property be purchased if possible, since, not only is the accommodation for patients at the Home seriously curtailed by the fact that the top storey of the building is in the occupation of nurses, but the present system under which nurses not on duty at the Municipal Hospital remain quartered in that building, is unsatisfactory. The estimate therefore is forwarded for consideration by the Finance Committee in connection with the forthcoming Budget of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Electrical Engineer. Further discussion of the question of Mr Aldridge's failure to return from leave at the time fixed by the Council takes place, and the Chairman comments on the serious breach of discipline which his conduct has entailed. Reference is made to former occasions wherein this employe has exceeded or failed to carry out his instructions, and a section of the Council is in favour of taking very serious action in the present instance. Mr Aldridge's agreement expires in April next, and it is decided to record a very strong expression of the Council's dissatisfaction with his conduct, for consideration by the Council for 1907 in framing terms for a new contract; in the meanwhile an official intimation will be conveyed to him of the Council's view of his case.

Opium Houses, Sale and Injection of Morphia. Two letters from the Senior Consul are submitted, forwarding (i) a proposed proclamation by the Taotai as to the closing of opium houses, and (ii) a warrant and order by the Mixed Court Magistrate directing the arrest of certain vendors of anti-opium pills and morphia for injection purposes. In reply, it is decided to point out the probable ill-effects of these measures if carried to a conclusion, and to state that in any case a proclamation of warning to the natives concerned in the morphia traffic should precede prosecution.

Police, Command of the Force. A letter from Mr W.V. Drummond and others is read, demanding the Council's assurance that no definite appointment will be made to the post of Captain Superintendent until after the Ratepayers' Meeting. Mr Heffer points out that under the Land Regulations the Council is solely responsible for the appointment of its officers, and that the present enquiry is one which, except for the standing and age of the signatories, calls for no consideration. On the other hand, the members are aware of the source of Mr Drummond's information, and since, in the present state of the discussion as to the increase of the Sikh Branch of the Force, the matter remains open to

discussion

discussion, it is decided to reply that the writers have been misinformed as to the facts of the case, and that no appointment is likely to be made at the present juncture.

✓ Riot of December 1905. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee it is decided to write off the sums paid for re-instatement and compensation as a result of the riot, heretofore standing in Suspense Account, in accordance with the Auditor's directions.

✓ House Assessments. Nine appeals against the annual re-assessments of premises in their owners' occupation are received, and except in one case, that of Mr R.E. Toeg, the new valuations are upheld for reasons approved by the Finance Committee.

✓ Tramways in the Canton Road. From a further letter from the Gas Company, it appears that a claim of £650 plus the cost of re-instatement is made upon the Tramway Concessionaires in return for the removal of the main from beneath the line of the track. It is decided to forward copies of this and the former communication to the Tramway Company, and, while issuing a permit for the construction of the section of the line concerned, to state that the point raised is one for settlement by the Companies whose interests are affected.

✓ Chinese Volunteers. A final letter from the promoters of this movement accepts the Council's conditions in regard to incorporation in the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

✓ Use of the Town Hall. On the application of Mr Yu Ya Ching, it is decided to sanction the free use of the Town Hall for three Chinese theatrical performances in aid of the Famine Fund, noting that the cost of heating and lighting will be refunded, and that those responsible will undertake to pay compensation for any damage done to the building.

✓ Volunteers, Customs Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a new commission is authorised for issue to ex-Second Lieutenant B.D. Bruce, to enable him to undergo a course of training in Scotland.

✓ Secretariat Staff. The Chairman states that the increasing volume of work in the Secretary's office renders it necessary that an additional assistant be engaged, with a view to satisfactory arrangements should the Secretary obtain leave of absence. He is of opinion that the services of a man of about 30 years of age should be secured, preferably a qualified solicitor of a few years experience. After some discussion of the effect which such an appointment would have on the position of the present Assistant

Secretary

Secretary, the matter is deferred for further consideration at next meeting.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

Henry Keswick
Chairman.

W. Meuser
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 16th January 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
F.C. Heffer
John Liddell
E.S. Little
O. Meuser
W.H. Poate
E.B. Skottowe and
The Secretary

Absent -

H. De Gray

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Gaol Superintendent's report for December.
Cash statement for the past week.
Return of prisoners apprehended.
Police daily reports.

Use of Town Hall. From the advertisements which have appeared in the native press in regard to the forthcoming Chinese theatrical performances, it appears that the performers are being recruited from among the prostitute class; since, however, the organisers of the entertainment are well-known and respectable Chinese, and in view of further explanations, it is decided to permit the first performance, and the remainder provided only that no discreditable result ensues.

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Mr Yu Ya-ching's application for a reduction in the charge for the Band on these occasions is not sanctioned.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 14th instant are read and confirmed.

Electrical Engineer. The Chairman states that Mr Aldridge has called on him, and that he has informed him of the serious view which the Council takes of his non-return to duty at the date fixed. The explanations which Mr Aldridge has made both to Mr Keswick and to Mr Poate are noted, and, under the circumstances it is decided that no official letter of reprimand is requisite.

Land Commission. It is unanimously decided to nominate Mr A. McLeod as the Council's representative on the Commission for the ensuing year, his assent to serve having already been obtained.

The Commissioners' Awards in Cases XXXIX to XLII are submitted and copies ordered to be communicated to the concerned.

Tramways.

Track. A further suggestion by the Company that the track be doubled throughout both the North Szechuen and North Soochow Roads is considered, and, upon the recommendation of the Electricity and Tramways Committee, it is decided to assent thereto provided the Company will agree to defray one half of the cost of widening at the corner of the two roads in question, without which improvement a line of double track cannot conveniently be laid.

The Chairman states that he has received a call from Mr Wright, the representative of the Concessionaires, on the subject of the 5 feet clearance at street corners which has been decided upon, and he has formed the view that no definite ruling is desirable for all cases alike. In this opinion the members concur, and the matter will have the Committee's attention at the next opportunity.

Power. In reference to an enquiry submitted as to the probable date at which power for traction purposes will be available, a report by the Electrical Engineer is read to the effect that no definite promise of current before October would be judicious. It is decided to reply in this sense adding that since early supply will be of mutual advantage every possible step will be taken to that end.

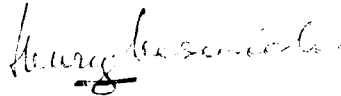
Public Band. The Bandmaster's recommendation that the new instruments to be procured be of German manufacture, which has had the attention of the Special Committee, is approved, the approximate aggregate cost being £2000.

With reference to the non-attendance of the Band at the dance of the Marine Engineers Institute on the 12th instant owing to a misunderstanding, the

the Council directs payment of the claim of \$90 expended in procuring other musicians, it being considered preferable that no occasion for complaint be given at the outset of the new Band regimen.

Telephone Service. A further letter from the Automatic Telephone Company is submitted forwarding an extensively signed petition against the signature of a new contract with the Mutual Company. The members maintain the view that the Council is absolutely pledged by the resolution on the subject passed by the Ratepayers in March last, and, in reply, the terms of this resolution will be cited, with an addition to the effect that it is the Council's intention to proceed with the agreement now in course of negotiation, whereunder the existing service will be placed on a permanent basis, while adequate provision will be made for the maintenance of satisfactory equipment and management.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 23rd January 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 H. De Gray
 F.C. Heffer
 E.S. Little
 O. Meuser
 W.H. Poate
 E.B. Skottowe and
 The Secretary

Absent -

John Liddell

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Wharfage Dues for December Quarter.
 Cash statement for the past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of the 15th instant are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 22nd instant are read, and in relation to the Electricity Department Staff, Mr De Gray considers that the Engineer's proposals on this subject were not finally adopted by the Committee, and that they require further consideration. The report thereon is therefore read, and it is the opinion of the members that the proposal in relation to a Station Superintendent is satisfactory, provided however, that no alteration in the salary of Mr Payne, the nominee for this post, takes place until the expiry of his present agreement. After some further discussion, the minute is confirmed.

Sale of the Department. Mr Meuser is of opinion that the sale to the Tramway Concessionaires should preferably be deferred until the tramway has been inaugurated, since it is clear that the motives of the Shanghai Electric Construction Company are those only of a financial syndicate, and that to place the whole of the electric lighting and traction of the Settlement in their hands at the present juncture would be fraught with considerable

considerable risk. The Council has expressed willingness to receive from the Company and consider a proposal for the purchase of the department, and is not now prepared to go further in the matter. It is therefore decided to reply declining to take the initiative in bringing the project forward at the ensuing Ratepayers Meeting.

- ✓ Ching Tsuen School Case. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a copy of a communication received from the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, expressing the opinion that the refusal of the Council to forward the Police reports in this case for the information of the Consular Body was ill-advised, and recommending re-consideration of the matter. Under the circumstances, no course remains but to furnish the documents required, and it is decided in so doing to record the Council's adherence to the views set out in previous letters, and at the same time to lay the facts before the British Minister, stating the Council's reasons in full for following the course which has been pursued.
- ✓ Telephone Service. Copies of the form of agreement as approved by the Special Committee are in members' hands, and some debate ensues on certain points connected therewith. Mr Skottowe observes that, while the Council remains bound in principle to a system of modified rates for an increased number of subscribers, it is possible that improved instruments and methods may hereafter tend towards reduction in cost of maintenance. At his suggestion therefore it is decided to omit the paragraphs on this subject from the agreement, leaving the matter open for further discussion with the Company. In respect to Clause 13, it appears advisable to insert a paragraph ensuring that the decision as to the Company's compliance or the reverse with the conditions of Clause 3 shall rest in the hands of the Council. With these amendments, the draft agreement will be forwarded for the Company's approval.
- ✓ Metal Tests. A report by the Health Officer is read in reference to an enquiry made through Mr Heffer on this subject, from which it is observed that no more than 6 such analyses have been carried out during the year. It is therefore decided to continue to conduct these tests in the Municipal Laboratory as heretofore, the Health Officer using his discretion in the matter with a view to non-competition with local assayists and analysts.
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✓ Car Licenses. In a further letter from the Automobile Club of China, it is suggested that provision be made in the license conditions for the licensing of all drivers, i.e. for the extension of the system of examination to foreign as well as to native drivers. This proposal is adopted by the Council, and it is decided to accept the offer of the
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members of the Club Committee to serve in rotation upon the Board of Examiners. The necessary publication of the conditions as now amended will be carried out forthwith.

General Hospital. The Senior Consul notifies the election of the Consuls General for France, Germany and Great Britain as representatives on the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

Court of Consuls. The same communication states that the representatives of Great Britain, Holland and Belgium have been re-elected to serve on the Court of Consuls during 1907.

A copy of the Judgment of the Court in the Jessfield Inn case is submitted, and it is observed that Mr Biddle's claim has been dismissed with costs.

Case of Mr Lanning. A letter from the Secretary of the Public School Committee is read, in which it is proposed that the emolument of Mr Lanning during the ensuing three years be ¥275 per mensem instead of ¥250 as proposed by the Council, and further, that his expenses while visiting Peking for the study of the Legation archives be discharged by the Council up to an amount not exceeding ¥500. In explanation of this matter, Mr De Gray states that Mr Lanning's request was for a still higher sum, and that the School Committee would regard with satisfaction a settlement of the case on the terms named. Under these circumstances the Council's approval is unanimously accorded.

The Chairman states that from a note from Sir John Jordan he learns that the Foreign Office has upon certain conditions granted permission to Mr Lanning to make use of the Legation records in the manner proposed.

Fire Brigade. A letter from the Secretary of the Fire Commission informs the Council of the refusal of the French Council to contribute the one-fourth share of the cost of maintenance of the Brigade for next year, a proportion which, in the opinion of the Commission, is justified by the number of fires occurring in the French Settlement. It is proposed that, under these circumstances, arrangements be made for the disassociation of the French Company from the Brigade, whereafter independent arrangements will be made by each Settlement for fire protection and extinction. It is decided to address the French Council on the subject, and while asking in the first place for a re-consideration of the question of contribution, to express the Council's willingness to take the step recommended by the Fire Commission. The annually increasing number of calls upon the leisure of the members of the Brigade is such as to render this division of the work desirable on general grounds.

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The question of Insurance Companies' Fire Badges, under consideration as a result of the application forwarded by a Chinese Company, has had the attention of the Commission, and it appears that it is the present practice of the Police to exclude even the holders of these badges from fires until the work of the Brigade in each case is finished. Thereafter, when the charge of the premises concerned reverts to their owners, the Police cordon is withdrawn, and no restrictions are placed upon public access, except where theft or loot is suspected. Under these circumstances, the possession of a fire badge carries with it no privilege, and the Council endorses the view of the Commission that the existing badges should be recalled, and the issue discontinued. It is decided to issue a public notification in this sense.

Thomas Hanbury School. In compliance with the usual annual request submitted by the Honorary Treasurer of this institution, the Council selects the names of Mrs A.W. Burkill, the Rev. A.J. Walker, and Messrs H.E. Hobson and A.S.P. White-Cooper as the nominees of the Municipality on the Committee for the ensuing year.

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

Henry Keswick.

Chairman.

M. G. Brown

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 30th January 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

H. De Gray

F.C. Heffer

E.S. Little

O. Meuser

W.H. Poate

E.B. Skottowe and

The Secretary

Absent - John Liddell

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of the 24th instant are read, and in reference to the new

Tariff, the opinion is expressed that the changes proposed constitute an undue increase in the charge for the Band to the public. Mr Meuser has made enquiries as to the cost of the German naval bands, from which it appears that the proposed prices are not out of proportion, but rather that the tariff in operation heretofore has been a very low one. After some further discussion, the proposals of the Committee are adopted.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 28th instant are read and confirmed.

✓ Widening of Broadway. The Chairman reads a note from Mr Liddell, strongly advocating this measure, and it is noted that the details of the scheme will be considered by the Committee upon his return. In the meanwhile, the Council desires an approximate estimate of the total ultimate cost of the addition of the proposed 10-foot strip to the list of existing scheduled improvements.

✓ Public Lighting. Mr Meuser alludes to the excellent work performed by Assistant Engineer Needham in the revision of the lighting of the Central District. His report and plans bear evidence of the expenditure of considerable time and thought on the subject in hand.

- Municipal Savings Bank. A recommendation by the Accountant has been submitted to the Finance Committee, advocating the limitation of the sums deposited per month in the Savings Bank. It is pointed out that the facilities offered, and the high rate of interest paid, have led to abuses of the privileges which the Savings Bank affords, and the Council unanimously concurs in the view that no more than the half of one month's salary should be deposited by any employe in one month.
- Police Force. A reply is read from the Commanding Officer of the Malay States Guides to the Council's enquiry on the subject of Captain Barrett's application for an appointment in the Force, and, apart from the high recommendation which this officer furnishes, it is clear that Captain Barrett's qualifications are on paper those of a man likely to prove of considerable value to the Force. The Chairman states that the matter will engage the attention of the Watch Committee at an early date, whose recommendation to the Council therein will be submitted.
- Native Police Training Depot. In an entry in the Police Report of this date, the Acting Captain Superintendent alludes to three recent instances where native constables have been dismissed and charged for offences before the Mixed Court. He draws attention to the urgent need for some means of training and instructing native recruits before they enter upon their duties as policemen. In supporting this recommendation, the Chairman notes the inclusion in the Budget of a sum to provide for the establishment of a depot upon the surplus land purchased in connection with the Indian Police Quarters in the Western District, and, with the concurrence of the Watch Committee, steps will be taken for the furtherance of the scheme forthwith.
- Sale of the Electricity Department. A letter from the Shanghai Electric Construction Company enquires whether, in the event of the Company submitting an offer for the purchase of the department, the Council would treat the document as confidential unless the scheme is recommended for adoption by the Ratepayers. A reply in the affirmative is authorised.
- Secretariat Staff. Upon further consideration of this subject, the opinion of the Council is recorded that assistance in the office is both necessary and advisable. The question of seniority does not appear to be one calling for settlement at the present juncture, and it is therefore decided to take steps for the engagement of an additional assistant upon the lines already proposed.
- Municipal Compradore. A request by the Compradore to be permitted to accept the directorships in two native companies which contemplate establishing branches in Shanghai, is disapproved. The Compradore states that his connection

connection with these institutions will be little else than a formality, but the Council is of opinion that the rule whereunder members of the foreign staff are not permitted to engage in any other business or occupation should apply alike to the Chinese, and that, in any circumstance, the Municipal Compradore should apply himself strictly to his duties as such.

Volunteers. At the suggestion of Mr Burkill, it is decided to defray the cost of the annual dinner to the Inspecting Officer, heretofore given at the charge of the officers of the Corps, out of ^{the} public funds.

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

Henry Beswick.

Chairman.

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Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 6th February 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 H. De Gray
 F.C. Heffer
 John Liddell
 E.S. Little
 O. Meuser
 W.H. Poate
 E.B. Skottowe and
 The 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.

Departmental Reports.- The following are submitted:-

Health Officer's report for January.
 Victoria Nursing Home do.
 Superintendent of Parks do.
 Cash statement for the past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 31st January are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 5th February are read, and in reference to:-

- ✓ Japanese Court Procedure, the Council is of opinion that, while a letter of enquiry addressed to the Japanese Consulate in the first place may be advisable, unless satisfactory assurances are received, the matter is one which should be brought to the attention of the Consular Body.
- ✓ Case of Constable Dee. After considerable discussion, the re-instatement of Dee as Sergeant is approved, the Council's opinion being recorded that if he is again reported for any offence his dismissal should follow.
- ✓ Victoria Nursing Home. The conversion of the pay of the nurses at exchange 2^s/6^d is approved, upon the understanding that the ruling shall apply to the whole of the present staff of matrons and nurses, whereafter a silver basis will

will be adopted for these employes as for the rest of the Municipal service.

Gambling in Li Hongkew. A draft proclamation by the Mixed Court Magistrate is submitted on the subject of gambling in certain native districts beyond the boundary of the Settlement, and it is decided, in approving the terms of this document, to suggest that a number of copies be forwarded to be posted inside the limits.

Native Police. A letter of the Taotai on this subject has received the attention of the Watch Committee, and, while it is noted with satisfaction that an endeavour on the part of the native authorities is being made to control the rowdy element in the neighbourhood of the Settlement, some discussion ensues as to the advisability of pointing out that no executive action can be taken by native Police on Municipal roads beyond limits. As in the case of the Jessfield Village it appears to the members undesirable that the Council should engage in official correspondence on this subject; while therefore the Municipal Police will continue completely to control these roads as heretofore, it is decided to reply briefly and in general terms to the communication in question.

Paoshan Survey. The Senior Consul forwards also a further communication from the Taotai on this subject, in which allusion is made to certain road operations in the district known as Chieh Chiu-1. The Engineer reports that the outside work on this survey will be completed before China New Year, after which date therefore occasion to emphasise the Council's right to conduct the operations will cease. In respect to the matter of the road, it is decided to point out that no native-owned land has been seized for road purposes at any time, and that the information contained in the petition of the Paoshan Magistrate must therefore be the result of a misunderstanding.

French Mixed Court. The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police reports a case in which the services of a native detective were furnished to the French Court, and that, as a result of the proceedings, a fine of \$300 was imposed upon the witness in question. From notes from the French Assessor, it appears that it is his intention to issue a warrant for the arrest of the detective against whom up to the present no specific charge has been framed. Noting the fact that under the Provisional Rules of 1902 proceedings against the detective will be carried out in the Mixed Court, it is decided to address the French Consul General in the matter so soon as the warrant is issued.

Tramways. The Senior Consul forwards copies of correspondence between himself and the Taotai in respect to the construction of the tramway in the North Szechuen Road beyond limits. The Council notes with satisfaction

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the firm stand taken by the Consular Body in this matter, and a reply in that sense is authorised.

Telephone Service. A letter from Messrs Carlowitz & Co. is read, desiring that a clause may be inserted in the new Agreement with the Mutual Telephone Company in respect to office exchanges erected by outside contractors. In the opinion of the Special Committee this course would be unfair to the Company whose charges for switch connections are reasonable and will remain under the control of the Council.

Public School for Chinese. Upon the recommendation of the School Committee it is decided, as a special case to provide Mr Livingstone the retiring Headmaster with a second class passage to London, since it is understood that he is entirely without funds.

Study of Chinese. A revised set of regulations as to the study of the Chinese language by the Staff, compiled under the direction of the Reverend J.A. Silsby, has received the attention of the Watch Committee and is now formally adopted by the Council.

Budget. The complete draft Budget of Ordinary and Extraordinary Income and Expenditure for 1907, as approved by the Finance Committee, is submitted and ordered to be printed and communicated to the Members of Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. The date for the meeting is fixed for Wednesday the 20th proximo at 3 o'clock p.m.

Sale of Arms. Mr Skottowe draws attention to the fact that the retail sale of pistols and revolvers to natives is increasing, particularly by Japanese, and discussion ensues as to the lack of adequate provision for the control of the traffic. It appears to the Council desirable to take the opportunity presented by the approaching Ratepayers Meeting to re-introduce the amendment of Byelaw XXXIV, which failed for lack of a quorum in 1905, and whereunder the sale of firearms will be subject to license.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

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Chairman.

W. Mesrobian

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 20th February 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

H. De Gray

F.C. Heffer

John Liddell

E.S. Little

O. Meuser and

The Secretary

Absent -

W.H. Poate

E.B. Skottowe

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.

Departmental Reports.- The following are submitted:-

Engineer's report for January.

Gaol Superintendent do.

Summary of Revenue do.

General Municipal Rate (Native) December Quarter.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Budget for 1907. Messrs J.C. Hanson, A.D. Lowe and J. Prentice, members of the incoming Council, attend for the discussion of the Budget. In reply to Mr Hanson's expression of opinion that the appropriation for new roads is insufficient, it is pointed out that the amount is £70,000 more than that appropriated for 1906, the Council being of opinion that the sum fixed, £180,000, will probably be sufficient for the year's needs. Mr Hanson further alludes to the fact that the expenditure on the Public Band exceeds that for educational purposes by £5,000, a condition of affairs which he regards as open to criticism. The Band receipts are approximate since the full effect of the new tariff has yet to be ascertained, while, in respect to the schools, both Foreign and Chinese, every recommendation of the special committees concerned has been met and provided for by the Council.

French Mixed Court. Referring to the case reported at the last meeting, the Chairman has had an interview with the French Consul General, at which Mr Ratard stated that if a mistake had been made by the French Assessor he would

would quash the judgment on formal appeal. A complete dossier of the papers in the case will be compiled and a further consultation take place in regard to the facts.

China Frauen School Case. The reply of H.M. Minister on this subject is read, from which it appears that he concurs in the view that the Police report of the case should properly have been furnished for the information of the Consular Body.

Mixed Court Order. With reference to the order for the seizure of morphia and documents from a native drug store in the Hankow Road, to which the attention of the Senior Consul was called in a letter dated the 5th instant, the Chairman states that in conversation with the Senior Consul, he agreed that the Council should "withdraw its refusal to give effect to the order" upon the understanding that Mr Siffert would return the document to the Magistrate. As a result of a misunderstanding, this arrangement has been interpreted by the Senior Consul to be the assent on the part of the Council to the withdrawal of the above-mentioned letter without formal submission to, and reply by, the Consular Body. This course leaves unsettled the questions of the propriety of such orders before the formal hearing of cases in the Court, of the omission of provision for Police co-operation in the text of such orders, and of the correctness of any interference with the sale of morphia in the Settlement at the present juncture. Mr De Gray points out that it would have been more satisfactory if the Consular Body had replied to the Council's letter, but, under the circumstances, it is decided to take no further step in the matter.

Volunteers. - New Artillery. A final letter from the General Officer Commanding in Hongkong forwards a copy of a communication from the War Office providing for the retention in Shanghai of the 9-pounder equipment upon certain conditions.

✓ Gun Club 12-bore Company. The resignation of Honorary Lieutenant McNeill is received and recorded.

✓ "B" Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to Mr J.D.D. Gordon as Second Lieutenant.

✓ Annual Inspection. The Commandant reports that this function will take place on the 6th April, and, in compliance with his request, an application has been forwarded to the General Officer Commanding¹⁹¹ Hongkong that he will conduct the Inspection in person.

✓ Services of the Band at Volunteer Dances. Upon the application of "A" Company, it is decided to sanction the performance of the Band for Volunteer dances upon payment of such portion of the usual charge as

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forms the conductor's and the musicians' share, it being the opinion of the Council that the Corps is entitled to special treatment in this matter, as in respect to the use of the Town Hall.

- ✓ Public Band. Upon the recommendation of the Band Committee, the Council authorises Sunday afternoon performances of the Band, since, in connection with the Volunteer Training Season, the concerts in the Town Hall have as usual been temporarily discontinued. Mr Meuser is of opinion that it would be desirable that free concerts be also given in the French Municipal Hall, but his proposal to this effect is negatived on a show of hands.
- ✓ Public Swimming Bath. The recommendations of the Health Officer are submitted on the subject of the fees to be charged and other arrangements in connection with the forthcoming opening of the Bath. His proposal to charge 20 cents for admission, with a further charge for towels, is regarded by the members as high, and the matter is referred for detailed consideration by the Watch Committee.
- ✓ Indian Police. From telegrams received from Cadet Fenton, it appears that 50 further recruits have now been medically passed as fit for service, and a reply is authorised directing their despatch to Shanghai forthwith in the charge of Inspector Dewing. Mr Fenton, in accordance with his application, will be permitted to remain in India for the present and until the men arrive. Further action in respect to recruiting will be considered by the Watch Committee hereafter.
- ✓ East Wishing Road Police Sub-station. A letter from the Land Investment Company, formally submitting the approved plans for this building, proposes a lease for 5 years at the rate of \$125 a month. The Council is of opinion that the Company should adhere to the rate originally named, viz. \$100 a month, and that the lease should be for not less a period than 10 years, on which basis further negotiations are authorised.
- ✓ Trust Funds Investment. The applications of the Shanghai Club and the Country Club for the investment of some portion of the Municipal Trust Funds in debentures about to be issued has had the attention of the Finance Committee and an expression of opinion has been recorded that the request may be met to a moderate extent. Mr Heffer points out that the decision of the Council not to invest the whole of these funds in Municipal debentures was due to a desire to secure that a portion of the money be readily realisable at any time, and that this result will not be achieved by the purchase of debentures in local clubs. Mr De Gray considers that the first decision of the Council, to invest in the debentures of the Waterworks, Gas, and other commercial companies should be adhered to, and the members generally supporting

supporting this view, the matter is referred for re-consideration by the Finance Committee.

Tramways. A further communication from the Gas Company is read on the subject of the tramway in the Canton Road, in which it is proposed that the Company and the Council resort to arbitration under the terms of the Company's agreement. It is not clear as to what precise point arbitration is desirable, and the Council decides in reply briefly to recapitulate the facts of the case, and to re-state the view that all difficulties in respect to the juxtaposition of gas mains and the tramway track should be matters for settlement between the companies concerned.

Sale of the Electricity Department. The proposal of the Shanghai Electric Construction Company is submitted, containing terms for the amalgamation of the Council's electric power supply service in their undertaking. Copies of the document are ordered to be furnished for members' consideration.

Stud Contract. The Horse Bazaar Company's terms for a renewal of their contract to supply ponies for Municipal purposes have been submitted to the Works Committee, and Mr Heffer is in favour of acceptance of the rates named viz. £21 for cart ponies and £32 for office ponies. Mr Meuser is of opinion that the rates for fodder upon which these figures are based are high, and that the allowance for spare ponies is excessive. He considers that a counter offer of £20 and £30 respectively would probably be accepted by the Company. Upon a show of hands, however, it is decided to accept the rates submitted.

The meeting adjourns at 6.05 p.m.

Harry Deering
Chairman.

W. Meuser
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 27th February 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. De Gray (Acting Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 F.C. Heffer
 E.S. Little
 O. Meuser
 W.H. Poate
 E.B. Skottowe and
 The Secretary

Absent -

H. Keswick
 John Liddell

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police daily reports.

Indian Police. Mr De Gray states that the Chairman has called on H.M. Consul General with a view to ascertaining how the question of the draft of Indian Police now stands, and what prospect there is of the Indian Government proceeding with its enlistment scheme. Sir Pelham Warren stated in reply that he had no further information to furnish, but that if a letter were addressed to himself pointing out the desirability of hastening the arrival of the draft, he would forward a telegram on the subject, and ascertain the present position of the matter. This course is therefore decided upon.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 21st instant are read and confirmed, and

Staff. in reference to the family of the late Chief Clerk and Interpreter, Hing Shang, the members record an opinion in favour of defraying the cost of the son's education at the Public School for Chinese.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 25th instant are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 26th instant are read, and with respect to the

Extension Scheme, considerable discussion takes place. Mr Poate states that, while doubtless before long the erection of a new power house will be

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necessary, and while it appears desirable to take the matter into consideration in due time, he is of opinion that the resources of the present station should be availed of to their fullest possible capacity before building elsewhere is actually adopted. In respect to a site, it is noted that the absorption of the Slaughter House site, which has heretofore been considered to be involved, will not under the new scheme, be required, and that a piece of land with river frontage may well be acquired so soon as opportunity serves.

In regard to the projected building on the site of the existing quarters, Mr De Gray, while alluding to the former practice under which the Engineer resided on the premises, enumerates a number of the items of plant and machinery which it is proposed to put out of use before their stated economic life has run. The policy which is being adopted is, in his opinion, one which will not make for success in the management of the Department. After further debate, however, and upon a show of hands, the projected new building is approved, and the preparation of plans by the Municipal Engineer will therefore proceed.

- ✓ Volunteers - Annual Inspection. A letter from the General Officer Commanding in Hongkong announces his willingness to hold the Annual Inspection of the Corps on the 6th April next.
- ✓ Fire Badges. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai desiring the issue of fire badges to the representatives of certain Chinese Insurance Companies. In reply thereto it is considered sufficient to refer to the recent Municipal Notification which stated that the issue of these badges would cease and existing badges be recalled.
- ✓ Boundary Road. A further letter from the Taotai complains of the filling in of the creek, partially within the line of this Extension, on the Settlement boundary, and adjoining the Railway Station. In reply thereto, it is decided to point out that the necessary road connection between the tramway service and the new station is so greatly to the public advantage, as also is the abolition of the stagnant creek in question, that, under the circumstances, the purely academic objection of the Chinese Authorities to the course proposed is not one which should carry great weight. The Council is informed that, with the assistance of the Railway Authorities, the work of raising this Extension is being rapidly carried forward.
- ✓ Telephone Service. A second letter from Messrs Carlowitz & Co. is submitted on the subject of the connection of private office telephone exchanges with the General Exchange, with regard to which it is decided to await the

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opening of negotiations with the Mutual Company as to the terms of the new agreement, when the course in practice in relation to these private exchanges may be ascertained, and, if necessary, a clause in re may be inserted in the contract.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

Harry D. King

Harry D. King
Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 26 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 6th March 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. De Gray (Acting Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 F.C. Heffer
 John Liddell
 E.S. Little
 O. Meuser
 W.H. Poate
 E.B. Skottowe and
 The Secretary

Absent - H. Keswick

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

General Municipal Rate (Foreign) December Quarter.
 Superintendent of Parks for February.
 Health Officer do.
 Victoria Nursing Home do.
 Cash statement for the past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of the 26th February are read and adopted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of the 1st March are read, and with reference to the question of the use by Indians of the seats reserved for foreigners on the Bund Foreshore and in the Public Garden, the Chairman states that, while agreeing with the Committee as to the advisability of preventing undesirable persons from making use of the seats, he considers that a rule prohibiting such use by Indians would present considerable difficulty in enforcement. It is decided to consult H.M. Consul General in the matter, since the working of the rule would come under his notice.

Mr Little points out the seats stored during the winter in the Gordon Road have been left exposed to the weather, and it is decided to take the necessary steps for their proper custody in the future.

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With regard to the planting of new trees on the Bund Foreshore, Mr Heffer alludes to the desirability of providing for the widening of the Bund which will inevitably become necessary, and he advocates planting a row of trees in such position as to allow for this contingency. It is noted that the matter will require careful treatment as one general scheme, as to which a report by the Engineer is called for.

✓ Volunteers - German Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Lieutenant W.F. Susemihl.

✓ Telephone Service. The reply of the Mutual Telephone Company to the Council's proposals for a new agreement has been received, and Mr Skottowe states that the points raised therein will require careful attention at the hands of the Special Committee, who will hereafter meet the representatives of the Company with a view to their settlement.

✓ Tramways. A letter from the Gas Company in continuation of the correspondence on the subject of the Canton Road is read, from which it appears that the Chairman of the Company has construed the Secretary's attendance at the meeting between the engineers of the Gas Company and the Shanghai Electric Construction Company into the official intervention of the Council in the question of the mains and track in the Canton Road. It is decided to reply controverting the mis-statements contained in this communication, and re-stating the Council's view that there is no point of dispute as to which arbitration in terms of the agreement is required.

✓ Ratepayers' Meeting. The official resolutions in draft are submitted, and, with some modification, approved.

✓ Land Assessment. Effect will be given in draft Resolution No V to the decision of the Council of 1903 to execute the work of re-assessment with professional assistance, instead of by a Committee of Ratepayers as heretofore.

Electricity Department. The delegation of the supervision and control of the Department to a salaried board of directors is embodied in Resolution No VII, and after some discussion, it is decided to substitute the word "committee", with a view to retaining similar confirmatory control over the decisions of the members as is now exercised in connection with the deliberations of the Band, Parks, and School Committees.

Mixed Court. The Chairman states that he has received a telegram from Mr Keswick in Peking, indicating that the final signature of the 11 new Rules for the Court is imminent, as a result of which a draft resolution is presented, expressive of the view that the effect of any rules which do not embody the local arrangements made since 1870 would be regarded with

apprehension

apprehension. He points out that although these rules have been placed before the Watch Committee in confidence by H.M. Consul General, the Council, that is to say, the Executive Authority of the Settlement, has been prevented from officially expressing its opinion as to their inadequacy. Mr Skottowe states that similar restrictions have been placed upon the Committee of the China Association, who requested permission to scrutinise the rules and offer such suggestions as appeared necessary, while the German and American Associations have been unable to obtain copies of the new code. Under these circumstances, it appears preferable that the initiative in this movement be left to private Ratepayers. A letter in a form suitable for publication will elicit from the Council the fact that no official knowledge of the provisions of the new rules has been obtained, and a resolution proposed in the above sense may fittingly receive the Council's endorsement and support. With this understanding, it is decided to omit Resolution IX as drafted.

Mr Little advocates forwarding a request to the Consular Body, that a telegram be despatched to Peking, urging delay in the final signature of the Code, until an opportunity has been furnished for criticism on the part of the Council, and his proposal is adopted.

Public Band. A note from the Band Committee informs the Council that the terms of engagement of the foreign musicians were drawn in such a way as to indicate that their receipts from private services would amount to a minimum of £15 per mensem, and, after some discussion, the Council agrees to guarantee the average receipts at this figure on an annual basis.

Shanghai General Hospital. The report of this institution for 1906 is submitted, together with an intimation from the Secretary that Messrs E. Jenner Hogg, H. Keswick, A. McLeod and Dr Paulun have consented to serve as governors, if elected at the impending Ratepayers Meeting.

Sale of Electricity Department. A further letter from the Shanghai Electric Construction Company desires that the Council will introduce this subject at the Ratepayers' Meeting in such a way as to obtain authority to continue negotiations with the Company for the sale of the Department. A reply in the negative is authorised, in accordance with the decision communicated to the Company in January.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

W. J. Munson
Secretary.

Henry Keswick
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the 14th March 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

H. De Gray

F.C. Heffer

John Liddell

E.S. Little

O. Meuser

W.H. Poate

E.B. Skottowe and

The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Summary of Revenue for February.

Gaol Report do.

Engineer's Report do.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Polide daily reports.

✓ Mixed Court. Mr De Gray states that a telegram having been received by H.M. Consul General, and communicated to the Chairman of the China Association, to the effect that action in respect to signature of the eleven amended rules for the Court will be deferred until the Association's letter of the 8th February has reached the Foreign Office, and a further telegram having been received from Messrs Gundry, Anderson and others stating that the Foreign Office is prepared to sanction the introduction of words which would confirm the practice of recent years, it has been considered unnecessary that the Council should take further action in the matter. Under these circumstances, the members endorse the view that the suggested application to the Diplomatic Body is at present uncalled for.

Electricity Department, Salaried Committee. Mr Meuser records his opinion, in respect to the proposed committee of management, that no step should be taken which would prevent a member of Council from holding a seat thereon, since by this means only can the Council be kept in touch with the work of the Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 11th March are read and confirmed. In the matter of the lighting of Love Lane, Mr Meuser states that, in an interview with Mr Seaman, he learns that he is not opposed to its public acquisition, nor to widening in such parts as the Council may consider necessary. This matter will therefore receive further attention at the hands of the Committee.

Victoria Nursing Home. With reference to the painting and varnishing to be undertaken at the Home, Mr De Gray states that the Watch Committee has arranged that all work be suspended until the 1st May, when the Home will be closed to patients for the period of one month. The Committee desires that the erection of certain partitions required by the matron and nurses be included.

Mixed Court. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai on the subject of a case of assault which took place in January last, and resulted in the death of a Chinese within the Court building. From reports submitted, it appears that the case has been before the Court on three separate occasions and that the accused was sent into the native city for punishment. The City Magistrate's account of the incident forwarded by the Taotai is in conflict with the evidences produced in Court, primarily in respect to the scene of the crime, and it is decided in reply to inform the Consular Body of the facts as they appear, pointing out that any doubt as to their reliability should properly be the subject of enquiry by the Assessor concerned.

Indian Police. With reference to the remarks made by the Coroner at the inquest in the case of the murder of P.C. Morrow, a draft minute prepared for publication under the Watch Committee's directions is submitted and approved with some amendment. The mis-statements and inaccurate deductions of Mr Douglas are therein substantially refuted, and the Council expresses condemnation in the strongest terms of his unwarranted attack on Police administration of the Settlement generally, the Chairman undertaking, upon the return of H.M. Judge, to bring to his notice the impropriety of public utterances of this character.

Sikh Gurdwara. A plan of this proposed building is submitted and approved, together with an estimate of its probable cost ₹10,500. Noting that the subscriptions of the Sikh community to the Building Fund have up to the present aggregated no more than ₹8500, the Council authorises proceeding with the work, and undertakes to defray the balance of the cost if sufficient additional subscriptions are not forthcoming. This decision is based upon Major Hall's opinion that the establishment will tend to improve the discipline and morale of the Sikh Branch of the Police Force.

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✓ Sale of the Electricity Department. An alternative offer by the Shanghai Electric Construction Company is submitted, whereunder they express readiness to pay £200,000 for the department including all plant under order or projected in the estimates for 1907. Mr Meuser points out that this offer differs but little from that formerly received, and the Council is unanimously of opinion that it is quite inadequate to warrant favourable recommendation to the Ratepayers. A reply in this sense is authorised.

Ratepayers' Resolutions, to be proposed at the forthcoming annual meeting are submitted in relation to:-

✓ Culverting the Yangkingpang, as to which it is agreed that the Council adopt the same course as was taken in 1902, that is to say, oppose the project on administrative, sanitary and financial grounds.

• Police. Two resolutions to be proposed by Mr W.V. Drummond advocate reference of the question of Police administration to a Committee of 7 Ratepayers, and fixing the emoluments of the Captain Superintendent. The Chairman regards these proposals as tantamount to an expression of want of confidence. It is clear that the delegation of so important a part of the Council's work to other ratepayers is little short of admitting the incompetence of the incoming Watch Committee for the task which they have been elected to perform. It is also observed that under Article XXIV of the Land Regulations specific provision is laid down for the fixing of the salaries of employes by the Council. The Council therefore decides to meet these two Resolutions with a direct negative.

• Tramways beyond the Settlement limits. A communication from H.M. Consul General informs the Council that it is the intention of the Waiwupu that this question be settled locally, and that the Minister desires that this course be followed. The Waiwupu's memorandum appears to have been written under the impression that an extension of the tramway beyond that contained in the concession is in contemplation, and it is decided to communicate the facts for the Minister's information, adding that the Taotai's protests in the matter were dealt with by the Consular Body without consultation with the Council.

• Bund Foreshore. A drawing is submitted of the electrical substation which it is proposed to erect at the south end of the Bund, and Mr Meuser points out that its position will improbably involve reference to Mr McBain, being apparently opposite the frontage of the Sungkiang Road.

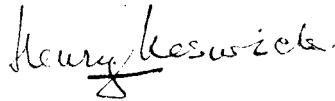
• Gaol Outbreak. A note from the Superintendent draws attention to the fact that no sentence has yet been pronounced in respect to the participants in the outbreak of convicts which took place in May last, and in particular

particular to the case of Convict No 47 whose previous sentence expired in August. The Council directs that the attention of the Assessor concerned be drawn to this matter and that he be requested to press for its settlement.

Young Men's Christian Association. At the suggestion of the General Secretary of the Association it is decided to depute a member of the Council to take part in the welcome to be extended to the delegates at the Convention on the 19th instant. Mr Little is nominated for this work and consents to act.

Riot Claim. The Chairman states that H.M. Minister is desirous of hearing whether it is the Council's wish to press its claim for damage etc committed during the riot of December 1905, and, after some discussion, it is decided to reply unofficially in the negative. It is suggested that with the Minister's approval the Council officially withdraw the claim presented in January of last year through the Senior Consul.

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



Chairman.



Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Thursday the 21st March 1907, at 12 o'clock noon.

Present -

M.M.

A.W. Burkill
 H. De Gray
 J.C. Hanson
 F.C. Heffer
 H. Keswick
 John Liddell
 E.S. Little
 A.D. Lowe
 O. Meuser
 W.H. Poate
 J. Prentice
 E.B. Skottowe and
 The Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed, whereupon the Chairman, after reference to the cordial relations which have existed between himself and his colleagues, thanks the members for the support which they have given to him during the year.

The retiring members of the Council for 1906, Messrs Heffer, Liddell and Little then withdraw.

Election of Office Bearers. Upon the proposal of Mr Poate, seconded by Mr Meuser, Mr Keswick is re-elected Chairman.

The Chairman then proposes, and Mr Hanson seconds, the election of Mr Meuser to the Vice-chair.

The Council resolves itself into standing committees, constituted as follows:-

Watch Committee:- Messrs Burkill, De Gray and Keswick.

Works Committee:- Messrs Meuser, Poate and Prentice.

Finance Committee:- Messrs Hanson, Lowe and Skottowe.

At the Chairman's request the members of the Electricity and Tramways Committee for 1906 agree to remain in office pending the appointment of a special committee for the management of the Electricity Department under terms of Resolution VII passed at the Ratepayers' Meeting, a recommendation on which subject will be made so soon as it is possible. Thereafter, all matters connected with the construction and supervision of the tramway will revert to the charge of the Works Committee.

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The Chairman enumerates various matters which will occupy the attention of the Committees.

✓ Police Enquiry Commission. The Watch Committee undertakes to suggest names of Ratepayers to be appointed under Resolution XI passed at the Ratepayers' Meeting, and will report to the Council on the subject at its first general meeting.

Land Assessment. Attention is drawn to the need for the early appointment of a land assessor or assessors, so that new rates may be authorised as a basis for the levy of land tax as soon as possible. Mr Hanson suggests for consideration the advisability of carrying out the assessment under separate districts, with a view to the acceleration of the work.

The Council's representatives on various local committees are elected as follows:-

<u>Public Recreation Ground.</u>	Mr Burkill.
<u>Public School for Chinese.</u>	Mr Lowe.
<u>Shanghai Public School.</u>	Mr Hanson.

In regard to the last named, it is noted that since Mr Hanson is already a member of this committee, his nomination as the Council's representative will result in a vacancy, which will be filled hereafter under the School Rules by the remaining members.

The meeting adjourns at 12.30 p.m.

Henry Harrison

Chairman.

W. Hanson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 27th March 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
H. De Gray
J.C. Hanson
A.D. Lowe
O. Meuser
W.H. Poate
J. Prentice
E.B. Skottowe and
The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Electrical Engineer's reports for January and February.
Cash statement for the past week.
Return of prisoners apprehended.
Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 25th instant are read, and in reference to

✓ Land Assessment, the Vice-Chairman states that he has seen Messrs Scott and Algar, and ascertained that they are willing to act as assessors for the whole of the Settlement if appointed. It is therefore decided to forward official letters requesting that the work be done in the manner and upon the terms already approved.

✓ Land at Jessfield. The price at which it is proposed to purchase U.S. Lot 1309 at the corner of the Brennan Road is considered a full one, but the Council after due consideration unanimously endorses the recommendation that the property be acquired for public purposes.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 26th instant are read and confirmed.

✓ Hotels and Restaurants. Mr Meuser alludes to the application of Mr Dachsel for a license for Nos 4 and 5 Nanzing Road, and states that the lessee has already invested a considerable sum of money in the premises with a view to rendering them suitable for a restaurant, that his character is adequately vouched for, and that he is prepared, if necessary, to obtain a certificate from

from the immediate neighbours, including the Austro-Hungarian Consulate, that they have no objection to his license. The Chairman points out that the number of licensed premises in this portion of Hongkew is already greater than the needs of the locality demand, and that to make an exception in this case would constitute an injustice to the other applicants. After some further discussion, the Watch Committee's recommendations are endorsed.

✓ Police Enquiry Commission. The names proposed for the constitution of the Committee of Ratepayers are approved. The Chairman states that he has little doubt that Sir Pelham Warren will serve if appointed, and that the publication of his name in the list of Ratepayers chosen for the work will meet with general public approval.

✓ Parks Committee. The Council is informed that the members of the Parks Committee have consented to serve for a further year if appointed, which formality is accordingly complied with.

✓ Band Committee. Of the members of this Committee Messrs Raaschou and Allen notify the Council that they wish to retire, the latter owing to his approaching departure for England. It is decided to convey to these gentlemen an expression of the Council's thanks for their services during the past year. Mr Fink is willing to serve for the ensuing year, and the Council approves of the proposal to request Mr E.T.J. Blount to act in this capacity, the remaining seat being filled hereafter as the other members may suggest.

✓ Rice Money. The Police Report of the 21st instant states that rice is again quoted as high as \$8.⁵⁰~~20~~ per picul, and that there appears every prospect that a further increase will take place. Under these circumstances, and with the approval of the Finance Committee, the Council authorises the re-issue of rice money to the native staff, upon the same conditions as were observed last year, with effect from the 15th February.

✓ Road Extension Plans. Fair copies of the district plans of the Settlement, showing proposed new roads and extension and widening of existing roads, are signed by the Chairman as of date 14th March. The usual public notification is authorised for issue, and it is understood that copies will be forwarded to the various Consular Land offices as soon as possible.

✓ Adulteration of Milk. Mr Hanson alludes to the number of proved cases of high percentage of water in milk obtained from licensed dairies and a return is called for of the number of prosecutions which have taken place since the 1st January, showing dates and penalties inflicted. In regard to the special method of procedure arranged for the Shanghai Club, a further
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note from the Secretary of the Club asks that the Council will proceed against the dairies concerned in certain existing certificates of the Health Officer. This request cannot well be complied with, since a similar service would be sought by the public generally. It is decided therefore to adhere to ^{the} arrangement already made in this respect.

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

Henry Beswick
Chairman.

M. Mason
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 3rd April 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

H. De Gray

J.C. Hanson

A.D. Lowe

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe and

The Secretary

Absent -

W.H. Poate

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Police Enquiry Committee. The Chairman has seen Sir Pelham Warren again in this matter, who states that, in his opinion, it would be preferable that H.M. Judge be asked to preside over the Committee. Sir Havilland de Sausmarez' informal consent to serve if appointed has been obtained, and, the Council approving, this course will be followed. From the number of Ratepayers already requested to serve on the Committee, five replies are read, and it is noted that Mr McMichael alone is unwilling to perform this duty. The Council is informed that Mr Brodersen, who has not replied, is also not prepared to serve. Under these circumstances, it is decided to request Messrs C. Montague Ede and C. Stepharius to fill the two remaining vacancies, and, so soon as their consent has been obtained, to publish the names of the Committee for general information.

Gas Main in the Canton Road. A further letter from the Gas Company has been circulated, reverting to the alleged point of dispute in connection with the effect of the tramway track upon the Company's interests generally, and in the Canton Road in particular. The Council sees no reason to alter its opinion in this matter, but, in view of the Company's notice that they are about to enter into a suit before the Court of Consuls, it is decided to forward the whole of the correspondence to the Legal Adviser for his opinion

opinion. Mr Prentice draws attention to the allusion in the Company's letter of the 14th January to the danger to property and life which will result from the proximity of the mains and lines in certain sections of the road, and it is decided to obtain an expression of legal opinion upon this point in particular.

- ✓ Gaol. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai expressing the desire of an official of the Board of Justice to make a visit of inspection to the Municipal Gaol. In reply the necessary permission has been despatched.
- ✓ Volunteers. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to Mr Rudolf Buok as Honorary 2nd Lieutenant.
- ✓ Case of Mr Lanning. The Council discusses the terms of this employe's new agreement, submitted in draft in accordance with arrangements already approved. The members are informed that Mr Lanning has expressed ^{his} wish to receive a letter intimating that it is the Council's intention to renew the agreement at its expiry in three years' time, but, since such a course might be held to constitute a technical breach of Article XXIV of the Land Regulations, it is decided that the request cannot be complied with. Mr Prentice points out that no public intimation has yet been made either of Mr Lanning's withdrawal from the post of headmaster of the Public School, or of the arrangements under which he is about to undertake the work of writing a history of the Settlement. Some discussion ensues as to the ownership of the history when completed, and Mr Hanson points out that, since it will have been compiled at the Council's expense, the Council will have the right hereafter to publish or not in its discretion. It is decided, however, to make no allusion to this point in the new agreement, the Council recording the view that the salary about to be paid to Mr Lanning is rather in the nature of a pension on an informal basis than actual remuneration for work to be done.
- North Honan Road. A letter from the Institution of the Holy Family draws the Council's attention to the bad condition of this road beyond the Settlement boundary, and, after stating that the residents concerned have forwarded a petition in respect thereto through H.M. Consul General, desires that the Council will do what is possible to secure that the necessary repairs be effected. It is decided to forward a communication to the Taotai on the subject through the usual channel, and to renew the offer made by the Council in 1903, either to take over and maintain the road, or to carry out the work of repair at the cost of the Chinese Government.

Electricity

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Electricity Department.

✓ Outside Committee. A preliminary discussion takes place as to the constitution of this committee, and a list of names of persons eligible to act thereon is considered. This matter will receive the attention of the present Electricity and Tramways Committee, and Mr Burkill states that a recommendation on the subject will be made at the next meeting.

✓ Plant. A report by the Electrical Engineer advocates the conversion of the No 2 Brush Engine upon the same lines as were adopted in the case of the No 3 Engine in 1904. Noting that the work was upon the former occasion carried out by the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company, it is decided to accept their offer to execute the alterations for the sum of £2400, with extras for piping, etc, at their usual scale of charges. This decision is based upon the ^{opinion} ~~condition~~ that a saving in repairs will be effected, that greater economy of steam will ensue, and that the output of the set will be increased by 30 per cent.

✓ Telephone Service. A letter from the Mutual Telephone Company is read, to the effect that Clause 3 of the draft agreement as it now stands, whereunder the number of complainant subscribers entitled to call for more efficient working of the service is fixed at 10 per cent, will require submission in the first place to the shareholders of the Company. Mr Skottowe considers it most essential that the clause should stand, and points out that the draft agreement was amended to its present form in consultation with, and at the request of, two of the directors of the Company. It is decided therefore to reply in this sense.

Indian Police. A report by the Acting Captain Superintendent is submitted upon the two drafts of Indian recruits which have arrived. The class of men sent is, in the main, satisfactory, and the arrangements under which they are being detailed for duty have received the approval of the Watch Committee. Upon the proposal of Mr Burkill, it is decided to forward a telegram to Cadet Fenton, directing him to endeavour to recruit and despatch a further draft of 50 men of the same description, and, in the meanwhile, the report will be circulated for the Council's information, and its general substance published.

Victoria Nursing Home. A complaint by Drs Marshall and Jackson is submitted in allusion to the fact that the nurses not on duty are at present being housed in the Municipal Hospital. Mr De Gray explains at some length the reasons for this condition of affairs. He recounts what arrangements have been made and the Committee's reasons therefor. It appears that the nurses in question live in an entirely separate building from the small-pox and scarlet fever wards, and that they do not mix with the nurses on duty with

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infectious cases. When the Home is closed in May next, it is the Committee's intention that the whole of the nursing staff shall reside in the administrative block of the Municipal Hospital, and until arrangements are concluded for the purchase of the house situated on Cadastral Lot 980, it does not appear that any step in the direction indicated is either practicable or requisite. The Health Officer's report in this matter points out the desirability of erecting a separate building for the accommodation of the nurses, a project which will engage the Council's attention hereafter.

Shantung Road Hospital. A letter from the Secretary of the Hospital is submitted, seeking the Council's assistance in effecting the purchase of certain land adjoining the hospital premises. The document is ordered for circulation, and the matter will be presented for discussion at an early date.

Resignation of Member. The Chairman states that this meeting is the last which Mr De Gray will attend, as a result of his approaching departure for America, and he briefly expresses appreciation, on behalf of the Council, of the public work performed by Mr De Gray during the past four and a half years.

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

Henry Keswick

Chairman.

W. W. Wilson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 10th April 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

H. Keswick (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

A.D. Lowe

O. Meuser

W.H. Poate

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe and

The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Health Officer's report for March.

Victoria Nursing Home do.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Police Enquiry Committee. It is noted that, subsequently to last meeting, Mr Brodersen consented to serve on this Committee, and that it became therefore unnecessary to communicate with Mr Stepharius.

The Council sanctions the use of the Council Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the meetings of the Committee, noting that the Judge's Room, H.M. Supreme Court, will be available upon such occasions as this arrangement is inconvenient. The Council is further informed of the appointment of Mr L.E. Canning as Secretary, and undertakes hereafter to pay such sum as may be fixed as remuneration for his services.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of the 5th instant are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of the 5th instant are read, and in relation to the:-

Margary Memorial, the Works Committee is of opinion that its re-erection at the junction of the Soochow Road and the Bund would be inadvisable (i) because it would be an impediment to traffic; and (ii) because further widening of the former road, which may be undertaken later, would involve further removal. Mr Prentice considers that the work of removal should not

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be commenced until the foundations of a new position are laid, so as to minimise the risk of damage or loss of any of the pieces. After some discussion it is decided that a new site be chosen, either on the newly reclaimed foreshore or elsewhere in the Public Garden, and the Parks Committee will be requested to select a suitable site without delay.

✓ North Szechuen Road. The Council is of opinion that if the metalling of a strip of this road is undertaken, one-half of the cost should be borne by the Range Property Syndicate or by the Shanghai Paoshan Land Company about to be formed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 8th instant are read, and with reference to the:-

✓ Mental Ward. installation of water closets, considerable discussion ensues. The opinion of the Committee is upheld that direct connection with the sewer can under no circumstances be sanctioned, but, since the installation is especially designed for asylum use, it is eventually decided upon a show of hands to erect a tank cesspool upon the lines in vogue at certain exceptional buildings upon the Bund and elsewhere.

• Buildings. Mr Meuser explains to what extent the application of Mr S.J. Halse in regard to modified Chinese buildings is justifiable, and a further report by the Engineer is read adhering to the view that to permit the proposed buildings to be erected would have the effect of introducing a type of house, available for foreign use, ^{while} constructionally and otherwise unsuitable for the purpose. He suggests reference of the matter to two recognised experts in Chinese house property. After some discussion, the views of the Committee receive the Council's endorsement.

• New Member. To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr H. De Gray, it is decided to request Mr J.H. McMichael to join the Council.

• Band Committee. At the suggestion of the present members of this committee, it is decided to appoint Mr N.G. Maitland to fill the existing vacancy therein, provided he is willing to serve.

• Shantung Road Hospital. The application of the Committee for pecuniary assistance in securing the extension of the site of this hospital has had the members' attention, together with a further note from the Secretary forwarding a plan of the land in question. Mr Prentice is of opinion that it would be preferable to purchase land for a second hospital in one of the newer districts of the Settlement, rather than extend the present site at so high a value per mow as proposed, and further, that the Council should not be called upon to assist in the matter. His views meet with general support, and the Chairman points out that since the hospital

hospital is a purely native institution, an appeal to the wealthy Chinese merchants of the Settlement would not improbably meet with ready response. A reply in this sense is authorised.

Loans. A letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read, giving the requisite one year's notice for the return by the Council of the balance of the Special Loan, and it is decided, in reply thereto, to state that the sum in question, ¥30,000, will be held at the disposal of the trustees on the 31st March 1908.

Mixed Court. Referring to a recent case reported by the Police, where a prisoner from the native city was arrested while being escorted through the Settlement to Jessfield duly sentenced to and wearing the cangue, it is decided to take the opportunity to bring to the notice of the Consular Body the desirability of the re-introduction of the cangue and bamboo into Mixed Court criminal procedure. Allusion will be made to the reception of the Chairman of Council's announcement on this subject at the Ratepayers' meeting, to the overcrowded condition of the Municipal Gaol and Police stations as a result of the abolition of these salutary forms of punishment, and to the fact that in the City and, so far as the Council is aware, in every Magistrate's yamen throughout this province, no such change has been made in the procedure heretofore existing.

Shanghai Public School. Formal intimation is received of the appointment of Mr G.M. Billings as Principal of the School on 6 months' probation. The salary of the post is fixed at ¥350, and it is noted that Mr Billings during the probationary period will obtain the benefit of the Standing Order relating to acting pay.

Tramways. A letter from Messrs Alfred Dent & Co. informs the Council that the Shanghai Electric Construction Company contemplates splitting their existing £1000 shares into shares of £10 each. It is assumed that this transaction is no more than a convenient financial operation preparatory to the formation of a new company under Clause 39 of the Concession Agreement, and that it therefore calls for no comment on the part of the Council.

House Assessment. Referring to two recent appeals against the re-assessment by the Overseer of Taxes of premises in their owners' occupation, Mr Hanson draws attention to the system under which this work is at present performed. He is of opinion that house assessment calls for as formal treatment as is applied to the assessment of land for purposes of taxation. It is pointed out that the last general re-assessment of premises of this description was undertaken by the Finance Committee of

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1905, and that alterations in the schedule then issued have been made from time to time in the discretion of the Overseer. The matter will engage the attention of the Finance Committee later in the year.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

Henry Beswick.

Chairman.

W. Pearson

Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 17th April 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

- M.M.
- H. Keswick (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- J.C. Hanson
- A.D. Lowe
- O. Meuser
- W.H. Poate
- J. Prentice
- E.B. Skottowe and
- The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

- Wharfage Dues Return, March Quarter.
- Gaol Superintendent's Report for March.
- Engineer's do.
- Superintendent of Parks do.
- Cash statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

New Member. Mr J.H. McMichael takes his seat and is appointed to serve on the Watch Committee.

Electricity Department - Outside Committee. The recommendation of the Electricity Committee on this subject is to the effect that Messrs E.C. Pearce, L. Midwood, and H.W. Pilcher be appointed to serve under Resolution VII passed at the Ratepayers Meeting. The Chairman enquires whether it is possible to obtain the services of at least one Ratepayer with some technical knowledge of engineering, and whether the suggestion to appoint Mr F.P. Pitcairn has been found practicable. The Council is generally in favour of such an appointment, and Mr Poate states that he will endeavour to overcome the objections of the Chief Engineer of the Waterworks Company to Mr Pitcairn's appointment. If these negotiations are successful, it is decided to substitute his name for that of Mr Pilcher. Mr Meuser retains the view which he formerly expressed, that one member of the Council should serve. With respect to the remuneration to be paid, some discussion ensues, and it is decided to offer an annual fee to each member of £750.

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Margary Memorial. The Council is informed that some divergence of opinion exists among the members of the Parks Committee as to the new position of the Memorial, two of its members holding the view that the monument should be erected elsewhere than in the Public Garden. Upon the latter point the Council is unanimous, and the Chairman points out that it only remains to fix upon a site in the Garden.

Shantung Road Hospital. A draft reply to the Hospital Committee's application for the grant towards the proposed land purchase has been circulated for members' approval, and Mr Poate points out that the views expressed therein are not those of the Council as a whole. Renewed discussion takes place as to the advisability of making a special grant, and the Chairman states that in view of the public work which the institution performs, he is very strongly of opinion that the Council should co-operate in the extension scheme. Mr Hanson has information to the effect that the connection of the London Missionary Society with the hospital militates against its popularity with the Chinese, and accounts in some measure for the small native subscription and donation list. Upon a show of hands, it is decided that when the public subscription list amounts to a total of £15,000, the Council will add £5000 as a special grant.

Gas Main in the Canton Road. The opinion of the Legal Adviser, who has scrutinised the recent protracted correspondence with the Gas Company on this subject, is read, substantially in support of the attitude which the Council has adopted throughout the discussion. It is decided to reply to the Company's letter in the terms suggested, omitting the reference to the question as to how far the Council's previous letters expressed the members' views, and further omitting the concluding conciliatory paragraphs suggested by Mr Jones with a view to relieving the situation.

Volunteers.

German Reserve Company. The resignation of Captain L. Witt, forwarded by the Commandant, is received and recorded.

Mixed Court. A letter from the Senior Consul informs the Council of a request by the Taotai for the plan of the proposed new gaol for female prisoners. A sketch of this building is submitted, from which it is observed that a strip of the site is required for the widening of the Tsepoo and Kansuh Roads, and it is decided, in forwarding the finished drawings of the new building, to draw the attention of the Consular Body to this point, with the request that arrangements be made for the use of the strip for public purposes. The Council considers that the formalities of legal surrender may well be dispensed with in this case.

Fire Brigade. The thanks of the Chinese Authorities are formally conveyed in respect

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respect to the recent services of the Brigade in Pootung, and a report from the Chief Engineer explains that the Fire Float was despatched on the 7th instant to Pootung with a view to protecting the property of Messrs Butterfield and Swire, and Melchers & Co, which were in some danger.

Licensing Bye-law. A letter from the Senior Consul informs the Council that Bye-law No. XXXIV, as proposed for amendment at the Ratepayers Meeting, has received the approval of the Consular Body and been communicated to Peking for ratification.

House Refuse Removal. Reports from the Health Officer have been submitted to the Watch Committee, containing certain proposed modifications in the procedure with relation to the removal of house refuse from the chutes. Under a new contract for the removal of the refuse of the whole of the Settlement by Contractor Ching Sung Ling, refuse unsold to countrymen will be transported to the depots at 15(¢) cents per ton, and the contractor will refund 25 % of the sum received from the sale.

Shanghai Jewish School. A letter from the President of this institution is read applying to the Council for a grant of ¥2000 towards its maintenance. The statement of accounts forwarded does not afford explicit information as to the annual cost of upkeep, and the Council notes that the number of pupils in the school is 64. The members generally are opposed to compliance with this request, in the view that it would be inadvisable to encourage the influx of Russian Jewish children into the Settlement, and further, that the subscriptions of the Jewish firms are at present small. It is decided, however, in the first place, to ascertain the view which the Committee of the Public School would take of the proposal.

Town Hall. With reference to the discount to be allowed to the Bandmann Company for the use of the hall, it is decided, noting that the season has been prolonged to 16 days, to reduce the fee from ¥130 to ¥100. The members are informed that for the first seven performances a reduction of 40 % has been granted, being at the rate in force, with respect to the services of the Band under the present tariff.

Liquor Sellers' Licenses. A communication from Messrs Dallas & Co. disputes the Council's ruling in respect of the liability to license of sub-agents for the sale of liquor, and the opinion of the Legal Adviser is read, to the effect that, both under the existing Bye-law and under the English Licensing Act, these firms are so liable. A reply in this sense is authorised.

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

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Secretary.

Henry Keswick
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 24th April 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

- H. Keswick (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- J.C. Hanson
- A.D. Lowe
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- W.H. Poate
- J. Prentice
- E.B. Skottowe and
- The 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.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted:-

- Summary of Revenue for March.
- Chungpaosha ^{Sanitary} Station for March Quarter.
- Cash statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

Electricity Department: Outside Committee. With regard to the appointment of this Committee, the Chairman states that Messrs Pearce and Pilcher have accepted the Council's nomination and have consented to serve. Mr Midwood is leaving Shanghai in the autumn, and for this reason declined. Under these circumstances it was decided to request Mr J. Grant Mackenzie to serve and his letter of acceptance is now read. Mr Poate points out the desirability of making arrangements under which the members of the committee will retire in rotation after serving in the first place for a period of two years, and the Secretary is directed to lay the matter before the members at their first meeting, as an expression of the Council's opinion.

Margary Memorial. A plan of the Public Garden is submitted, showing the proposed new site for this memorial, which is generally approved.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Watch Committee of the 10th April are read, and in regard thereto, the Chairman states that the meeting was of an informal character, but that having in view the prominence given to the case of Sergeant Reilly in the local press, the Committee considered

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it advisable to record the proceedings in a minute.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of the 17th April are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity and Tramways Committee of the 18th April are read, and in regard to the question of Staff, the gratuity to be issued to the Electrical Engineer in respect to his work while on leave and to the renewal of his agreement, Mr Poate alludes to the decision of the Council recorded in January last upon the occasion when Mr Aldridge overstayed his leave. The Committee is of opinion that, having decided to retain Mr Aldridge's services, the Council should treat him liberally in these respects since there is little doubt that his work as Electrical Engineer is efficient and generally conducive to the success of the department as an industrial undertaking.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 22nd April are read and confirmed.

Passenger Pontoons. The Council generally supports the view of Mr Meuser that these structures should present, so far as is possible, a creditable appearance, and it is decided therefore to adopt the plans as submitted and to proceed with the work of erection.

Rice Proclamation. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a copy of a proclamation issued by the City and Mixed Court Magistrates for the restriction of the price of cooked rice sold in the Settlement and elsewhere. The proclamation has been issued at the instance of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, whose intervention in the administration of the Settlement has frequently been provocative of friction in the past. The Council is of opinion that action on the part of the Chinese authorities in a matter of this description, though possibly necessary in Soochow, the native city, and elsewhere, is inadvisable in the Settlement where, under arrangement by the guilds concerned, the price of rice may if desirable be fixed. In the meanwhile, licensed shops within Settlement limits cannot properly be made subject to official restrictions in respect to their business, and on these grounds the Council would object to the posting of the proclamation in question.

Fire Brigade. The proposals of Messrs L. Moore & Co. for the establishment of a salvage corps and a detective agency for the investigation of the causes of fires, have received the Council's attention, and the opinion is unanimous that both schemes are impracticable. The operations of a salvage corps controlled and organised under the Fire Commission would present

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no objectionable feature, provided the cost of maintenance is defrayed by the Insurance Companies, but the members are opposed to the services of the Police being made available for any private agency upon the lines indicated. The question of more detailed organisation of Police enquiries into the causes of fires will have the attention of the Watch Committee, and every effort will be made to render this special branch of Police work as effective as possible.

French Company. The Chairman states that in the course of the week he has been approached by the Chairman of the Fire Commission, who states that the relations of the French Company with the rest of the Brigade are by no means of a cordial character, and that the orders of the Chief Engineer to this Company are habitually disregarded. Inasmuch as no reply has been received to the Council's letter to the French Council of the 25th January, on the subject of their contribution towards the maintenance of the Brigade, he now considers it advisable to affirm that the separation of the two Settlements, in regard to fire work and appliances, has become not only advisable but necessary. This being the unanimous opinion of the Council, Mr Skottowe points out that the greatly increased work, which membership of the Brigade involves, is sufficient reason for dissociating the French Settlement, and that it would be preferable to make no allusion to the disagreement of the French Company with the Chief Engineer and ^{its} lack of discipline. After some discussion it is decided to address the French Council in this sense.

Volunteers.- Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions are authorised for issue to 2nd Lieutenant W.H. Bell and Mr W.N. Fleming as Lieutenants.

Public School. A letter from the Secretary of the School Committee is read, informing the Council of the nomination of Mr D.E.J. Abraham to the vacancy in the School Committee caused by the departure of Mr H. De Gray.

Shantung Road Hospital. Acknowledging the Council's letter on the subject of a Special Municipal Grant, the Secretary of the Hospital Committee states that the public subscription list for the hospital extension scheme has now exceeded the figure named by the Council, \$15,000.

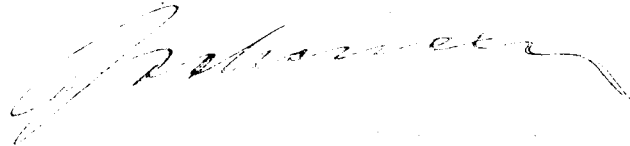
Police: Indian Branch. A letter from H.M. Consul General is submitted, containing a telegraphic enquiry from India as to the terms upon which Cadet Fenton is authorised to enlist the further draft of 50 men. In replying to the effect that the men are required of the same class and upon the same terms as the former draft, the Chairman again took occasion to allude to the fact that no explanation has been received of

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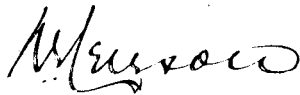
the postponement of the enrolment of the official draft of 250 men, and Sir Pelham Warren has now offered to telegraph again on this subject should the Council consider it desirable. It is unanimously decided to request that this action be taken.

Resignation of the Chairman. Mr Meuser states that, since this is the last meeting at which Mr Keswick will be present, he desires to give expression to the members' very cordial appreciation of Mr Keswick's public services, and their regret at his impending departure for Hongkong. Mr Keswick acknowledges these remarks in suitable terms, stating that any measure of success that he may have achieved has been due to the co-operation and assistance rendered to him by his colleagues.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.



Acting Chairman.



Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 1st May 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

O. Meuser (Acting Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
J.C. Hanson
A.D. Lowe
J.H. McMichael
W.H. Poate
J. Prentice
E.B. Skottowe and
The Secretary

Chairmanship. Mr Meuser states that, as a result of certain informal conferences which have taken place during the week, he finds that no member is prepared to accept the post of Chairman, and, after some further discussion, it is decided to leave the matter in abeyance until the membership of the Council is complete.

New Member. To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr H. Keswick, it is decided to request Mr D. Landale to join the Council.

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. In this connection the newspaper proof is presented in the form of a supplement to the "North China Daily News", and the minutes prepared for publication are in a somewhat fuller form than heretofore. The members are unwilling to give any guarantee that there will be sufficient matter each week for publication in this way, but at the same time it is resolved to continue the system recently introduced by which a more exact and continuous account of the Council's proceedings will be published weekly on Thursday morning.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.
Return of prisoners apprehended.
Police daily reports.

Fire Brigade: French Company. A note from the French Council states that the questions of its annual contribution towards the cost of maintenance of the Brigade, and of the disassociation of the Settlements in respect to fire service, are engaging attention and will be settled at an early date.

It is decided upon a show of hands to publish the correspondence on this subject

subject as it stands, with a view to informing the Fire Brigade and the public of the progress of the negotiations.

Sale and Injection of Morphia. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards the proclamation of the Taotai directed against the sale of smuggled morphia, morphia pills, and injecting needles. He states therein that the prohibition will have no retrospective effect, but Mr Skottowe points out that this interpretation of the document is not in conformity with the clause relating to existing stocks which are ordered to be destroyed. In drawing the attention of the Consular Body to this point, it is decided to ask that, after the posting of the proclamation, no measures of search be carried out except upon reasonable suspicion, to the satisfaction of an assessor, that smuggled morphia is being sold. Allusion will also be made to the clause requiring anti-opium medicines hereafter to be submitted to the officials for examination; no specific official is mentioned, and the clause may thus give rise to misapprehension.

Armed Robberies. A second proclamation by the Taotai is forwarded through the Senior Consul, on the subject of brigandage and the perpetration of violent crime. This document is ordered to be posted throughout the Settlement.

Beggars and Vagrants. Reports by Heads of Departments are submitted in regard to the proposals of the American Consul General for dealing with the numbers of destitute beggars in the Settlement, and some general discussion ensues. The opinion is unanimous that any measures of organised relief would give rise to a further influx of these undesirables, and it is considered advisable rather that the Police should take every possible step to prevent the ingress of beggars into the Settlement at the boundary. In respect to stone-breaking, Mr Burkill points out that sufficient work is not as yet provided by the Public Works Department for the employment of the number of convicts in Municipal custody, and he asks that this matter may have the attention of the Works Committee, and that all questions of cost as compared with contractors' prices or machine crushing be subordinated to the question of rendering the Gaol the place of punishment which it is intended to be.

Tramways: Running Powers for French Cars. The proposals of the Tramway Company, with the Legal Adviser's opinion thereon, have been considered by the Acting Chairman who alludes to the fact that the employees of the Company will, when running cars in the French Settlement, be subject to the jurisdiction of the French Consular Court, a position which he would regard as unsatisfactory. The documents will be circulated to

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members and have the attention of the Council at its next meeting.

✓ Public School. A letter from the Secretary of the School Committee requests the assistance of the London Agents in engaging the services of two Assistant Mistresses in England to fill existing vacancies in the staff, one of whom will be specially trained in kindergarten work. The Council is informed of the arrival on this date of Messrs H.M.F. Gray and F.K. Ward to take up their duties as Assistant Masters, also that Assistant Master Stewart will proceed on six months' leave on the 25th May.

✓ Hongkew Recreation Ground. A code of provisional regulations to be posted in this Ground, now partially opened to the public, has been drawn by the Parks Committee and is approved.

✓ Secretariat Staff. Mr Skottowe states that no steps have yet been taken in respect to the engagement of an additional Assistant Secretary as decided by the Council in January last, and he recommends that the work of selection be placed in the hands of Mr Anderson, Mr Addis and Mr McKie, under whose instructions the London Agents might advertise for applications if no suitable appointment can otherwise be arranged. It is decided, in adopting this recommendation, that if the pay offered for the post is found insufficient, such modification as is necessary may be communicated to the Council who will reply thereto by telegram.

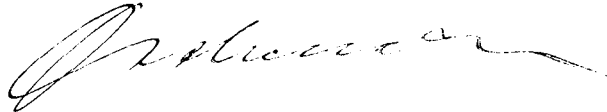
✓ Volunteers: Artillery. A letter from the Commandant informs the Council that Lieutenant J.E. Orr, at present on leave, does not intend to return to Shanghai, and his resignation is therefore recorded.

✓ Carriage Licenses. The Police Report of the 30th April refers to an accident to the carriage of Mr O. Mordhorst, for which no license had been issued, and it is decided to issue a notification calling upon owners of carriages, ponies, etc, to take out licenses for the current year, adding a statement to the effect that the Council does not undertake to forward licenses to residents except upon application being made to the Tax Office.

✓ Sanatorium. A report by the Health Officer is read, recommending the purchase of a house and ground in Mokanshan as a convalescent sanatorium for Municipal employes, whose means do not admit of taking such necessary holiday as health occasionally demands. A property known as 'Prospect Point' has come into the market and may, it is stated, be purchased for the sum of ¥3000. The Council regards this project with approval, and directs, in the first place, that the Engineer report on the building in question making a valuation thereof, and obtaining a specific offer for its sale.

Electricity Committee. Noting that this new committee will hold its first meeting on the 3rd May, Mr Poate suggests that the members of the former Electricity and Tramways Committee attend for the purpose of formally handing over charge of the department, and stating in general terms the method of procedure and other arrangements which the Council desires followed in respect to electrical matters. This proposal is unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.



Acting Chairman.



Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 15th May 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

O. Meuser (Acting Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

J.H. McMichael

W.H. Poate

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe and

The Secretary

Absent -

A.D. Lowe

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Health Officer's report for April.

Victoria Nursing Home do.

Superintendent of Parks do.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

New Member. Mr D. Landale takes his seat and is appointed to serve on the Finance Committee, Mr A.D. Lowe being transferred to the Watch Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 2nd May are read and confirmed. With reference to the Native Training Depot, a plan is submitted showing the foreign quarters, to be erected in connection with this building scheme, 35 feet east of the position formerly proposed, and, with this alteration, it is decided to proceed with the erection of the building without delay. The guard-house at the Connaught Road corner of the site will be remodelled to coincide with a rounded off roadline.

Gaol. A preliminary report by the Superintendent informs the Committee of the escape of a convict on the 8th instant at an hour not yet determined, and it is noted that further information will be furnished when the investigations into the case are concluded.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of the 3rd May are read and confirmed.

Licensing

- ✓ Licensing Byelaw. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, informing the Council that Byelaw No. XXXIV, as proposed for amendment at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, has received the approval of the Diplomatic Body. An announcement to that effect has already been communicated to the press, and, with respect to licensing the Sale of
- ✓ Firearms, the primary object for which this measure was undertaken, the method and conditions of license will engage the attention of the Watch Committee without delay. It is noted that under the provisions of Article IX of the Land Regulations, no fee can be imposed until after the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. Licenses will therefore be issued without fee for the present, and the fee to be charged will be taken into consideration in framing the Budget for 1908.
- ✓ Mixed Court. A Police Report of the 1st instant enumerates five cases of irregular procedure at the Court, as to three of which the Council concurs in the view of the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police that it would be sufficient in the first place to draw the attention of the Assessors concerned to the circumstances, with a view to rectification. Cases numbered 1 and 3, which relate to the detention at the Court of criminals sentenced in River Police cases, are regarded as of more importance, and it is decided to address the Senior Consul on the subject, pointing out the facts, and asking for the immediate removal of the men concerned beyond the neighbourhood of the Settlement.
- ✓ Volunteers. German Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Mr C. Stepharius to command the Company vice Captain Witt resigned.
- ✓ Sanatorium. The Engineer's report is submitted on the house at Mokanshan, proposed to be purchased as a convalescent sanatorium for the Municipal staff, generally to the effect that the property is suitable for the purpose indicated, and the price not unreasonable. It is therefore decided to accept Mrs J. Kirk's offer for the property at ₹3000, and to carry out the necessary repairs at an estimated cost of ₹300. The Secretary is directed to ascertain what formalities are necessary in respect to the transfer and to complete the same as soon as possible.
- Municipal Loan, 1907. Noting the requirements of the Electricity Committee during the ensuing three months, it is decided to issue the usual notification with respect to the loan, and to accept sums for investment in debentures at par up to ₹250,000. The sum of ₹47,000, Trust Funds at present awaiting investment, will be applied in this manner as required to keep the Electricity Department's current account in funds.

Electrical

Electrical Engineer. A letter from this employé, on the subject of the terms offered to him by the Council for the renewal of his agreement, has been submitted to members, and considerable discussion ensues on the subject. Mr Burkill is of opinion that it may be well to make some concession in Mr Aldridge's favour, having in view the possibility of his resignation, and the inconvenience which would result therefrom. The members generally, however, are of opinion that the terms offered are fair and reasonable in the circumstances, and it is decided to adhere to the terms of the offer.

Public Garden. A letter from the Surveyor H.M. Office of Works is submitted in allusion to the correspondence between that office and the Council during last year. Mr Simpson now specifically states that the widening of the Bund and Garden Bridge approach should not have been undertaken without the permission of the Commissioners of Works. The members concur in the view that this discussion is an unfortunate one, being closely allied to the vexed question of foreshore, and being dictated with no practical object in view. Extracts are read from the correspondence with H.M. Consulate in 1868, when the Garden was established, and from the Judgment on appeal in the Ince Foreshore Case, and it is decided, in the first place, to forward the correspondence to the Legal Adviser, with a view to affording the Office of Works any reasonable information ^{they may require} without admitting any right not undeniably theirs.

Telephone Service. A further letter from the Telephone Company is submitted on the subject of Clause 3 of the draft agreement, setting out at some length the Company's reasons for non-acceptance of the clause in its present form. It is decided, with the directors' approval, to publish the document as it stands, so that the shareholders and public may have an opportunity of considering its various terms before the annual meeting of the Company.

Tramways: Running Powers for French Cars. The Legal Adviser's views on the proposed agreement between the Tramway Company and the Company holding the concession for tramways in the French Settlement having been scrutinised by members, the Secretary is directed to communicate a formal reply in the sense indicated to the Company's letter of the 14th January. Therein the Council expresses no opinion with regard to the proposed arrangements, and reserves the right to object to the running of French cars whenever it thinks fit to do so.

The reply to the Company's request that the royalty shall not be levied on French cars will be in the negative.

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Police: Indian Branch. The reply of the Indian Government to the Council's telegraphic message on the subject of the draft of 250 men, is in the same terms as that last received, viz. that the matter is still under consideration.

Upon the recommendation of the Acting Captain Superintendent it is decided to recall Cadet Fenton from India. He will accompany and take charge of the special draft of 50 men now being enlisted, and will be directed to endeavour to secure the services of a gruntee (or priest) in accordance with the Council's request forwarded in November last to the authorities at Amritsar.

Garden Bridge. The Shanghai Land Investment Company forwards a further petition from residents in Broadway as to the pedestrian facilities during the re-erection of the bridge. Therewith is submitted a report by the Engineer with tenders for the erection of a temporary independent foot bridge. The whole question is referred for re-consideration by the Works Committee.

Electricity Department: Godown. The decision of the Committee to lease the godown No S100 Fearon Road, for a period of 4 months at \$60 per month, is confirmed.

Mr Lanning. A request is submitted for the expenditure of \$400 upon stationery and apparatus connected with Mr Lanning's historical work. The Council was under the impression that no further outlay in this connection would be made a charge upon the public funds, but it is decided to defray this expense upon the understanding that no further such application will be made.

Native Press. With regard to a recent article in the Shun-pao on the subject of the effect upon local conditions of the opening of the tramway service the Chairman is of opinion that some action by the Council is necessary, since the result of continued writing in the strain of the article cannot fail to incite disorder. It is considered improbable that protest, on the lines formerly adopted in the case of this newspaper's attack on the administration of the Gaol, will prove effective, and it is therefore decided to institute proceedings against the editor in the Mixed Court for provoking a breach of the peace.

Election of Chairman. Upon the proposal of Mr Meuser, seconded by Mr Poate, Mr Landale is elected Chairman of Council, and, in accepting

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the office, Mr Landale states that he does so only upon the understanding that it is the unanimous wish of his colleagues, since his absence from Shanghai has necessarily left him somewhat out of touch with current Municipal affairs.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

David Landale

Chairman.

W. Wilson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 22nd May 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W.H. Poate

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe and

The Secretary

Absent - A.D. Lowe

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Engineer's report for April.

Summary of Revenue do.

Summary of Expenditure to 13th May.

General Municipal Rate (Native), March Quarter.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Electrical Engineer. The Chairman states that he has had an interview with this employé, who is still to some extent dissatisfied with the terms of re-engagement which have been offered to him. Mr Landale is of opinion that the case may fairly be met by a promise that if, at the end of 18 months, the tramway and other additional plant has been successfully installed, and if the lighting service shows no diminution of efficiency, the Council will re-consider the terms of the agreement. This proposal appears to Mr McMichael to be virtually a promise of increased pay, and Mr Skottowe states that all the facts bearing on the case were taken into consideration before the offer was made, and he understood the Council's recent decision to be a final one. After some further discussion, and upon a show of hands, the Chairman's proposal is adopted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 20th May are read and confirmed.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of the 21st May are read,
and with regard to the:-

Hongkew Recreation Ground, the Chairman is of opinion that a light fence and flags will be sufficient indication that the northern portion of the Ground is not open to the public. Discussing the possibility of re-opening the whole of the Ground, it appears to the Council desirable that the Range be, if possible, prolonged for a distance of 400 yards, or, that the Butt be removed this distance beyond the existing boundary of the Ground. To this end, in the first place, the Engineer will be directed to furnish a rough plan of the land behind the Butt, and to submit an approximate estimate of the cost of purchase.

Indian Police. A telegram from Cadet Fenton is read, to the effect that 80 suitable recruits are available, but that the authorities are unwilling to sanction their enlistment. At the request of the Watch Committee, Sir Pelham Warren has telegraphed urgently requesting that this opposition be withdrawn, and stating that the Council's present requirements will be met if a draft of 80 is sanctioned.

Native Proclamations. The Senior Consul forwards copies of a proclamation relating to the sale of official rank in connection with famine relief work, which are ordered to be posted in the positions stated.

A second communication forwards for the Council's consideration a proclamation issued in the interests of certain furniture dealers, which appears, generally speaking, to be unobjectionable. It is decided however to point out that if proclamations are issued for trivial purposes of this description, their value when required in the public interest is considerably impaired. The present document is not for general information and the Consular Body will therefore be requested to intimate to the Magistrate that its issue is regarded as undesirable.

Volunteers.

Annual Inspection. General Broadwood's report on the Inspection of the Corps, conducted during April, is read and ordered for publication. It is decided, in conveying the Council's thanks for this document, to express the members' satisfaction at the state of efficiency in the Corps of which it bears evidence.

Artillery. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Second Lieutenant A.J. Stewart.

Public Swimming Bath. This building is reported complete and available for use, and it is decided to open it to the public on Saturday next, with no formality beyond the issue of a Municipal Notification.

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Native Press. A letter from the Legal Adviser is submitted, to the effect that the proposed proceedings against the editor of the "Shenpao" will improbably be successful. Mr Jones states that the Tramway Company, as the party most concerned, should properly take action in this case, and he advocates the issue of notices in the native press containing clear and reliable information, calculated to correct false impressions with regard to the effect of tramways in the Settlement. The Watch Committee is of opinion that if the proposed proceedings result merely in the editor being cautioned against permitting the inclusion of articles of the character of that in question, the Council's object will have been achieved, and, while adopting the recommendation as to explanatory statements, the Council decides to proceed with the case. The Tramway Company will be notified of the time fixed for the hearing, so that they may co-operate in the prosecution, should they desire.

New Land Regulation. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, informing the Council that Regulation VI C relating to landowners' liability for part cost of new roads, has been confirmed by the Foreign Representatives and Supreme Chinese Government at Peking. A public announcement on the subject has already been issued.

In this connection, it is decided to take the opportunity to reprint the complete code of Land Regulations and Byelaws attached thereto, and the Secretary is authorised to arrange for a limited number of copies to contain all the earlier codes, the preamble, and other documents included in former issues.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Senior Consul notifies the Council of the election of the representative of Austria-Hungary to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Court caused by the departure from Shanghai of the Consul-General for the Netherlands.

Tramways. A letter from Messrs Stokes, Platt and Teesdale is submitted informing the Council that they have been instructed to prepare a petition in the Court of Consuls in respect to the question of gas mains beneath the tramway track. Reference is therein made to the Council's alleged refusal to grant permits to open the track for the repair of gas mains, and it is decided to point out that the Council's statement on this subject was that unless the Company would undertake as usual to defray the cost of reinstatement, permits for road openings would not be issued.

Public Garden. A letter from the Legal Adviser is read, on the subject of the correspondence with the Office of Works as to the Council's tenure
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of the Public Garden, and a reply to the Surveyor's letter of the 8th May is authorised in the terms proposed.

✓ Case of Collector Hersted. The Legal Adviser reports the non-success of his endeavour to settle this case out of Court, and, rather than that proceedings in the Court of Consuls should take their course, it is decided to pay the claim formulated by the Consul for Denmark as it stands.

✓ Resignation of Member. Mr Poate states that his approaching departure from Shanghai renders it necessary that he resign his seat upon the Council, and, upon the proposal of the Chairman, a unanimous vote of thanks is accorded to Mr Poate for his public services.

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

David Laudale

Chairman.

W. Murson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 29th May 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

- D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- J.C. Hanson
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- J. Prentice
- E.B. Skottowe and
The Secretary

Absent - A.D. Lowe

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

- Gaol Report for May.
- Cash statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 24th May are read and confirmed. In regard to the:-

- Case of Arson. It is decided to await the upshot of the petition for leave to appeal in the Woo Li Ching Case before again raising the question at issue in that of the Ching Tsuen School.
- Destruction of Roadside Trees. Mr Burkill has discussed this matter with the Senior Consul, who has promised energetic support to the project for dealing with the offenders through the Taotai.
- Muzzling Order. A note from the Deputy Consul for France is read, to the effect that the prosecution of Mr Permezal failed for the reason that the Police did not notify the proprietor of the dogs or his servants of the offence, and did not impound the dogs. It is pointed out that the latter course is not usually adopted in respect to foreign dogs, whose detention at the kennels would be regarded as a hardship by the owners concerned, but, in view of the ruling in this case, the Council directs that the dogs of French or French-protected citizens found without muzzle be immediately removed to the kennels.

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X ✓ Volunteer Corps, Commandant. The Council unanimously adopts the Committee's recommendation in respect to the re-engagement of Colonel Watson upon the same terms as at present.

✓ Gaol - Escape of Convict. From former minutes of the Council it appears that the instructions in respect to the erection of a grille were duly countermanded upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. The estimated cost in 1905 was £4500 and the Council now directs that the grille be constructed forthwith.

✓ Captain Superintendent of Police. A letter from the Police Enquiry Committee is read, specifically stating that Mr McEuen has failed to win the confidence of the Public or the Force, and recommending the appointment without further delay of Colonel Bruce, formerly of the Weihaiwei Regiment, whose name is among the number of applicants for this post. The Chairman is of opinion that the Council would incur serious responsibility by disregarding this recommendation, as to which considerable discussion ensues. Thereupon it is decided to address a telegram to Mr Anderson requesting that he will communicate with Colonel Bruce and offer him the post on the Council's behalf, noting that a salary of £1500 a year with the usual allowances will be paid if it is found necessary.

The minute of the Watch Committee of the 16th August last is read, in which the post was offered to Mr McEuen on six months probation, and the Chairman of the Watch Committee undertakes to notify him of the Council's reasons for the present step.

The members regard this appointment as of an exceptional character, and one which will have no bearing upon the salaries at present paid to the Heads of other Departments. It is made in recognition of a very strong and general feeling throughout the Settlement that the Police Force is at present in need of firm disciplinary control, that its reorganisation is called for, and that the qualifications required for this work may confidently be expected in an officer of Colonel Bruce's age, training, and experience.

✓ Vacancy in the Council. A letter from Mr Poate formally notifies the members of his resignation, and it is decided, in reply, to convey the Council's thanks for the expressions of goodwill therein contained. To fill the vacancy thus created, it is decided to request Mr W.D. Little to resume his seat on the Council.

✓ Fire Brigade. A communication from the French Council is submitted, concurring in the view as to the advisability of the separation of the Settlements for Fire Brigade purposes. Noting that the contribution in respect to the

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French Settlement will, as requested, be £10,000 for the current year, the Council sanctions the maintenance of the present system until the 1st January 1908, to enable the French Council to purchase the necessary appliances, etc.

Land Commission. A letter signed by the three Land Commissioners for 1907 expresses dissatisfaction with the present system under which the business of the Commission is transacted. The Chairman is of opinion that it will be desirable to regulate the fees on a more liberal basis, and the matter is referred in the first place for the consideration of the Works Committee.

Sale of Morphia. The Senior Consul, in reply to the Council's letter on the subject of the Taotai's proclamation prohibiting the sale of morphia, expresses the opinion of the Consular Body that the discretionary authority of the Mixed Court will furnish sufficient safeguard against abuses, and the Council's consent to post the document previously recorded, is now confirmed.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. A report by the Engineer is submitted, accompanied by a plan, indicating the land which will be required in connection with the project for transferring the Rifle Butt 400 yards to the north. The Council is of opinion that the purchase of land for this purpose, if spread over the ensuing 18 months, will be a desirable measure, and the methods of procedure to this end will receive the attention of the Works Committee at an early date.

Native Press. A letter from Mr Wheeley is read, stating his unwillingness to co-operate on behalf of the Tramway Company in the prosecution of the Editor of the "Shenpao". The Chairman is of opinion that no time should be lost in bringing this matter to an issue.

Major Brothers Property, Cadastral lot 168. Messrs Schaar and Wortmann have offered to take a lease of these premises until February next, but after some discussion, it is decided not to lease them for a less period than one year.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

L. Davidson

Chairman.

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Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 5th June 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

- D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- J.C. Hanson
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- J. Prentice
- E.B. Skottowe and
- The Secretary

Absent -

A.D. Lowe

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

- Health Officer's report for May.
- Victoria Nursing Home do.
- Summary of Revenue do.
- Electrical Engineer's report for April.
- Cash statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

✓ New Member. Mr Little takes his seat and is appointed to serve on the Works Committee.

✓ Case of Arson. With reference to the Woo Li Ching Case, the Chairman has information to the effect that the British Assessor will under no circumstances grant leave to appeal, upon the grounds that if appeal were permitted in a criminal suit of this description the effect would be unfortunate as precedent. He has had an interview with the Acting Consul General for Germany on the subject of the School Case, who produced the Legal Adviser's letter renewing the Council's application for re-hearing. After some discussion, it is finally decided to abandon the case, and it is noted that, in reply to a letter asking for withdrawal, the Consular Authorities will state that the case will not be cited as reason for refusing similar applications in the future.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of the 28th May are read and confirmed.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 3rd June are read and with reference to the:-

✓ Rifle Range, discussion ensues as to whether the removal of the distance marks and central path, the latter at an estimated cost of £1500, will not diminish the risk of bullets dropping in the Hongkew Recreation Ground sufficiently to warrant the re-opening of the whole of the Ground hereafter. The Council, however, is generally of opinion that the removal of the Range to a distance, or its prolongation, must ultimately be undertaken, and that the measure can only be deferred at a greatly increased cost for the land required. The Engineer will be directed in the first place to make an approximate estimate of the cost of purchasing the tract of land outlined in the plan submitted, whereupon the matter will receive further consideration at a joint meeting of the Parks and Works Committees, to be held if possible at an early date.

✓ Land Commission. Before replying to the letter of the Commissioners on the subject of the methods adopted in submitting cases for the Commissioners' consideration, Mr Meuser undertakes to ascertain from Messrs McLeod and Ede what the real substance of their complaint is, and what changes would meet their wishes.

✓ Land Assessment. Plan of the Central District is laid on the table, whereon Messrs Scott and Algar have marked valuations as a basis for taxation. The Council discusses the advisability of continuing the practice of reducing these values for land tax purposes by 25 o/o, the reasons for which abatement are not at present clearly understood. Mr Prentice deprecates decision on this point until the matter has had more careful attention, and it is decided to ascertain what net increase in taxation the new values would bring. Thereafter the question will be referred to the Finance Committee.

✓ Telephone Service. A letter from the Mutual Telephone Company is read, in which, in terms of the expression of the shareholders' views as recorded at the recent annual meeting, the Council is asked to permit the percentage of complainant subscribers, referred to in Clause 3 of the draft agreement, to stand at $33\frac{1}{3}$ o/o in accordance with the clause of the earlier provisional contract. The Secretary is directed to ascertain whether the Directors of the Company would be willing to accept a compromise as to this figure, and further to obtain an expression of the Legal Adviser's opinion as to the Council's legal right to demand a reduction.

Captain Superintendent of Police. A telegram from the London Agents informs the Council that Mr Anderson has engaged Major Bruce as Captain Superintendent of Police, at a salary of £1250, £1375 and £1500 a year, half of which will be paid at exchange 2s.6d., and with furnished quarters. Mr McMichael points out that this pay will aggregate more than the limit fixed by the Council, but, generally speaking, the members are of opinion that the appointment is a very satisfactory one. It is decided to make a public announcement on the subject forthwith.

Secretariat Staff. An application from the Accountant is submitted for 9 months' leave on full pay, and for a gratuity of £100. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee this application is granted while, at the same time, Mr Skottowe points out that the gratuity is issued only in recognition of Mr Pond's 36 years of long and faithful service.

With a view to the adequate performance of the work in the Accounts Office, it is decided to engage a junior Chartered Accountant in London upon terms to be approved by the Finance Committee.

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Public Garden. The reply of the Surveyor, H.M. Office of Works, ^{is read} to the Council's letter on the subject of the Public Garden, from which it is noted that he desires a plan to scale of the new approach from the Bund to the Garden Bridge, and a clear statement of the attitude which the Council adopts in respect to the public tenure of the Garden. As to the former request, it is observed that the exact position of the new walls of the Public and Reserve Gardens have not yet been approved by the Works Committee; in respect to the latter, the Chairman undertakes to see Sir Pelham Warren with a view to the termination of this apparently profitless discussion. In the meanwhile, it is decided to submit this further letter for the Legal Adviser's scrutiny and comment.

Mokanshan Sanatorium. The Council is informed that it was found necessary to transfer the native deeds of this property into some specific name, and that of the Secretary has been used for the purpose. The opinion of H.M. Acting Consul at Hangchow is to the effect that, since the practice of describing estates at Mokanshan as for missionary purposes is maintained in the yamen at Wokang, this arrangement may possibly give rise to trouble in the future; on the other hand it appears to the Council probable that a direct application to hold the property as a Municipal Sanatorium may result in refusal. Under the circumstances, it is decided to leave matters in statu quo, the necessary declaration of trust being filed with the title deeds.

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✓ Disturbance in the Wuchow Road.

A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted containing a complaint from the Taotai as to the action of an Indian policeman beyond the limits of the Settlement on the 29th April last, and, from the Police Report on the subject, the Council observes that the Chinese official account of the incident has been considerably exaggerated. In reply, it is decided to forward a copy of the statement of the constable, which is to the effect that on proceeding to the house at which he was informed that a disturbance was taking place, he found no circumstances calling for intervention, and accordingly returned to his beat.

✓ Lekin Case.

The attention of the Council is drawn to the decision of the Mixed Court on the 1st June, with the German Assessor sitting, wherein, as part of the sentence imposed upon certain lekin runners, it was laid down that an adequate apology should be furnished. The apology tendered is little more than an expression of gratitude on the part of the lekin station officials, and it is decided to ask that the apology be made either by the Magistrate responsible or, on his behalf, by the legal representatives of the defendants.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

David Landau
Chairman.

W. Musson
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 12th June 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

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W.D. Little

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe and

The Secretary

Absent -

A.D. Lowe and J.C. Hanson

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Engineer's report for May.

Gaol Superintendent's do.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 10th June are read and confirmed. In regard to

Land Assessment, considerable discussion ensues as to the effect which the proposed 20 per cent reduction will have when applied throughout the Settlement, and as to the course which should be followed in respect to claims for payments for road improvements made at higher rates than those scheduled. Messrs Meuser, Prentice and Burkill deprecate the reduction, but in view of the unanimous recommendation of the Committee, record their concurrence. It is noted that the Resolution in respect to road payments passed in 1904 will require to be amended for presentation at the next annual Meeting of Ratepayers, and, while Messrs Scott and Algar's values are included in the minutes of last meeting presented for publication, it is decided to publish a further minute without delay, giving the Finance Committee's reasons in full for the course which has been taken.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of the 6th June are read and confirmed.

✓ Mr A.H. Preece. The Council endorses the recommendation to obtain a special report from this gentleman, and is of opinion that the fee proposed will be well expended in the interests of the department.

M.S. ✓ Settle Lekin. ^{Case} A note from the Legal Adviser forwards a copy of a letter from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper and Phillips in respect to the apology to be tendered in this case, and stating that their appearance therein was of a private character, and not under instructions from the Chinese Government. It appears therefore to the Council desirable that the runners serve out the sentences of imprisonment which have been imposed.

A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate is read, demanding that the detective concerned in this case be brought before the Court for trial, in accordance with four new regulations promulgated by the Taotai in respect to procedure for arrests beyond Settlement limits. These rules have appeared in the native press, and are stated to have been forwarded for the consideration of the Consular Body. It is decided, however, to lose no time in drawing attention to the impracticability of reciprocal arrangements such as are proposed in cases where foreign interests or Police administration are concerned.

✓ Indian Police. A note from H.M. Consulate communicates a telegram from the Government of India, authorising the enlistment of the 80 recruits reported by Cadet Fenton as available for the Council's purposes, and adding that instructions in this sense have been given to the Indian Army Recruiting Staff.

✓ Shanghai Jewish School. The report of the Committee of the Public School on this establishment is submitted, from which it appears that while the school is conducted on satisfactory lines so far as the available funds permit, the class of children educated is one which cannot, for reasons stated, be reached by the Public School. The members endorse the view formerly expressed, that the contributions towards the upkeep of the Jewish School by the wealthier members of that community are insufficient, and that the grant for which the Committee asks is in excess of what should properly be paid, proportionately to other existing grants. The Council finally resolves to insert a sum of \$500 in the Budget for 1908 when presented for the Ratepayers' approval.

✓ Volunteers, Portuguese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to Lieutenant J. Nolasco as Captain.

✓ Maxim Company. The promotion of Second Lieutenant R.H. Gaskin to be Lieutenant is approved, and a commission as Second Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr A.F. Wheen.

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✓ Cattle Lekin. A report from the Health Officer is read, informing the Council that no steps have been taken in respect to the reduction of lekin on imported cattle, and that as a result thereof, combined with the general scarcity of cattle, the native butchers have decided to increase the cost of beef by 2 cents per pound. It appears that the efforts of the Consular Body to cancel the native lekin concession by stigmatising it as a monopoly contrary to treaty, have failed, and it is decided to repeat the Council's request that, pending settlement of this point, the Consular Body insist upon adherence to the rate of lekin fixed by the former Taotai, viz 1800 cash per head.

. Lotteries. An application from certain natives is presented to hold a land raffle on a large scale in connection with the failure of certain native banks, to be conducted with prizes following the winning numbers in the Hupeh Lottery. This project is strictly speaking permissible in accordance with the Council's ruling to allow lotteries so long as no money prizes are given, but, in the opinion of the Watch Committee, the disposal of large estates and other valuable prizes in the manner suggested would have as undesirable results as money lotteries. It is therefore decided to refuse permission for the sale of tickets in the Settlement.

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

David Handley

Chairman.

W. L. Brown

Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangsee Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 19th June 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe and

The Secretary

Absent - A.D. Lowe

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

General Municipal Rate (Foreign) March Quarter.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of the 11th June are read and confirmed. In the matter of

Uniform, a letter from the Bandmaster is read to the effect that he finds the greatest difficulty in carrying out the Committee's instructions; two of the musicians are refractory, and are inciting the remainder to persist in their refusal to wear uniform of any description. The Secretary is directed to seek the informal assistance of the German Consul General in this matter, and to request that he will warn the men that persistence in refusal will involve a breach of their agreements and render them liable to dismissal or further penalty.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 17th June are read.

Rifle Range Extension. Mr Meuser has learnt that the high cost of the land involved in this project is due to Ah Kew and the Municipal Range Marker who have already paid bargain money to all the native owners, and he has formed the view that even the sum mentioned to the Works Committee will be insufficient to purchase the whole of the tract required. After considerable discussion, the Council decides to abandon the project

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officially, and directs that the work of transferring the path from the middle of the Range and removing the distance markers be carried out forthwith. The offer of Messrs Pilcher and Crawford Kerr will be declined. At the same time, under the direction of the Works Committee, Mr Algar will be requested to purchase any portion of the land in question which he may be able to procure at £1000 per mow or less. He will be requested to register such pieces in his own name and to make every effort to prevent the fact that the Council is the purchaser from being known.

✓ Ferry Road. As a result of Mr Meuser's conversation with Mr Hardoon, the Council learns that the latter is prepared to make the arrangements proposed under this heading, even should the Council decide that the formality of schedule stand, that is to say that the road remain upon the official Plan of Extensions and Widenings. If this proves to be the case, an interchange of unofficial letters will be arranged for the Works Committee's approval.

✓ Police Enquiry Committee. The Committee's report, after inspection by the Watch Committee, is laid on the table, and it is decided in the first place to have the document printed and copies distributed to members with a view to publication hereafter should the Council consider this step advisable. The pamphlet will be issued in foolscap size, and follow the style generally of official publications elsewhere, and, at the Chairman's suggestion, it is decided to adopt this course in respect to all Municipal publications hereafter.

A note from the Chairman of the Committee informs the Council that the fee fixed for its Secretary's services is £1000.

✓ Volunteers: Annual Inspection. The attention of the Council is drawn to the list of expenses forwarded by the Hongkong District Paymaster in connection with the recent Inspection, amounting to £52, and including a daily allowance to the Inspecting Officer and his staff, together with Command Pay for the Officer performing the General's work in Hongkong. These charges have not been defrayed by the Council in the past, but, under the circumstances, it is decided to pay the account rendered without comment.

✓ German Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Mr H. Schellhoss to command the Company vice Captain W.F. Susemihl, transferred to the German Reserve Company.

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Japanese Company. The resignation of Second Lieutenant T. Yamagi is received and recorded.

Fire Brigade. The Secretary of the Fire Commission notifies the Council of the election of Mr G.R. Anderson to be Foreman of the Victoria Company (No 7) vice Mr C.J. Scott. In confirming this appointment, it is decided to convey to Mr Scott an expression of appreciative thanks for his 5 years' active service with the Brigade.

Land Commission. The resignation of Mr C. Montague Ede of his seat on the Commission is received, and the Secretary is directed to fulfil the necessary formalities in connection with the appointment of his successor.

Mixed Court. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, notifying the Council of the assent of the Taotai to surrender the strip of the Court compound required for the widening of the Tsepoo and Kansuh Roads upon the terms which were proposed. This matter having been settled, the erection of the new prison for women will proceed.

Public School. In connection with the termination of the agreements of two Assistant Mistresses, the School Committee has compiled a schedule governing the salaries of the School Staff for future use, subject to the Council's confirmation. Noting that this schedule will result in an increase in the Budget appropriation for the School, the matter is referred for consideration by the Finance Committee.

Telephone Service. The opinion of the Legal Adviser is read as to the Council's legal obligations in respect to the percentage of complainant subscribers, to be inserted in Clause 3 of the proposed Franchise Agreement, and the question of the Council's reply to the Company's letter on this subject will be considered in the first place by Mr Skottowe and the Chairman.

Press Comments. At the suggestion of Mr Skottowe, the Secretary is directed, upon occasion when letters to newspapers contain suggestions on public affairs of a reasonable character to submit the same for the consideration of the standing committee concerned.

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

David Landale

W. Musson

Secretary.

Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 26th June 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
J.C. Hanson
W.D. Little
A.D. Lowe
J.H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
E.B. Skottowe and
The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.
Return of prisoners apprehended.
Police daily reports.

Public Band. The Council is informed that Mr Von Buri, German Consul General, has undertaken to see the Bandmaster and a number of the musicians on the subject of wearing uniform, and to use his best endeavours to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty.

Police Enquiry Committee. The Committee's report has been for some days in members' hands in proof, and the Chairman states that, in his opinion, the public may be satisfied inasmuch as the organisation of the Force has been so little criticised. While advocating the publication of the document, he considers that it would be unfair to Major Bruce to publish it before his arrival. Attention is drawn to the allusions in the Report to the Acting Captain Superintendent and to the inspectors, the publication of which would seem calculated to impair the discipline of the Foreign Branch. Mr Little is in favour of immediate publication, but, after some discussion, it is decided to take no step in the matter during the ensuing month, and, in the meanwhile, to refer the document to the Watch Committee ^{to enable the} ~~with a view~~ ^{members to bring to the Council's notice} ~~to the deletion of~~ certain paragraphs which it is hoped the Enquiry Committee may be willing to embody in a separate and confidential despatch.

Opium Houses. Alluding to the Police Reports received during the past two weeks

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weeks on the subject of the Taotai's measures for the closing of the opium houses in the native city, the Chairman points out the desirability of considering in advance the attitude which the Council should adopt towards a demand for the closing of those in the Settlement, which he regards as inevitable; moreover, from extracts from the native press, it appears that a despatch has already been forwarded to the Senior Consul in this sense. To the statements made by the Council in January last, there appears to be little to add at the present juncture, while considerable importance will attach to the attitude adopted by the French Authorities since it is essential that identical measures be taken in both Settlements.

Tramways, French running powers. A letter from the Company is submitted on the subject of the levy of the 5 o/o royalty on French cars running in this Settlement, and the Works Committee is in favour of agreeing to the Company's proposed reciprocal arrangements, on the grounds that the receipts of each company from cars running on the lines jointly worked, should be approximately equal. It appears to the Chairman probable that the Company's proposal will work in its own interests, and that, in consequence, the Council's receipts will be adequately safeguarded. He suggests that the expert opinion of the Traffic Manager of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway be sought in this matter before the Council arrives at a final decision, and it is decided to follow this course.

Telephone Service. A further letter from the Legal Adviser on this subject is read, in which he states that, apart from the proviso in Clause 3 now under discussion, it will be open to the Council to refer the question of service efficiency to arbitration without special application from the public, he suggests a small textual amendment calculated to emphasise this point. Mr Skottowe adheres to the opinion that, in terms of the Chairman's speech at the Ratepayers' Meeting in 1906, the Council is entitled to negotiate in respect to the number of complainant subscribers mentioned in the clause, and he advocates adherence to 10 o/o. After some discussion, and upon a show of hands, it is decided not to press this point but to leave the matter in the hands of the Finance Committee to make the best terms possible with the Company.

Public Garden. The Legal Adviser has considered the letter of the Office of Works of the 4th June, and it is decided to reply in the terms proposed by Mr Jones, whereby the Council, while affording the Office of Works all possible information on the subject of the Garden Bridge and attendant works, will suggest the reservation of existing rights under the special native deed and other arrangements made in 1868.

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Electricity Department. Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, it is decided to obtain the steel girders required for the new department building from England, in accordance with the estimate received by telegram from Messrs Preece and Cardew. These girders are required of an unusual section, and their manufacture locally would present considerable difficulty.

Ching Tsuen School Case. Copy of a letter from the German Consul General on this subject is submitted, in effect that the withdrawal of the Council's petition on appeal is noted and that no precedent is thereby established precluding an application under Article 6 of the Mixed Court Rules for the re-hearing of a suit.

Volunteers - Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Acting Commandant the renewal of Captain Collyer's agreement as Corps Adjutant is authorised.

Ammunition. Correspondence between the Commandant and the Ordnance Officer, Hongkong, is submitted on the subject of defective ammunition recently received and it is decided to address an official letter to the G.O.C. in the matter, desiring that if possible small arms ammunition of a more recent date than 1900 may be supplied for the use of the Corps, both in respect to the free grant and to ammunition received on payment. In the meanwhile, estimates will be obtained from England from one or more manufacturers for direct supply.

Chinese Company. Copies of letters which have passed between the Commandant and Messrs Yu Ya-ching and Yuen Hung-kee are submitted, containing evidence that the conditions upon which the Company was formed are not being adhered to, and that the Company is not fulfilling the hopes which were expressed at the time of its establishment. It is decided, in the first place, to obtain through the Commandant a special report by the Officer commanding the Company on the present state of affairs, before further steps in the matter are taken.

In the above matters and in certain other questions relating to the defence of the Settlement, it appears that Colonel Watson has engaged in official correspondence without the Council's knowledge to an extent calculated to lead to misunderstanding in the future. The documents submitted are ordered for circulation to the members with a view to further consideration.

Public Works Department Staff. Upon the unanimous recommendation of the Works and Finance Committees, the agreement of Mr C. Mayne, Municipal Engineer, is authorised for renewal for a further period of three years with salary, in accordance with his application, at the rate of £800 per mensem.

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In this connection, and upon the proposal of the Chairman, it is decided, in the case of all employés of salaries of \$200 per mensem and over, to take up the question of renewal of their agreements six months before expiry, and the Secretary is directed to make arrangements to this end.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

David Landale

Chairman.

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Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 3rd July 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
J.C. Hanson
W.D. Little
A.D. Lowe
J.H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
E.B. Skottowe and
The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Electrical Engineer's report for May.
Cash statement for the past week.
Return of prisoners apprehended.
Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 1st July are read in draft and, with some amendment, confirmed.

Court of Consuls. The petition of the Shanghai Gas Co. Id, drawn by Messrs Stokes Platt and Teesdale is submitted, and the reply thereto, now in preparation by the Legal Adviser, will be made under the direction of the Works Committee.

River Police Prisoners. Letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding the Magistrate's explanation of the presence in the Mixed Court cells of certain prisoners in River Police cases. From his report it is noted that the three prisoners in question have now been sent into the native city.

Arrests beyond Settlement limits. In reply to the Council's letter to the Consular Body on this subject, the Senior Consul now writes to the effect that the four rules proposed by the Taotai were received by the Consular Body on the 30th May, and he forwards a copy of the reply thereto containing certain suggested amendments. The Council considers it a matter for regret that the Consular Body has engaged in correspondence with the native

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native authorities on an administrative question of considerable importance such as that in question, without consultation with the Council, in whose hands responsibility for the administration of the Settlement rests, and it is decided to enter a strong protest against the course of action which has been followed.

Furthermore, it appears inadvisable that any specific rules in respect to Police procedure in the districts immediately surrounding the Settlement be adopted in advance of the general revision of the code of rules of procedure for the Mixed Court, and for the duties of the Police in connection therewith. It appears to the members essential to the maintenance of good order that those outside districts through which Municipal roads pass, should be administered as part of the Settlement, and it is decided to reply in this sense, the Council's letter to be couched in terms of as moderate a character as the facts will permit.

Scavenging beyond Limits. Upon lines similar to those described in the preceding minute, the Taotai has forwarded a complaint on the subject of the efforts of the Health Department to afford sanitary privileges to the residents adjoining the termination of the Woosung Road, which were undertaken as a result of complaints as to the condition of this district. The necessity for adequate sanitation beyond limits appears to the Watch Committee not less important than that of policing, and, in the Council's opinion, the collection of refuse, etc. must be continued. Mr Hanson alludes to the fact that the district adjoining the French Settlement enjoys similar privileges at the hands of the French Council, and, in his opinion, the Taotai's protest at the Council's action is unreasonable.

Native Processions. Copy of a despatch from the Taotai is forwarded by the Senior Consul, desiring that the Ta Wang Temple Procession be prohibited, the reason alleged being the loss of life which took place at the Stone Bridge in April owing to undue pressure upon the abutment rails. The minute of the Council of the 27th April 1903 is read, wherein the Council regarded the same proposal as an act of unnecessary interference with an old established local custom, and it is decided to adhere to the attitude then adopted. Mr Skottowe points out that the accident was due to the Bridge and not to the procession, and it will be added in reply that, while it is open to the Taotai to prohibit the procession in the native district north of the Soochow Creek, the Council is opposed to any steps calculated to prevent its being held in the Settlement as usual.

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Volunteers

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Japanese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Acting Commandant, a commission as Lieutenant to command the Company is authorised for issue to Lieutenant Shiro Koaze of the Japanese Reserve.

✓ Defence Scheme. With regard to the correspondence between the Commandant and the Senior American Naval Officer, which has been circulated for members' information, it is decided to draw the attention of Colonel Watson, upon his return from leave, to the necessity for reference of matters of this description for the Council's information in the first place, and to state that official correspondence such as that in question should be conducted through the Secretariat.

✓ Public School for Chinese. A letter from Dr F.L. Hawks Pott is read, containing the resignation of his membership of the School Committee as a result of his impending departure for the United States. It is decided to convey to Dr Pott a cordial expression of the Council's thanks for the work which he has done in the interests of the School since its establishment. The question of the appointment of his successor will remain in abeyance until after the next meeting of the School Committee.

✓ Opium Houses. At the suggestion of the Chairman, it is decided, with a view to preventing the keepers of the opium shops which have been closed in the native city from transferring their business into the Settlement, to issue no new licenses for the current year.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

David Laidlaw

Chairman.

W. M. Pearson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangsee Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 10th July 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
J.C. Hanson
W.D. Little
A.D. Lowe
J.H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
E.B. Skottowe and
The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Engineer's report for June.
Superintendent of Parks do.
Cash statement for the past week.
Return of prisoners apprehended.
Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of the 4th July are

read and confirmed. With reference to

✓ Extensions. Mr Prentice points out that ^{the} ~~if~~ three connections to the Council's mains are provisionally permitted for a period of one or two years, the arrangement by which consumers will pay 10 % per annum of the capital cost will be in need of modification.

✓ Plant. The Council is informed that, in reply to a telegram despatched, Messrs Preece and Cardew concur in the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer as to the acceptance of Messrs Willans and Robinson's alterna - tor, subject to a reduction of £340. With this in view it is understood that the Committee recommends acceptance, and directions are given accordingly.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 8th July are read and confirmed.

✓ Indian Police. Tenders are submitted for the block of buildings suggested in connection with the draft of 80 men about to arrive, and that of Tai Kee is accepted for the sum of ₹25,367 provided this contractor

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contractor will agree to a time for completion, considered sufficient by the Municipal Engineer.

✓ Victoria Nursing Home. The Council directs that rules for admission into the Mental Ward, and a scale of fees, be compiled for the Watch Committee's approval.

✓ Police Enquiry Committee. It has been ascertained from the Chairman of this Committee that the suggested alterations in their report previous to publication will, so far as he is concerned, be agreed to, and he has undertaken to call a further meeting of the Committee for the discussion of the point.

✓ Registration of Architects. A report by the Engineer is submitted, suggesting that the question of registering architects be arranged if possible upon lines similar to those in force in Hongkong. The Council is of opinion that while this measure appears advisable and almost necessary, no active steps should be taken in the matter until it has been brought prominently into public notice, and the course suggested confirmed at a Ratepayers Meeting. In the meanwhile, it is decided to place the matter in the hands of the Legal Adviser, with a view to ascertaining what legal formalities will be required.

Passenger pontoons. Some discussion ensues as to the tenders which have been received in response to Notification No 1848. The lowest tender, that of Mr Nicholas Tsu, does not exactly comply with the specification, while that of the Vulcan Ironworks stands at \$9200 lower than that of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company. Under these circumstances the Chairman is of opinion that the Council cannot do otherwise than accept the Vulcan Ironworks tender. It is considered advisable that the services of a special engineer be engaged, with a view to ensuring careful adherence to the provisions of the specification, and the name of Mr Robb is suggested for this work. A special contract will be made in this case under the direction of the Works Committee.

Land Commission. Upon the proposal of the Chairman of the Works Committee, it is now decided to forward an official reply to the Commissioners' letter of the 24th May, on the subject of the procedure in force in regard to cases submitted for settlement. Mr Little, speaking as an ex-member of the Commission, deprecates the practice of deferring the hearing of cases until three or four have accumulated. Mr Meuser is of opinion that it would be inadvisable to hold meetings at fixed intervals for reasons already recorded, and the Council concurs in the view that the fees paid to the Commissioners should continue to be regarded as of an honorary character

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character and not as remuneration for services ^{rendered} ~~received~~.

Telephone Service. A letter from Mr E.S. Little is read, in which he offers to instal a telephone service upon very favourable terms and without a franchise, provided the negotiations for a monopoly with the Mutual Company are not concluded. In reply thereto, it will be pointed out that the Council regards itself as bound under the Ratepayers' Resolution to continue the negotiations with the latter company, and the Chairman states that there is now some probability that this matter will terminate satisfactorily under the Finance Committee's directions. Mr Holliday has promised to support a proposal, to be made by the Council, that the question of the Council's right to proceed to arbitration, if in its own opinion the service is inefficient, should be placed beyond doubt by specific embodiment in a clause in this sense.

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

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Chairman.

W. Curson

Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 17th July 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

- D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- J.C. Hanson
- W.D. Little
- A.D. Lowe
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- J. Prentice
- E.B. Skottowe
- The Secretary and
- The 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.

With reference to the publication of the successful tender for the new passenger pontoons, Mr Hanson suggests that, in the case of large works of this description, the complete list of tenders received be published, and, after some discussion, it is decided to follow this course in the future.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

- Health Officer's report)
- Victoria Nursing Home) for June.
- Caol Superintendent's report do.
- Summary of Expenditure to 30th June.
- Statement of outstanding accounts to 11th July.
- Cash statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

Indian Police. The Council is notified of the arrival of Mr Fenton on the 16th instant, accompanied by a draft of 81 Sikh recruits.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of the 15th July are read and confirmed. In respect to the

East Yuhang and Kalgan Roads, Mr Meuser enquires whether the project of connecting the Rifle Range and Hongkew Recreation Ground with eastern Hongkew commends itself to the Council. If such is the case, the Works Committee

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Committee will continue negotiating for the purchase of the land required for the section of these roads within Settlement limits at the lowest rates obtainable. It is decided in the first place to continue the effort to obtain surrenders for the foreign-owned land without compensation, and to pay proclamation rates for that still in native ownership.

Passenger Pontoons. It is decided to offer Mr Robb a fee of £750 for supervising the construction of these pontoons by the Vulcan Ironworks Ltd.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of the 16th July are read and confirmed.

Tramways.

French Running Powers. The representative of Messrs Harper Bros & Co. has addressed a communication to the members of Council individually, regarding the advantages to be derived from the suggested method of division of receipts by the Tramway Companies of this and the French Settlements. Therewith is submitted a memorandum by the Traffic Superintendent of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, pointing out its possible unsatisfactory results. Mr Meuser is of opinion that the scheme presents little ground for criticism; on the other hand the present condition of the French Tramway construction works does not appear to call for the immediate settlement of this question, which will therefore remain in abeyance pending further consideration and enquiry.

Capital of the Company. The request of the Shanghai Electric Construction Company is submitted desiring the Council's sanction to the raising of the sum of £160,000 on the security of its property and undertaking, and it is decided to assent to this proposal subject to the approval of the Legal Adviser.

Land Assessment. The appeals against the values placed upon lots in the Central District are submitted, and it is decided, in accordance with the usual practice, to obtain from the Assessors an opinion as to how they may best be met. Thereafter the matter will have the attention of the Finance Committee.

Proposed International Exhibition. A letter from the China Association is read, desiring the Council's co-operation in guaranteeing certain of the preliminary expenses connected with this project. The Chairman's counter proposal that the Council should purchase the proposed site in the neighbourhood of the Jessfield Road and permit its use for the purpose of the exhibition without charge, upon the condition that the profits, if any, be handed to the Council for public purposes, is, after some discussion

discussion, adopted. The success of the exhibition will probably depend upon the amount of Government support which is obtained, and Mr Skottowe points out that a guaranteed site will be a first step in this direction. It is understood that the Council's proposition is made upon the assumption that the whole of the 400 mow selected is available for purchase at a rate not exceeding £500 per mow.

Opium Houses. A letter from the Senior Consul directs the Council's careful attention to a communication from the Taotai, urging the closing of public opium houses within Settlement limits. It is pointed out that the view taken by the Council in January was that action of this nature in the Settlement should follow, not the mere closing of the houses in the City, but a serious attempt to suppress the opium habit on the part of the Chinese Government either by the decrease of the poppy area under cultivation, or the restriction of the importation of the drug. Mr Hanson considers that this matter requires the attention of the Ratepayers, who, under the authority of the Land Regulations, have directed the licensing and supervision of opium shops within Settlement limits. In any case the course adopted in the City of converting opium smoking establishments into shops for the retail sale of the drug would, in the Council's opinion, if adopted in the Settlement, result in surreptitious opium smoking in the coolie-lodging houses. A reply in the above sense is authorised, and directions are given that the operations of the Chinese Authorities within the native city, and their results, remain under close observation by the Police.

Policing beyond Limits. Two letters from the Senior Consul have reference to the general aspect of this question, and to the action in particular of an Indian constable, to which former letters have referred. It appears to the members useless to prolong the correspondence on this subject, and it is decided in reply, while referring to former minutes and despatches, to request that a clear intimation be conveyed to the Taotai of the Council's intention to police those districts beyond the boundary which are served by Municipal roads or otherwise in foreign ownership or occupation.

Indian Police. A letter from the General Officer Commanding in Tientsin is read, desiring that the Jemadar whose services were lent for duty with the Police Force, return to Tientsin, and a report by the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police has convinced the Watch Committee of the necessity for taking every step calculated to secure a further prolongation of his term, if not his resignation from the Army and permanent appointment to the Force. The Jemadar after 20 years' service has qualified for his pension, and it is decided to seek General Waters' advice as to how the Council's object may best be attained.

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✓ London Agents. In connection with recent drafts by Messrs John Pook & Co., which have exceeded the firm's current credit of £5000, and the suggestion that the amount be raised, the opinion of the Finance Committee is recorded that, since the above limit is sufficient under ordinary circumstances, the case will be met by advising the Bank when unusual sterling outlay is contemplated.

✓ Secretariat. The application of the Secretary for seven weeks' leave with passage allowance to England is, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, granted, and it is noted that the Assistant Secretary will be in charge of the Municipal Offices during this period. The Chairman states that Mr Mayne, Municipal Engineer, has undertaken to give such advice as to the conduct of the office as his experience of Municipal affairs may prompt.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

David Laundale

Chairman.

W. Merson
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 24th July 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe

The Engineer and

The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Wharfage Dues return for June Quarter.

Chung Pao Sha Sanitary Station report do.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

✓ Electricity Department - Outstanding Accounts. It is noted that Messrs Shorrook & Co's account amounts to £114 representing electricity used since last December, and that special opportunity has been given for making timely payment. It is decided to discontinue the supply of electricity and formally to require payment of the account, stating that in the event of further delay legal proceedings will be instituted forthwith.

A note is read, objecting on behalf of the Hotel Metropole Company, in liquidation, to the detention of a portion of the license deposit of \$100 in payment of an account for light. Noting that no further protest has been made upon the subject, it is decided to retain the amount in question.

✓ Public Band. In discussion of the proposed annexe to the agreements of the foreign musicians on the subject of apparel, drafted by the German Consul, it is considered that before approval, this matter ~~will~~ ^{should} receive further attention

attention at the hands of the Band Committee.

Comment follows as to the number of items on the programme of evening performances in the Public Garden, the hour at which these performances end and the proper observance thereof by the bandmen, and it is directed that the attention of the Bandmaster be drawn to these points.

✓ Telephone Service. The embodiment in Clause 3 of the question of the Council's right to proceed to arbitration if in its opinion the service is inefficient has now been effected by the Legal Adviser in a form which meets with the approval of the Finance Committee, and the Mutual Company. Discussion follows as to a proposal informally made by Mr Holliday as to the omission of the words "up to date". It is observed that the Legal Adviser's opinion is adverse to this omission, on the ground that the words in question have a distinct meaning and that a too literal interpretation of this term is adequately prevented by the words immediately following. The members, however, in the view that the term "up to date" is not indispensable, consider that the request may be accorded. The publication of the clause as amended is approved with a prefatory special minute to the effect that every safeguard for subscribers' interests being thus provided, the Council and the Company are in every respect at one as to the terms of the agreement which after ~~preliminary~~ codification of the schedule will be signed forthwith.

✓ Garden Bridge. A telegram from the London Agents is read to the effect that shipping documents have been received together with Messrs Parry and Bidder's certificate in relation to the steel work for one span of the Garden Bridge for which the amount payable is £2125. Noting that the second instalment of payment for bridges amounts to £4250 and is payable by telegraphic transfer to Messrs Howarth Erskine's London Agents upon receipt by Messrs John Pook & Co. of complete shipping documents for the whole bridge, it is decided to adhere to the terms of Clause 7 of the contract and to reply to Messrs John Pook to the effect that a single payment of £4250 will be made accordingly.

✓ Hospital Grant. A letter from the Shanghai General Hospital is read, basing a request for increase of the annual grant on the grounds that during the year 1906 the expenditure incurred against the grant amounted to a sum of ¥1041 in excess thereof, and in respect of the past half year to the sum of ¥870 in excess of half the grant, while Municipal employes and indigent sick are received at reduced rates, and the new buildings have occasioned increased outlay. It is noted that the
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apportionment of the annual grant from the public funds does not imply that all foreign indigent sick are to be a direct charge upon the rates and that Municipal employes are generally treated at the Nursing Home. It is decided to reply that this question will be re-considered at a later date as an item of the Budget for 1908.

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/ Motor Licenses. A letter from the French Council is read, informing the Council of the incorporation in French Motor licenses of the amended conditions contained in Notification No 1816.
- / Sanitation beyond Limits. A petition from the residents in Markham Place is read, referring to the dangerously insanitary conditions prevailing north of the Markham Road Bridge in the district known as the new Chinese settlement of Chapel. A report from the Health Officer upon this subject draws attention to the menace to the health of the Settlement caused by similar insanitary neighbourhoods beyond the boundary. It is decided that the contents of this petition may be brought to the notice of the Senior Consul in proof of the urgency of such sanitary precautions as are at present taken in roads immediately adjacent to and beyond the Settlement boundary, as in the recent case of action by employes of the Health Department in the Woosung Road.
- / Native Proclamation. A proclamation having reference to native educational methods in towns and villages throughout the province is forwarded by the Senior Consul who has affixed his seal thereto. It is considered that the issue of this proclamation within the Settlement is unnecessary, in view of the Council's published minute on the subject of the establishment of small preliminary schools in connection with the Chinese Public School, and since its terms generally refer entirely to conditions obtaining in the interior. The Chairman informs the members that the Senior Consul has seen no translation of the proclamation in question before its despatch to the Council and is willing to withdraw it and submit it to the Consular Body, whereafter it is likely to be forwarded with an official letter in the usual form, enquiring whether posting of the document would meet with the Council's approval.
- / Dead Bodies. Arising out of an enquiry by Mr Hanson as to the procedure with reference to the dead bodies of natives found in the Settlement, directions are given that figures be submitted showing any noticeable increase in such cases.
- / Secretariat Staff. The renewal of Mr Bosustow's agreement at the rate of £275 per mensem for the first two years and £300 during the third year is authorised upon the recommendation of the Acting Accountant.

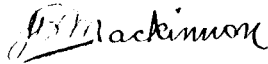
Recess

Recess. Having reference to the departure from Shanghai of a number of members, the Council decides to hold no further meeting for a period of three weeks after the 31st July.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.



Chairman.



Assistant Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 31st July 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landsæ (Chairman)

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe

The Engineer and

The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee will, it is noted, be submitted for the Council's approval after the recess, since, owing to the unavoidable absence of two of the members on the appointed day, the meeting has been postponed, and will immediately follow the Council meeting.

✓ Telephone Service. It is observed that Clauses 1 and 14 of the draft Agreement have been the subject of question by Mr Holliday on the Company's behalf, and also Articles 8 and 13 of the Agreement with subscribers, respecting decision by the Council as to cancellation of that agreement by the Company. Noting the subsequent withdrawal of both objections, the members proceed to discuss the schedule of charges submitted by the Company. In respect to the radius of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the central exchange outside of which the Company propose to charge outside rates, Mr Skottowe alludes to the fact that this point was discussed at the meeting between the special Committee and the directors. It is noted that if this proposal is accepted the limit in which inside charges are levied may be extended only at such

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time as the schedule is revised. A plan is inspected showing the localities included in the radius, and the members note the Finance Committee's opinion that although an arrangement of this nature is not unreasonable, yet ^{if} it is finally to be accepted, some extension of the limit should be sought.

Manipulation of the Rice Market. A letter from the Senior Consul is read forwarding a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the collection of stocks of rice by certain native merchants in the Settlement. Decision as to the course to be pursued is deferred pending submission of a Police report as to the action already taken.

Pingchiao Quarry. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, transmitting a complaint by native authorities in the neighbourhood of Kashing respecting depositing of stone into a creek by boatmen employed by Municipal contractors. A report by the Engineer points out that the reason of this practice is that the waterways are so badly conserved as frequently to be impassable to boats of suitable carrying capacity, and that therefore permanent prevention, though attempted by all possible means, is a matter of much difficulty. It is decided in reply to draw attention to the necessity of proper performance of conservancy work which should obviate the necessity of lightening boats at the spot in question.

Native Proclamation. Noting that the Senior Consul having duly submitted a proclamation on education to the Consular Body, now forwards a letter in the customary terms asking for an expression of the Council's views thereon, it is decided to reply in the terms of a recent minute that there is no apparent necessity for the exhibition of this document in the Settlement.

Cattle Lekin. A report by the Health Officer gives particulars as to a proposal by the Traffic Manager of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway in reference to the transportation of cattle by rail from the interior for consumption in the Settlement, with a view to evasion of the operations of the native Company.

This scheme involving the placing of a monopoly in the hands of the Shanghai Nanking Railway Compradore, is regarded as unacceptable and the members endorse the Watch Committee's decision that the matter should be left in the hands of the Health Officer, for further negotiation.

Opium Houses. A report by the Overseer of Taxes suggests the necessity of special Police supervision in respect to opium houses with a view especially, to detecting cases where licenses now issued, cover a lesser number of lamps than those actually in use. It is considered that such steps in this direction ^{may} be taken as the Acting Captain Superintendent may recommend with due regard to the proper performance of other important police duties.

Tavern

- ✓ Tavern Licenses. An application is submitted for license for a hotel restaurant in the Nanking Road above the premises of Messrs Liebe Wulf & Co. and it is observed that the grounds upon which it is based are that two licenses granted in the Central District are now out of use. In the opinion that an establishment of this kind is not well suited to the locality, especially so close to the Palace Hotel, and noting that in the terms of the yearly notification upon the subject applications after the 1st April cannot properly be entertained, the members are not in favour of granting the application. Mr Meuser alludes to the fact that he has been approached upon this subject on the applicant's behalf and it is finally decided that if a statement signed by occupants of neighbouring premises is submitted to the effect that there is no objection upon their part, the question of granting a license will then be reconsidered.
- ✓ Captain Superintendent of Police. From a telegram from Major Bruce, it is observed that he will leave Vladivostock on the 3rd August.
- ✓ Sanitation beyond Limits. It is directed that a report by the Health Officer be submitted in respect to open coffins and other nuisances in outlying roads and districts, with a view to the exercise of closer control and prevention.
- ✓ Tonquin Road. The Chairman alludes to the expression of a wish by Mr Haroon that the naming of this road be changed and that Haroon Road be substituted in its stead. Reference is made to a recent decision that the names of persons would not for the future be used in naming roads. After some discussion, and upon a show of hands, it is decided that there are no good grounds for assenting to the proposal, but that the best method of dealing therewith should be left for the consideration of the Works Committee.
- ✓ Municipal Properties - Hongkew Recreation Ground. The Council is informed that a portion of the land between the southern boundary of the Hongkew Recreation Ground and the North Szechuen Road Extension, the property of the Range Syndicate, measuring Mow 10,235 is about to be sold, and that the rate of ¥3000 per mow is offered therefor. It is considered that rather than allow this land to pass into native ownership, the opportunity should be taken of effecting its purchase at from ¥2500 to ¥2750 per mow, and the matter is referred for the Works Committee's consideration upon this basis.

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

J. M. Mackenzie David Daudale
Chairman.

Assistant Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 28th August 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

O. Meuser

The Engineer and

The Assistant Secretary

Absent -

J.H. McMichael

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Parks Superintendent's Report for July.

Health Officer's " " "

Victoria Nursing Home " " "

Engineer's " " "

Gaol Superintendent's " " "

General Municipal Rate, Native, for June Quarter.

Summary of Revenue for July.

Statement of Expenditure ending 31st July.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee held on the 31st July are read and confirmed. In respect to

The Hongkew Recreation Ground, the Chairman of the Works Committee states that having personally obtained the members' approval he has effected the purchase through Mr A.E. Algar of a portion of Paoshan Lot 201 between the southern boundary of the Ground and the North Szechuen Road Extension at the rate of \$3000 per mow and this modification of the Council's former decision is recorded.

Tonquin Road. The members are informed in connection with the decision of the Committee on this subject that Mr Haroon has since addressed the Engineer

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Engineer with a request that the name of this road be changed and his own substituted therefor, and the opinion is unanimous that it should be granted forthwith.

✓ Gas Mains. Comment follows upon the fact that the reply to the Gas Company's petition in the suit before the Court of Consuls arising out of the laying of the tramway track in the Canton Road was not submitted to the Works Committee before presentation and it is considered that this circumstance requires ~~some~~ explanation.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of the 7th August are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of the 8th August are read, and, in respect to

✓ Staff, a former minute is read relating to a proposed increase in the salary of Mr Payne in the first year of his first agreement, and it is noted that the objection then recorded to any change in the salary of an employe during the currency of his agreement is equally applicable to the course contemplated in this case. Noting, however, that the increase proposed will be the subject of consideration by the Committee at the end of the second year, it is observed that this matter may be the subject of decision by the Council at that date.

✓ Plant. Having reference to the proposed substitution of surface condensers for the condensers at present in use, the members are wholly of opinion that Mr Preece who is to arrive in Shanghai about the third week of October, should be consulted upon this subject and that his views thereon would be of great value. The proposal that the cost of the two condensers should be provided out of revenue and be spread over a period of five years is commented upon and it is directed that an expression of the Auditor's opinion be obtained.

✓ Yuhang Road Culvert. In respect to the tender by the Waterworks Company for demolishing the existing discharge culvert and laying pipes at a total cost of \$6711, the inclusion is noted of the cost of laying the second 12-inch pipe, a tender for provision of which is yet to be submitted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of the 9th August are read and confirmed, and in respect to

✓ The terms of Major Bruce's Agreement, the Chairman states his opinion that the quarters formerly occupied by the Captain Superintendent are too small for present requirements, and alluding to the fact that Mr Bruce Robertson's former house adjoining the Country Club is regarded as more generally suitable considers that for this reason a special allowance should be made.

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The members endorse the Chairman's suggestion that ~~£100~~ £175 per mensem would be an adequate amount. A former minute is read wherein it is recorded that the maximum rent allowance for Heads of Departments is fixed at £100 per mensem, and the members consider that the increase of this limit in Major Bruce's case, is justified by the fact that sufficient accommodation must be provided for his family. Discussion follows as to the necessity for the Captain Superintendent's presence at headquarters and the opinion is general that there is no obstacle to the proposed arrangement since a deputy will always be present on the spot. Mr Meuser remarks that this point will probably be the subject of some comment and the course proposed is unanimously approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 19th August are read and confirmed.

In respect to the reduction of the assessment of Cadastral lot 31 as recommended to £90,000 per mow, it is noted that the Committee's views have been communicated to Messrs Scott and Algar, together with comment upon the assessment of Cadastral lots 26 and 43. The reply of Messrs Scott and Algar is read, adhering to the opinions already expressed and pointing out that the assessment of Cadastral lot 31 as reduced is based upon the average of the eastern half at £110,000 per mow, and of the western half at £70,000 per mow corresponding to the assessment of lots 32 and 29 respectively, while the higher values placed upon Cadastral lots 26 and 43 as compared with Cadastral lot 32 are based upon the fact that they have a southern aspect. The members concur in the Finance Committee's view that a reduction of the assessment of Cadastral lot 31 to £100,000 per mow is sufficient and approve the reduction of the assessment of Cadastral lots 26 and 43 from £120,000 to £110,000 per mow.

River Police Prisoners. An entry in the Mixed Court return is read in connection with the remand of certain Police prisoners in the Mixed Court House of Detention for civil prisoners, and it is noted that under the directions of the Watch Committee, a communication upon the subject has been addressed to the Consular Body, pointing out ~~that~~ the necessity for close observation of the spirit of the arrangement as to the character of the Mixed Court House of Detention ^{as} recorded in last year's annual Report, and requesting a settlement of this point.

Sanitation beyond Limits. As a result of the Council's letter arising out of the petition signed by residents in Markham Place, the Senior Consul forwards the Taotai's reply to the effect that the Directors of the Pao An Tang Charitable Institution have been directed to remove the nuisance.

Mr Lowe states that residents in the neighbourhood complain that more dead bodies are now noticed than before, and it is directed that this point

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be the subject of enquiry.

Opium Houses. A letter from H.M. Consul-General is read, upon the subject of closure of opium houses, stating the opinion of H.M. Government that if measures have previously been taken to close opium houses beyond the limits of Foreign Settlements and Concessions, the Municipal Councils should be moved to close houses within the Settlement, before being approached by the Chinese authorities. A letter from the Senior Consul dated the 24th July and received on the 1st August is also submitted asking for information as to measures which the Council may take in the event of the Native Authorities giving ~~unsubstantiated~~ proofs of goodwill. The members are generally of opinion that the question should be referred to the Watch Committee, with a view to the consideration as to such measures as may be necessary.

In respect to an enquiry by the Overseer of Taxes whether the Council's instructions as to ceasing the issue of licenses for new houses apply also to Opium Brothels, it is considered that the latter class of house should be included therein.

Tavern Licensing. The application for a restaurant license in the Nanking Road above the premises of Messrs Liebe Wulff & Co. may, it is considered, be granted in view of the fact that a list has been submitted of neighbouring residents who certify the absence of objection on their part.

It is pointed out that similar requests have been refused on the ground that it is the practice only to grant licenses at each annual meeting of the Special Licensing Committee, but it is noted that an application for a license in Hongkew was made at the usual time by the same person, and since the restaurant in question is to be of the first order, the members unanimously consider that a license should be issued.

Secretariat Staff. A letter from Mr Addis is read, informing the Council of the appointment of Mr Corbett Smith as Assistant Secretary, and it is noted that he will leave London via Suez on the 31st August.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

David Daudelle
Chairman.

J. B. Mackinnon
Assistant Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday September 4, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

- M.M.
- D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- J.C. Hanson
- W.D. Little
- A.D. Lowe
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- E.B. Skottowe
- The Secretary and
- The Assistant Secretary

Absent -

- J. Prentice

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted.

- Health Officer, August.
- Victoria Nursing Home, "
- Summary of Revenue, "
- General Municipal Rate, Foreign, June Quarter.
- Electrical Engineer, July.
- Cash statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of September 2 are read, and with regard to the question of

✓ Staff, Captain Barrett, some discussion takes place as to the terms of his probationary engagement, and as to the urgency of the reasons for departure therefrom. The application, and correspondence which took place at the time the appointment was made, will be circulated for the information of the Finance Committee and Council.

✓ Indian Police. The Council is of opinion that the official recognition of Mr Fenton's work while in India may preferably take the form of a minute to be prepared for publication.

✓ Recruiting and Organisation of the Force. The proposals under these headings are of a far-reaching character, and their final confirmation is deferred

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deferred until next meeting, copies of the Captain Superintendent's reports being distributed to members.

Garden Bridge. From a telegram from the London Agents, it is learnt that the final shipments of the superstructure of the bridge have been made, and payment of the instalment due upon complete shipment is authorised.

Tramways, Route-Sections. A letter from the Concessionaires is submitted, forwarding a schedule of proposed sections for the Council's approval. The Chairman of the Works Committee has given this document detailed consideration, and is of opinion that generally speaking the sections are convenient and satisfactory. Copies of the document will be furnished to the Captain Superintendent of Police and Overseer of Taxes for criticism and comment.

Court of Consuls. A letter from the Legal Adviser furnishes a copy of his communication to the Court with respect to its decision, in the case against the Shanghai Gas Company, without hearing the arguments of counsel. No reply has yet been made by the Court in the absence of H.M. Consul General, and the Chairman undertakes upon the return of Sir Pelham Warren to see him in the matter.

The members are unanimous in the view that, if arbitration must necessarily be resorted to, the nomination of Sir Havilland de Sausmarez as arbitrator would be entirely satisfactory.

Some discussion ensues upon the fact that the Council's rejoinder to the Company's petition was not submitted either to the Council or Works Committee before being sent in, and it is decided that in future all such replies shall receive this scrutiny.

Telephone Service. With regard to the schedule of charges to be appended to the new agreement with the Mutual Company, negotiations have been in progress in respect to the radius beyond which a higher rate is considered permissible, and the Secretary is directed to endeavour to negotiate for the 3 mile radius or, if necessary, to agree on the Council's behalf to one of Miles 2½. The Council is of opinion that the protracted negotiations in connection with this contract should now be speedily terminated.

Price of Beef. A report by the Health Officer informs the Council of his failure to arrange satisfactory terms for the transport by rail of small numbers of cattle, and his opinion that the effort which has been made to check the rise in the cost of beef must prove unsuccessful. Mr Burkill considers that all possible support should be given to small dealers, and his proposal to issue a stamped license pass in accordance with the request of an applicant from Changchow is adopted. In the meanwhile further enquiries will be made in the matter of the railway rates.

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Secretariat Staff. The Chairman takes occasion to allude to the work performed by Mr Mackinnon during the recent absence of the Secretary, which has, in his opinion, been performed in a most satisfactory manner; the members generally concur in this view.

Victoria Nursing Home.Site. A report by the Engineer is read, in continuation of former correspondence relative to the purchase through Messrs Beesley and Bray of about Mow 2.756 ex Cadastral lot 986 for incorporation in this property, and his recommendation to complete this purchase at the reduced rate of £6000 per mow is adopted.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

David Lauder

Chairman.

M. E. Eason
Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday September 11, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
J.C. Hanson
W.D. Little
A.D. Lowe
J.H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
E.B. Skottowe
The Secretary and
The 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.

Departmental Reports:- The following are submitted:-

Superintendent of Gaol for August.
Engineer " "
Superintendent of Parks " "
Summary of Expenditure to August 31.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of September 5 are read and confirmed.

✓Police.

✓ Recruiting. Discussing in detail the Captain-Superintendent's report of August 22 on this subject, it is decided to telegraph forthwith to the London Agents increasing the age limit for recruits to 30, and the number despatched every two months to 15, and further to direct application to Colonel Watson that he will personally interview and select the candidates, with a view to precluding the delay caused by the existing system under which applications and testimonials are forwarded to Shanghai. It will be explained by letter that this number of men need not rigidly be adhered to, if more suitable candidates are available for despatch in any one draft.

✓ Re-organisation. The proposals contained in Part I of the Captain-Superintendent's Report on Reorganisation which relates to the personnel of the Force, are the subject of some debate. The suggested increase in the

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the number of officers to eight and their relative seniority, meet with general approval, but the matter as a whole is deferred pending specific recommendations from the Watch Committee as to the changes which are involved.

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Captain Barrett. A complete file of papers relative to this officer's appointment have been circulated to the members, from which it appears evident that the question of his permanent engagement is not one calling for the Council's attention at present. In Mr Burkill's opinion this matter depends upon the time required by officers to arrange resignation from the Army, and enquiries are directed on this head.

Captain-Superintendent. In connection with the signature of his agreement, Colonel Bruce writes as to his right to three months' leave after three years, to which Mr Anderson, on the Council's behalf, had assented. The Council confirms this arrangement, while it is observed that the leave of the head of a department must at all times be a matter of arrangement, and subject to the requirements of the Council's service.

In regard to this officer's furnished quarters, the proposal is approved that the same procedure be observed in this case as was followed in that of Colonel Watson, i.e. he will purchase furniture up to a total cost of ₹2000, with the reservation as to its character already laid down by the Watch Committee.

Murder of P.C. Morrow. As a final result of the Watch Committee's consideration of the question of rewards for those responsible for the capture of the murderers in this case, the issue of a sum of \$2000 is authorised for distribution to the foreign and native detectives concerned, including the native petty official, whose co-operation in the work was of considerable value.

Eastern District Depot. Reports by the Engineer and the Captain-Superintendent are submitted relative to proposed sites for the Depot, as a result of which, it is decided to purchase the property consisting of Cadastral lot 1318, together with a large tract of unregistered land on the west thereof, measuring Mow 18.66 at the rate of ₹2,000 per mow, or a less rate if obtainable.

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Opium Licenses. Discussing the question of reply to the communication from H.M. Minister on this subject, and to the letter from the Senior Consul last received, it is decided to state that while the Council is precluded from taking any step in regard to licensed establishments before

before the Ratepayers' Meeting next ensuing, that at that meeting a policy will be recommended to the Ratepayers whereby the number of opium houses within Settlement limits will be decreased proportionately with the decrease in the supply of the drug, about to be undertaken by the Chinese Government. By this means, if the provisions of the Imperial Edict are complied with, at the end of the period of ten years fixed therein, all licensed houses will have been closed. It will at the same time be pointed out that the Council adheres to the opinion already recorded that so long as opium is smoked in any quantity by the native community resident in the Foreign Settlement, Police control and supervision is necessary to good order, which control can only be exercised by means of Municipal licenses.

Registration of Architects. The reply of the Legal Adviser to the Council's enquiry on this subject is submitted, from which it is observed that authority to effect the registration of "persons intending to construct buildings" may be achieved by the amendment of Article XXX of the Land Regulations, and it is decided to take the necessary steps to this end.

Letters have been received from the Shanghai Society ~~for~~ of Engineers, and from a Committee of Practising Architects, unanimously supporting the Council's proposals, and, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, it is decided to proceed with the formation of a special committee to be entrusted with the work of drawing up regulations for registration of a character similar to those in force in Hongkong.

Mokanshan Sanatorium. The Health Officer's proposal to place one of the Municipal nurses as Matron in charge of the Sanatorium, with extra pay at the rate of £20 per mensem, is approved, Nurse Fletcher being nominated for the work. The Sanatorium will be available, so far as its accommodation serves, for any employé of a less salary than £200 per mensem upon the recommendation of the Head of his Department, and the Council approves the levy of a charge of \$1 per diem.

Cattle Supply. As a result of a conference between the Chairman of Council, the Chairman of the Watch Committee, and the Traffic Manager of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, an arrangement has been made by which the freight contract already entered into by the Railway Company for the transport of 20,000 head of cattle will be cancelled, and a letter from the Traffic Manager is now read, offering flat rates to all dealers concerned, that from Changchow being 60 cents per head. This arrangement is regarded as most satisfactory, and a draft notice on the subject to be issued by the Railway Company is submitted. It

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is noted that a paragraph therein makes the new rates conditional upon the removal of the cattle direct to the Municipal Slaughter House. This course of procedure, though very desirable, should in the Council's opinion more properly be followed voluntarily, or by direction of the Council, and the inclusion of the condition in the present notice may have the result of driving the dealers to make use of boat traffic. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is decided to request that it be omitted.

In the meanwhile the Health Officer's proposal is approved to despatch the Slaughter House headman to Tanyang, provided with the necessary funds, with instructions to bring down 50 head of cattle per week until further notice.

✓ Mixed Court, Case of Theft. A letter from the Magistrate to the Captain-Superintendent is submitted, directing that two convicts be produced in Court for release, upon payment by the receiver of the stolen property of the sum involved. A Police memorandum in re points out that this course would not be in the interests of justice, and it is decided to address a communication to the Assessor in this sense.

✓ Kiukiang Road Widening. A report by the Engineer submits particulars as to an application on behalf of Mr Seaman that the Council will forego the scheduled strip of a portion of Cadastral lot 39 now about to be rebuilt. Mr Meuser is of opinion that the high foreign buildings on either side of the property in question, which render it improbable that this whole section of the Kiukiang Road will be widened in the near future, constitute this case one wherein concession might be made. After some discussion, however, and upon a show of hands, it is decided, in justice to other property owners, and in accordance with the principle under which the important streets of the Settlement are steadily being widened as opportunities occur, to adhere to the scheduled roadline.

✓ Public Lighting. A report by the Engineer, containing proposals for proceeding with the re-lighting of the north-eastern section of the Central District, is submitted. The opinion of the Council is recorded that unless this matter is of an urgent character, the work should be deferred for the present. The antagonistic attitude now adopted by the Shanghai Gas Company is regarded as a sufficient reason for placing no further orders for new gas lamps for the present.

✓ Health Department. A letter from the Health Officer points out that the increasing work of the Department is such as to render it advisable to appoint a second Assistant Health Officer to arrive early next year, and the Council unanimously endorses the proposal. The details of the appointment

appointment will be submitted for the Watch Committee's approval.

Dr Stanley alludes to the fact that during the recent cholera outbreak he has been greatly assisted in the treatment of cholera patients in the Municipal Hospital by Dr Stafford Cox, and his recommendation that Dr Cox be offered an honorarium of £500 in recognition of his services is adopted.

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✓ "Alhambra". Mr Hanson draws attention to the fact that gambling operations at this establishment have, as a matter of common knowledge, again assumed serious proportions, and he is of opinion that its continuance is fraught with the very gravest consequences to the Settlement. After some discussion it is decided to take the matter up by addressing a letter to the Consular Body.

✓ Peking Road Widening. From the return of sums spent on road widenings during the current year, it is observed that no more than £967 has been paid to owners in the Peking Road, and Mr Hanson alludes to the desirability of taking up the question of unregistered properties, upon which old Chinese houses of little value are situated, without delay. Not only does he regard the question of widening this thoroughfare one of the first importance, but he considers that delay in the case of lots of this description will tend to enhance the amount of compensation ultimately payable. The matter will have the attention of the Works Committee at the first opportunity.

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

David Laidale

Chairman.

A. W. Curson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday September 18, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

The Secretary and

The Assistant Secretary

Absent -

E.B. Skottowe

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.

Departmental Reports: - The following are submitted.

Engineer's report for August.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of September 16 are read and confirmed. With reference to

✓ Indent No. 637, the Engineer's report is read, on the subject of his proposals for decreasing the losses in distribution by the installation of plant valued at £2765, and the Chairman states that, since the Committee has doubtless given this matter its careful attention, there remains only for the Council to confirm the proposed purchase. At the same time, he is of opinion that, in the present financial state of the Department, the purchase of new machinery, except where considered necessary for efficient working, should be discouraged.

✓ Contracts. It is noted that the point raised in the minute under this heading will receive further attention at the hands of the Committee.

✓ Accident. Mr Prentice refers to two recent occasions when electric light poles have fallen in the streets, resulting in one instance in a fatal accident, and, since the incident does not appear to have been reported, it is decided to draw the attention of the Committee to the matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of September 17 are read and confirmed. In regard to the proposed

✓ Indian Hospital, the Council considers that the Victoria Nursing Home site may not perhaps be the best possible position for this institution under the circumstances, and a detailed expression of the Health Officer's proposal is called for, showing exactly the site suggested for the buildings, and reasons for their location.

✓ Indian Watchmen. The Council is of opinion that the gradual enlistment of watchmen in the Police Force is a matter which, with considerable advantage to the Community, might gradually be brought into force, and steps to this end are accordingly directed.

✓ Personnel. Considerable discussion ensues on the subject of the confirmation of Captain Barrett's appointment as Assistant Superintendent, and Mr McMichael explains his attitude in the matter at some length. Judging from the correspondence which took place early in the year, it appears to him probable that the advice of Colonel Walker, Commandant of the Malay States Guides, will form a useful guide to the Council in this matter. It is therefore decided to address a letter of enquiry in this sense, and to leave the question in abeyance until receipt of his reply.

In respect to the arrangements for the titles and salaries of the officers of the Police Force now authorised, it is decided, at the Chairman's suggestion, to record the fact that the changes involved are part of a general scheme of reorganisation of the Force directly resultant upon the labours of the Police Enquiry Committee.

✓ Recruiting. A general discussion ensues on the growing number of calls which are being made upon the London Agents for work to which no specific remuneration is attached, and which the firm of Messrs John Pook & Co. are not well qualified to perform. The question of the appointment of a recruiting officer for the Police Force, and possibly for the whole of the Municipal Service, will engage the attention of the Finance Committee at an early opportunity.

✓ Tramways. The Council unanimously endorses the view that steps should be taken to prevent the journey from the Settlement to the Race Course from being divided into two fare-sections, in the view that such an arrangement would cause no little annoyance to the Foreign Community. The Company will therefore be requested to revise their schedule in this sense.

• Volunteers - Customs Company. Upon the recommendation of the Acting Commandant, commissions are authorised for issue to Lieutenant J.W. Innocent as Captain to command the Company, vice Captain Cubitt resigned, and to 2nd Lieutenant D.C. Dick as Lieutenant.

✓ Cargo Boat Licenses. An application by Messrs Wheelock & Co. is submitted, suggesting the reduction in the aggregate license fee now paid by them for cargo boats making use of the Municipal jetties. This request has had the attention of the Finance Committee, and, while generally speaking the Council is of opinion that the fee paid is upon a low basis, it is decided in reply to state that the matter will have the Council's consideration later, when the pontoons for the exclusive use of passengers are inaugurated, and when, as a result, the water traffic regulations will be subject to revision.

✓ Accounts Office. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hanson, the Council records an expression of sincere regret at the recent sudden death of the Acting Accountant Mr A.E. Jones. The question of a gratuity for his family will form a subject of recommendation by the Finance Committee at an early date, and, in the meanwhile, the Council confirms the appointment of Mr J.C. Bosustow as Acting Accountant, with other proposed office arrangements. A telegram will be despatched to London expediting the departure of the assistant for this office whose appointment was recently approved.

✓ Land Assessment, Central District. Letters from the China Land and Finance Co. and the China Export Import and Bank Compagnie are read, in continuation of the subject of their protests at respective new valuations for taxation. After re-consideration of the facts, it is decided to state that no further amendment of the rates in question is in the Council's opinion called for.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

David Sandale

Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday September 25, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

E.B. Skottowe

The Secretary and

The Assistant Secretary

Absent :- J. Prentice

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

✓ Minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of September 20 are read and confirmed. In regard to

Uniform, it appears to the Chairman a possible solution of the question, that the special uniform for the Band be discontinued and that the musicians wear Volunteer uniform upon all public occasions. If this proposal is unobjectionable to the Volunteer Authorities, it will be adopted, and, in the alternative, the Council decides to uphold the decision of the Committee that a plain uniform of blue with peaked caps shall be worn.

✓ The Minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of September 23 are read, and with reference to the :-

✓ Victoria Nursing Home, a further letter from Messrs Stokes, Platt and Teesdale has been received, offering the whole of Cadastral lot 980, with the building thereon for the sum of Tael 33,400, and the Council directs acceptance. The members are informed that there is every probability of securing a suitable house for the use of the present tenant of these premises.

Bubbling

✓ Bubbling Well Cemetery. The Chairman is of opinion that, unless the price is prohibitive, the acquisition of the additional north-west corner of this property is advisable on general public grounds, and it is decided to proceed with the purchase.

✓ Alabaster and Kaifeng Roads. Discussion ensues as to the Council's policy with respect to the extension of these roads beyond Settlement limits, and the opinion is unanimous that, provided the necessary land can be obtained without payment, it shall be acquired for road purposes. The Engineer will therefore be directed to negotiate upon this basis, or otherwise to report as to the most favourable terms upon which the extensions can be arranged.

✓ North Honan Road. Mr Meuser states that he has seen the representative of Mr Seisson, who has expressed unwillingness to refer the boundary dispute to arbitration. With a view, therefore, to avoiding litigation before the Court of Consuls, it is decided as a matter of form, to admit the ownership of the land in question, and to leave the assessment of compensation therefor to the Land Commission, the Council's view being recorded that no sum is in this case properly payable.

✓ Garden Bridge. The sympathy of the members is extended to Mr Evans, in regard to the disadvantages under which he is labouring as a result of the bridge re-construction work, and it is decided to provide his premises if possible with temporary means of access, and otherwise to minimise the inconvenience attendant upon the laying of tramlines and the road re-construction work in the neighbourhood.

✓ Police Eastern Depot. A report by the Assistant Engineer informs the Council of the circumstances attendant upon the purchase of Cadastral lot 131B, from which it appears that, while the Council has agreed to pay ¥2000 per mow, the beneficiary owner will receive little more than ¥1500. The matter was placed in the hands of a broker by the name of Raven, formerly an employe in the Public Works Department, and a compromise may be arranged with him by which the lot may be purchased for the net sum of ¥17,000 with 2½ o/o added for brokerage. This course is authorised for adoption, and, as a result of further discussion, the Council decides that in future the services only of leading land brokers of undoubted standing shall be utilised in cases of this description. The connection of the Council with this transaction is considered most unsatisfactory and explicit instructions in the sense indicated will be issued.

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✓ Mixed Court. At the suggestion of the British Assessor it is decided to construct such simple furniture and fittings as are required in both the upper and lower courts. The question of cost is not considered of importance, in view of the convenience which will follow from the establishment of proper accommodation for the Police, Press, Counsel and Public. The Council therefore decides to defray if necessary the whole amount, in accordance with the precedent formed in 1898.

✓ Tramways, Fare Sections. Further letters from Messrs Alfred Dent & Co. and Mr W.R. Wright are submitted on the subject of the section in the Nanking Road to which objection has been raised. The Company's proposal to terminate the section at the Chekiang Road was made in view of the line to the Railway Station, but since the distance from the Station to the Defence Creek has also been found to be less than Miles $1\frac{1}{2}$, the Council adheres to the view previously recorded.

✓ E Yuen Garden. With reference to a complaint by residents in the neighbourhood of this resort, and in connection with an application for the transfer of the license to another owner, the Watch Committee is of opinion that, since the terms of the original understanding with the former proprietor have not been adhered to, and since the Garden has become a serious nuisance to the neighbourhood in which it is situated, it would be well to withdraw all the licenses at present held. After some discussion, however, it is decided to address a letter to the new proprietor, informing him of the facts, and stating that unless strict adherence is given to the conditions of the license, it will be cancelled. A draft letter in this sense will be circulated for members' approval.

✓ Shanghai Public School. A letter from the Secretary of this Institution is read, to the effect that the duties attached to the post have now become more onerous than can be adequately performed under the present conditions. In accordance therefore with the School Committee's request, the Council directs that these duties be hereafter performed by the Municipal Secretariat. By this means the procedure will be brought into line with that in force in respect to other sub-committees.

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

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Chairman

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday October 2, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

- M.M.
- D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- J.C. Hanson
- W.D. Little
- A.D. Lowe
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- J. Prentice
- E.B. Skottowe
- The Secretary and
- The 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

- Cash statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

✓ Hoardings. With reference to a minute prepared for publication on this subject, Mr Skottowe points out that the facilities for public traffic at the corner of the Nanking Road and the Bund are at present open to criticism owing to hoardings placed, in his opinion, unnecessarily far into the roadway, and it is decided to address a letter to the architects concerned, requesting that whatever steps are possible be taken towards improving this state of affairs, and that a foot passageway be provided in the Nanking Road so soon as is practicable.

✓ Garden Bridge. Further discussion ensues on the subject of Mr Evans' compensation claim, and of the method of the Public Works Department in respect to the road repairs in Broadway and the North Soochow Road. The Chairman is of opinion that sufficient study has not been given to the question of public convenience, and that works of this description should be carried out, after due preparation, within the smallest possible time. The attention of the Municipal Engineer will be drawn to the matter.

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✓ E Yuen Garden. The Council is informed that Mr Kin Gen Sang has pointed out that the complete closing of the Bubbling Well Road gate to carriage traffic will seriously impair the business of this establishment, and he asks that the old rule permitting the ingress of carriages should be maintained. The Watch Committee is unanimous in the view that the terms of license as agreed should not be further modified, and, upon a show of hands, it is decided to adhere to the terms recommended by the Captain Superintendent.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of September 26 are read and confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of September 27 are read and adopted, the Council concurring in the proposal that the existing vacancy in the Committee shall remain open until the return to Shanghai of Dr Ferguson.

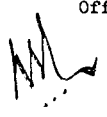
✓ Volunteers.

✓ Command of the Corps. Copy of a letter from the Army Council, forwarded by the Hongkong Military Authorities, is submitted, from which it is noted that the Council's application for the extension of Colonel Watson's term of service has been granted, for a further period of one year i.e. until March 12, 1909. With this in view there arises for discussion the question of the chief command of the whole of the Defence Forces, in time of riot or other disturbance. After some preliminary debate the matter is left for consideration and recommendation by the Watch Committee.

✓ Defence Scheme. The Chairman states that he has had an enquiry from the Captain of H.M.S. "Cadmus" as to his duties and responsibilities in the event of being called upon to land a body of men. It is decided to take up the question of the defence scheme where it was left by Mr Holliday, and to arrange for a definite understanding on the subject with the Senior Naval Officer. This matter will also engage the attention of the Watch Committee at an early date.

✓ Tramways, Fare Sections. From a further letter from Messrs Alfred Dent & Co. on this subject the Council notes with satisfaction that its wishes in regard to the Nanking Road have been complied with.

✓ Municipal Surgeons. A letter from Dr Marshall, in respect to the fee at present paid to his firm as Municipal Surgeons, has been submitted to the Finance Committee together with comment thereon by the Health Officer. It is the unanimous opinion of the members that the fee at present



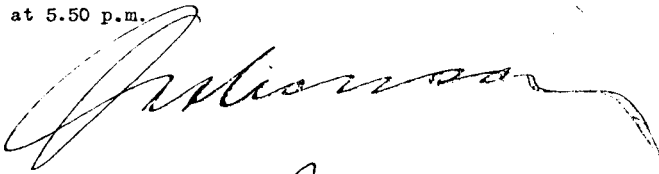
present paid is an inadequate return for the services which the firm renders to the Municipal Staff, and, admitting the necessity for raising the figure, the Chairman considers that, with a view to permanent settlement of the question, the amount should be fixed per head of those attended. The question of increasing the staff of the Health Department sufficiently to enable this work to be carried out by the Council's employes is also considered, and, in conclusion, it is decided to leave the matter for recommendation by the Finance Committee in connexion with the Budget for 1908.


Water Main in the North Soochow Road. A letter from the Waterworks Co. points out that the operations in this road involve burying an important water main from 8 to 9 feet below ground level, and that access thereto for purposes of repair or new connexions will hereafter be rendered more difficult and more expensive than heretofore. The Company's proposal to place a culvert or subway for a distance of 150 feet is approved, and some discussion ensues as to the Council's liability for the cost. It being of urgent importance that this work be carried out as soon as possible, it is decided not to delay the matter on this account, the further consideration of which may well await the settlement of the question of the gas main in the Canton Road.

Accounts Office. Mr Hanson, after consultation with Mr S.E. Smalley, one of the executors of the late sub-accountant Mr A.E. Jones, states that from figures in his possession it appears that Mr Jones' family is left with small provision for maintenance. His proposal that the Council shall make a grant of one year's pay, Tls 5,400, for the benefit of the family is unanimously approved.

Pahsienjao Cemetery. In reply to an enquiry the Health Officer reports that there are still grave spaces in the Pahsienjao Cemetery not yet occupied or reserved, and the Council records the fact with a view to the correction of a very general misconception on the subject on the part of the public.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.


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Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday October 9, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

O. Meuser (Acting Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe

The Secretary and

The Assistant Secretary

Absent - 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.

✓ Electrical Engineer's Report. Mr Prentice is of opinion that the publication of this document is inadvisable, upon the grounds that official responsibility is involved for the optimistic predictions therein contained. In continuation, however, of the policy of affording the public full information on all Municipal affairs, except where such action would be prejudicial to the public interests, it is decided to print the report omitting the clauses relating to financial results of working.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Engineer for September

Superintendent of Parks do.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended

Police daily reports.

✓ Smoke Nuisance. With reference to the statement that the smoke nuisance formerly caused by the Electricity Works chimney shaft has now entirely ceased as a result of the operation of mechanical stokers, it is decided at the Chairman's suggestion to take up the question of other offensive chimneys in the Settlement, and steam launches in the Harbour. Papers showing how the case against Messrs Liddell Bros. and Messrs Mackenzie & Co. stands will be submitted at an early date, and, in regard to launches,

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launches, the Secretary is directed to ascertain from the Harbourmaster what steps, if any, to the desired end he considers practicable.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 3 are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 7 are read, and with reference thereto:-

✓ Cadastral lot 168. Upon re-consideration of this subject, the Council decides that, rather than prejudice any building scheme which may be contemplated during the next three years, for the sake of the Tls 4,000 per annum paid by Messrs Markt & Co. as rent, it will be preferable to leave the conditions of the lease of this property untouched.

✓ Garden Bridge. Directions are given that the report by the Engineer and Consulting Engineer on the subject of hydraulic rivetting be circulated for the members' information as soon as possible.

With regard to the road operations in Broadway and the North Soochow Road, Mr Prentice criticises at some length the apparent lack of foreign supervision and prompt methods on the part of the Public Works Department. The members are informed that, as a result of pressure, a large number of the coolies have gone on strike. The acting Chairman undertakes to impress upon the Engineer the necessity of giving this matter close attention, with a view, if possible, to allaying the adverse criticism with which the operations are being assailed.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Artillery. Upon the recommendation of the Acting Commandant commissions are authorised for issue to Messrs R.W. Davis and L.E. Canning as 2nd Lieutenants.

✓ Land Assessment.

✓ Northern District. Appeals to the number of 14 against the values in this district are submitted, and ordered for reference to Messrs Scott and Algar for comment for the Finance Committee's guidance.

✓ Court of Consuls. As a result of an interview between the Chairman and H.M.

Consul General, it has been arranged that a petition for re-hearing of the suit against the Gas Company shall be made. This course is adopted less with a view to obtaining a reversion of the Court's decision, than to enabling an official statement to be made of the Council's reasons for refusal to arbitrate when first requested, and for not including argument in the defence first made.

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Sir Pelham Warren has expressed the opinion that, if arbitration is subsequently resorted to, it would be preferable that the award, which may have considerable value for citation hereafter, should be made by and have the authority of H.M. Judge.

Municipal Loan. The Council is informed that one half of the Loan for 1907, Tls 250,000 for Electrical plant, has now been placed, at an average rate of issue of Tls 99.2142 net.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

David Laundale

Chairman.

W. E. Benson
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Friday October 18, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)
A.W. Burkill
W.D. Little
A.D. Lowe
J.H. McMichael
O. Meuser
J. Prentice
E.B. Skottowe
The Secretary and
The Assistant Secretary

Absent - J.C. Hanson

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Summary of Revenue for September.
Wharfage Dues for September Quarter.
Gaol Superintendent's report for September.
Cash statement for the past week.
Return of prisoners apprehended.
Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meetings of the Public School Committee of September 30 and

October 10 are read and confirmed. With respect to the:-

Procedure thus for the first time introduced, the Chairman expresses satisfaction that the Committee has, upon its own initiative, taken steps for simplifying the administration of the School, which has during the past year suffered from the anomalous position of its Committee.

Fees. With regard to the statement of outstanding accounts, the Council directs more stringent measures on the part of the Tax Office, with respect to the notification of unpaid school bills.

Athletics. Noting the Committee's views on the subject of the expenses of school sports etc., the Council sanctions the proposed special grant of Tls 200.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of October 11 are read and confirmed.

✓ Conductor. With regard to the arrangement as to the occasional substitution of the Assistant Conductor for the Conductor at public performances, the Chairman considers it probable that further modification will be required next summer.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of October 11 are read and confirmed. In regard to the:-

✓ Soldiers' Cemetery. Reference is made to the Health Officer's report on this subject of March 6, and the Council's published decision to carry out the work of restoration. Mr Meuser considers that it may be advisable to prepare for the possible sequestration of the site for purposes of a Chinese Road by transferring the bodies contained in the Cemetery to Pahnienjao. He eventually undertakes to visit the site, together with the Chairman of the Watch Committee, the matter being left in the meanwhile for further consideration at the next meeting of Council.

✓ Supreme Command of the Defence Forces. Discussing the question of Colonel Watson's position in this respect, the Council is informed that the proposed arrangements will present no difficulty, since an informal understanding in the same sense was arrived at by the officers concerned when in London.

✓ Traffic. Mr Meuser alludes to the desirability of preventing road openings for electric and other poles during business hours, and a report by the Engineer is called for on the subject with a view to carrying this proposal into effect.

Gaol. In regard to the reported attitude and conduct of Gaoler Blennerhassett, it appears to the members desirable that he be removed from his present post forthwith, but, in deference to the views of the Captain Superintendent, it is decided to leave the whole question of change of Gaol administration until the end of the year, when Colonel Watson will have returned, and when the necessary arrangements for reports and accounts may be carried out with convenience.

✓ Mixed Court.

✓ Cases of accidental death. From the returns of October it is observed that the second case referred to in this minute has been dismissed, and the accused liberated.

✓ Female Cells. Mr Burkill has seen the British Assessor in this matter, and Mr Barton has promised to take up the question of improved food

food for female convicts without delay. The change in the magistracy now taking place renders immediate action a matter of some difficulty.

Fighting in the Yangtzepoo Road. Mr Barton, similarly approached as to this case, has explained that, whereas a small penalty might have been inflicted for the street disturbance with which the accused were charged, it was within his knowledge that the men were wanted in connexion with a serious stabbing affray in Pootung, for which reason therefore he directed their transfer to the City.

Case of Female Cruelty. The Police daily report submitted refers to the slight sentence of three months' imprisonment imposed upon a woman guilty of inhuman cruelty to a child, and the Council directs that an enquiry be addressed to the Assessor concerned, with a view to further investigation of the facts and, if necessary, to drawing public attention to the case.

Case of Detention in the City. The Captain Superintendent reports the case of a native doctor enticed into the City, and there illegally detained, with no definite charge against him. Noting that this man was the means of obtaining the evidence which convicted the murderers of P.C. Morrow, it is decided to address the Senior Consul in the matter, with the request that an enquiry be demanded as to the reasons for the detention.

Volunteers.

Arms. A note from the Ordnance Department, Hongkong, states that the 4 new 15 pounder quick-firing guns, complete with ammunition, equipment stores, harness, and saddlery, are now ready for shipment and, upon the suggestion of the acting Commandant of Volunteers, it is decided to store the present 9 pounder battery temporarily at the Gaol.

Arrests beyond Settlement limits. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted forwarding copies of further correspondence with the Taatai on this subject. The Chairman points out that, in spite of the assurance received personally from Sir Pelham Warren, the Consular Body has again replied to the Taatai's letter on this subject without reference in the first place to the Council. It is decided to reply, alluding to this fact, and pointing out certain serious objections which the concluding proposals of the Senior Consul present.

Pig Slaughtering. The Police reports of October 13 and 14 summarise steps taken in respect to the liberation of a number of pigs forcibly taken to the
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the new Slaughter House in the Kashing Road, which has been repeatedly under the Council's notice in former years.

Tramways.

Supply of Power. A report by the Electrical Engineer submitted forecasts the dates at which power may be expected to be available for tramway purposes, for both preliminary running and final supply. The substance of this report will be communicated without formality to the Tramway Company.

Deposit. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the deposit of £5,000, made at the time of signature of the Tramway Concession agreement, will fall due on October 25, and, since strictly speaking the money is not properly returnable until the construction work is completed, it is decided to permit arrangements to be made by the Concessionaires for its renewal.

House Assessment. The appeal of the Great Northern Telegraph Co.Ld. is submitted, on the subject of the assessment of their new premises at Tls 15000 per annum. This rate is regarded by the Finance Committee as not unreasonable, while at the same time it is observed that other similarly situated buildings on the Bund are to some extent under-assessed. It is decided to uphold the assessment fixed by the Overseer of Taxes in this case, and to make preparations with a view to revision in June next of the House Assessment Schedule issued in 1903.

Electricity Department. Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, it is decided, in lieu of issuing the usual public notification, to invite local tenders for the new condensing plant from the three principal concerns competent to undertake the work.

Proposed International Exhibition. Referring to the discussion of this project which took place in July last, Mr Skottowe states that the 400 mow of land adjoining the Edinburgh Road, suggested as a site, may be purchased at an all round rate of Tls 1000 per mow through the instrumentality of Mr Hardeen.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

David Dundale

Chairman.

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Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday October 23, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe

The Secretary and

The Assistant Secretary

Absent -

J.C. Hanson

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Japanese Sailors. The reply of the Japanese Consul General is submitted to the Council's letter on the subject of the treatment of certain cases of street brawling in the Consular and Naval Courts. The evidence collected in support of these Police prosecutions has been the subject of further scrutiny, and is, in the opinion of the Captain Superintendent, substantiated and complete. The question is considered, however, to be one in which no further action can be taken.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 21 are read and confirmed. With regard to the question of extending the:-

Alabaster Road, considerable discussion ensues, the members of the Works Committee unanimously supporting the view that the projected expenditure should not be sanctioned while there remains for execution so much new road construction work within Settlement limits. Mr Burkill is of opinion that a forward policy in regard to all roads beyond limits is desirable, in order to avoid heavy expenditure in widening native alley-ways hereafter. Upon a show of hands, however, it is decided to decline the offer of surrender as submitted.

Wei Haiwei

Wei Haiwei Road. The Committee's view in respect to Mr Hardoon's suggested general compromise of claims in return for the removal from the official plan of the section of this road through his garden, is unanimously supported by the Council, and it is decided to communicate to Mr Hardoon the members' wish that he will treat each of the matters under negotiation separately and upon its own merits.

Contracts. Referring to the difficulty experienced in obtaining tenders for brick and lime, to which reference is made in the Committee's minutes, Mr Meuser states that the Engineer has proposals for the engagement of a Chinese-speaking foreigner to supervise this class of work in the Public Works Department. A special report has been called for on the subject.

Garden Bridge. Noting that the substitution of cast iron for stone in the matter of pylons is not feasible, the tender of Messrs Stoltz & Kind is authorised for acceptance.

Soldiers' Cemetery. This site has been visited by the Watch Committee and other members of the Council, and it is decided that the work of repair and restoration must proceed forthwith. The dilapidated condition of the wall, and the character of its foundations, are such as to render repair impracticable, and the scheme of rebuilding, including a watchman's lodge, and other matters in accordance with a plan submitted, is adopted. The tender of Zee Zung Tai for Tls 3650 is authorised for acceptance.

Native Proclamations. The Council is informed that a letter from the Senior Consul on this subject, enclosing 3 proclamations to be posted in the usual manner, is under consideration by the Captain Superintendent of Police, who will report thereon at an early date.

Proposed International Exhibition. Further consideration of this subject has convinced the members that the present offer of 400 mow of land at Tls 1000 per mow is of too great magnitude to warrant any steps not based upon a vote of the Ratepayers. On the other hand, it is submitted that the exhibition project is entitled to every possible assistance on the part of the Council, and Mr Skottowe states that this assistance may best take the form of a guaranteed suitable site. The Chairman will see Mr Hardoon again in the matter of the land, with the view if possible to obtaining less prohibitive terms.

Victoria

Victoria Nursing Home Site. The offer of Dr Lalcaea of the whole of Cadastral lot 988 with the buildings thereon is submitted. The rate of Tls 7000 per mow is regarded as excessive, and, in accordance with the recommendation of the Engineer, it is decided to submit a counter-offer of Tls 5500 per mow, being Tls 500 higher than the recent valuation by Messrs W. Scott and A.E. Algar. The claim for buildings, Tls 5000 is considered reasonable, and the usual addition of 10 o/o for compulsory surrender will be added.

Pig Slaughtering. A letter from Messrs Ellis & Hays is read, enquiring as to a report by the Captain Superintendent on the subject of his interview with Mr A.A. Brady. The Police report on this subject took the form only of entries in the morning state, and made no allusion by name to Mr Brady. Colonel Bruce now points out that his reports to the Council are in the first place confidential, and a reply is therefore authorised, alluding to the fact that a full account of the proceedings in the Mixed Court against the natives responsible for the incident has appeared in the local press.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday October 30, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe

The Secretary and

The Assistant Secretary

Absent -

J.C. Hanson

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.Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Japanese Sailors. The Chairman states that he has exchanged visits with the Japanese Admiral, who has promised to use his best endeavour to prevent the repetition of the recent conduct of his men, which gave rise to the Police prosecutions in the Consular Court.

Rabies. A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police informs the Council of three certified cases of mad dogs within the past week. Referring to the necessity for stringent enforcement of the muzzling order, Colonel Bruce draws attention to the divergence of view taken, and penalty inflicted, by the various Consular Courts. The Council is aware that there is apparently no remedy for this condition of affairs, but it is decided to address the Senior Consul on the subject, with the request that all cases of unmuzzled dogs be treated with severity.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of October 28, are read and confirmed. With reference to the:-

Hongkew Recreation Ground, the Chairman is of opinion that preference in the allocation of the football grounds should be granted to the Shanghai Public School, by reason of its public character.

Noting

Noting that all reasonable precautions against stray bullets from the Range have been taken, it is decided that if after three months no further case has arisen the whole of the Ground will be re-opened to public use.

Volunteers.

Japanese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Acting Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to Mr Teiichi Asano as 2nd Lieutenant.

"Alhambra". A letter from the Consul for Spain is read from which it is observed that sufficient authority has been placed in the hands of the Captain Superintendent for securing the discontinuance of public gambling at this establishment, and it is decided to convey an expression of the Council's appreciation to Mr Seo for his action in the matter.

Native Proclamations. The letter of the Consular Body on this subject is submitted, together with a Police report in re. It is the opinion of the Watch Committee that the frequency with which these documents have during the past year been forwarded to be posted in the Settlement, constitutes the basis of the Council's objection thereto rather than the actual contents of the proclamations themselves.

A full memorandum will be prepared for members information on this subject, and in the meantime the Chairman records the view that, while each proclamation must necessarily be dealt with upon its merits, it would appear well to comply with the request of the Chinese Authorities except where definite prejudicial results are anticipated.

Land Assessment.

Northern District. The Finance Committee having endorsed the recommendations of the assessors in respect to appeals against the re-assessment of this District it is decided to forward replies in accordance therewith.

Eastern District. Plan showing the re-valuation of this District, Section A, is laid on the table, and it is decided as usual to issue notices to the concerned. The schedule of new values is ordered for publication.

Victoria Nursing Home Site. A reply from Dr Laloca is read to the Council's offer for the purchase of Cadastral lot 988, and, noting that the difference between this offer and the original claim is not more than \$850, it is decided to accept the first price for the property complete, \$9735.

Police

Police.

Additional Quarters. With a view to accommodating the additional recruits now en route from England, the Captain Superintendent has selected five sets of premises suitable for the purpose, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided to take leases thereof at the rates stated, the total cost amounting to rather less than ₹5,000 per annum.

Canton Kiangse Road Widening. A further letter from Mr Lester on this subject is read, asking for re-consideration of the Council's decision to effect the improvement ex Cadastral lot 178 without waiting for the rebuilding of the whole of the property concerned. After some discussion it is decided, upon the ground that the widening of the Canton Road is of the first importance as a result of the inauguration of tramways, that re-building to the new line must proceed forthwith. The question of compensation is one which, unless Mr Lester's claim is considered reasonable, will be submitted for decision by the Land Commission.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

David Landale

Chairman.

W. Munson
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday November 13, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Health Officer for October

Victoria Nursing Home do.

Engineer do.

Superintendent of Parks do.

Special Report on Convict Labour do.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 7 are read and confirmed. With respect to the:-

Victoria Fire Station, some discussion takes place as to a further suggestion by the Watch Committee that the building be of three stories, and as to the fact that the living rooms are designed to face westward. The Works Committee considers that this latter feature calls for amendment; on the other hand Mr Lowe regards it as immaterial. The question is left for further discussion by the Works Committee when the Engineer is present

Gaol Wall. Attention is drawn to the fact that this structure is not required upon the Ward Road frontage of the site, but should properly complete the rectangle excluding the quarters of the Gaoler and Warders. Directions are given that the plan be amended in this respect.

Additional

Additional Assistant Superintendent. A telegram from the General Officer Commanding in Tientsin is read, enquiring whether this appointment can be kept open for Captain Johnson until the date named. Colonel Bruce has unofficial information to the effect that Captain Johnson may conveniently be transferred in January, and it is decided to reply undertaking to hold the appointment over until then.

Cadet Creasy. The Committee's decision in this matter will not be communicated to Mr Creasy until after the arrival of Mr Anderson, under whose directions the appointment was made.

Sergeant Bannatyne. The Secretary states that the information furnished to the Committee in this case was inaccurate, since Sergeant Bannatyne has had the privilege of participation in the Superannuation Fund since the expiry of his last agreement, in which circumstances no gratuity has been issued.

Land Regulation I. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, drawing attention to the fact that the clause in this article relating to the exemption of Consular properties from Municipal control has been omitted in the reprints of the Regulations since 1899. It appears to the members that the omission is correctly so made, in accordance with the Resolution of the Ratepayers at that date, and it is decided to reply accordingly.

Whangpoo Conservancy. A letter from the German Association is submitted, enclosing a memorandum critical of the conservancy works in progress, and asking for the Council's support to a proposal to address certain questions to the Engineer in charge. The members consider that, inasmuch as the initiative in the matter of Conservancy was taken by the Chamber of Commerce, the intervention of the Council at the present juncture would be ill-advised, particularly since the points raised are of a highly technical nature. The reply therefore will take the form of formal acknowledgment, and the Council will await such action as the Chamber may take in this matter.

Land Commission. Awards in cases Nos XLVII to LI are submitted and ordered for communication to the concerned and publication as usual. Mr Meuser alludes to the fact that the principle of betterment has not been applied in the case of Mrs Papps, and that the award in the case of Mr Morat (Boundary Road) appears to have been made under a misapprehension of the Council's action in respect to adjoining properties. The awards however are final, and no further step in the matter is therefore fitting.

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The reply of the Commission is read to the Council's letter submitting the proposed Building Rule in respect to hoardings, and the suggestion is noted that the height limit be raised from 8 to 10 feet. It is decided to enquire the reasons upon which the Commission has based its suggested modification of the limit recommended by the Municipal Engineer.

Auditorship. The application of Mr G.H. Thomson to associate his brother with himself in the work of the audit is approved, it being understood that the responsibility for, and signature of, the Financial Statement will remain Mr Thomson's personal duty.

Accounts Office. To fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Sub-Accountant the Council approves obtaining the services of an additional assistant from London, with qualifications and at a salary similar to those fixed for Mr Goodale, now en route from England.

Volunteers.

Portuguese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Acting Commandant a commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Second Lieutenant B.M. Carion.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Legal Adviser forwards a copy of the reply of the Court to the Council's application for a rehearing in the case versus the Shanghai Gas Company, in accordance wherewith the matter will proceed to arbitration. It is decided to publish the whole of the official papers in re for purposes of record.

Mixed Court. A discussion ensues as to the handling by the Mixed Court of the question of child slavery within Settlement limits, as to the growing number of vagrants and beggars in the streets, and as to the great increase in the number of prisoners in Municipal custody. The only apparent remedy for the present state of affairs appears to be the re-introduction of the system of administering blows as a form of punishment, and, giving the matter general consideration, it is unanimously decided to make official representations to the Consular Body in this sense.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

David Goodale

Chairman.

M. Thomson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday November 20, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 J.C. Hanson
 W.D. Little
 A.D. Lowe
 J.H. McMichael
 O. Meuser
 J. Prentice
 E.B. Skottowe
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Statement of Expenditure to October 31.
 Gaol Superintendent for October.
 Cash statement for the past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police daily reports.

Cadet Creasy. The Chairman has learnt from Mr Anderson that the circumstances attending the engagement of this officer warrant compliance with his request to be placed financially upon the same basis as a subaltern in the Indian Army. It also appears to the Council desirable to adopt this course in recognition of the marked interest in the appointment displayed by certain officials in the Foreign Office. Under these circumstances Mr Creasy's salary is authorised for issue at Rs 325 per mensem during his stay in India.

Whangpoo Conservancy. The Council is informed that the Chamber of Commerce, while not definitely supporting the proposals of the German Association, has decided to invite an expression of Mr De Rijke's views as to the necessity for modifying any part of his original scheme for the improvement of the river channel. In these circumstances it is finally resolved to take no part in the present movement.

Native

Native Proclamations. The reply of the Consular Body is read to the Council's letter on this subject, to the effect that the Consular stamp having been placed on the documents cannot now be withdrawn. In the course of the discussion which ensues allusion is made to the neglect to forward two of the proclamations in the first place for the Council's consideration, and to the fact that both the Magistrate responsible for ~~this~~ issue and the Taotai have been transferred from Shanghai; it appears therefore probable that arrangements may be made whereby they may be considered to be cancelled, and the Chairman undertakes to consult with H.M. Consul General with this end in view.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of November 12 are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of November 14 and 15 are read and confirmed. With respect to:-

Mr Preece's Report. It is decided that this report be included in extenso in the minutes for publication, and with reference to a request by the Electrical Engineer that his report of February last relating to the proposed new Power Station be published at the same time, it is decided to await the consideration of the point by the Committee.

New Condensing Plant. With reference to the Committee's recommendation upon this subject Mr Prentice enquires whether the plant to be supplied by Messrs W.N. Allen Son & Co. possesses a guarantee for the necessary cooling surface, and, after some discussion, it is decided to accept this tender only provided the Electrical Engineer is satisfied upon the point.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 18 are read and in regard to:-

Broadway East. Mr Prentice reiterates his opinion that the widening to 50 feet is unjustified, recording his view in this sense.

Landing Accommodation. The Committee's decision in this matter is confirmed in respect to the pontoon to be placed opposite the Shanghai Club. It is decided however to experiment with the second pontoon by locking it to the south end of that opposite the Peking Road with the usual mooring devices.

Garden Bridge. The Chairman concurs with the view that the widening of the Soochow Road opposite H.M. Consulate General is a desirable improvement

improvement, which may best be effected before the completion of the works in progress. At Mr Little's suggestion however it is decided to defer further consideration of the matter until the next meeting, by which time he will have taken occasion to visit the spot in person.

Public Gambling. From Police reports on this subject it is noted that gambling has of late been taking place in the neighbourhood of the "Alhambra", at an establishment known as the "Lou Yuen", and that the proprietors are enjoying the protection of the Consul for Cuba. It is decided to make representations to the American Consul General, stating the facts for transmission to his Government, and expressing confidence that his support will attain the end desired.

Case of a Native Doctor. A Police report is read on this subject and it is observed that the Taotai's reply to the Senior Consul is to the effect that the man in question is likely shortly to be released upon receipt of a satisfactory guarantee. The prospect of such guarantee being obtained, and the time when the prisoner is ultimately released, will be the subject of further detective observation.

Mental Ward. In view of the Consular Body's assent to the procedure suggested for the treatment of mental cases, the correspondence in the matter is ordered for publication.

Cadastral Office. From a report by the Engineer it is noted that the Officer at present in charge of the American Consular Land Office consistently disregards the rules laid down for observance in respect to the Cadastral Office. This matter was a subject of correspondence between the Council and the Consul General in March of this year, when a promise was received as to future observance of the recognised procedure. The Secretary is directed in the first place to call Mr Denby's attention to the serious results which accrue from neglect of these formalities, with a view if possible to avoiding further official complaints.

Lloyd's Publishing Co. Ltd. The Council is informed of an application by this Company for assistance and co-operation in the compiling of a descriptive book of general reference relating to Shanghai. The members are generally of opinion that a work of this character is calculated to prove useful, and, upon the understanding that the contents of the proposed publication will be submitted for the Council's scrutiny, and that no expense will be incurred all necessary assistance is authorised to be afforded.

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✓ Ordure Contract. The Health Officer reports satisfactorily upon the work of Contractor Chu Chi-woo whose 3 years agreement is about to expire. Upon his recommendation it is decided to enter into a fresh contract with this applicant for two years at the enhanced rate of payment of \$5500 per mensem.

✓ Mixed Court. Letter from the Senior Consul is read, wherein is enclosed a further communication from the Chinese Authorities as to the suggested code of rules governing arrests beyond Settlement limits.

The proposed reply of the Consular Body declining to accept the rules, and fixing the responsibility for any results of putting them into force, appears to the Council most satisfactory, and a reply in this sense is authorised.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

David Laudale

Chairman.

W. Musson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday November 27, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 J.C. Hanson
 W.D. Little
 A.D. Lowe
 J.H. McMichael
 O. Meuser
 J. Prentice
 E.B. Skottowe
 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

- General Municipal Rate Native, September Quarter.
- Cash statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

Native Proclamations. Resultant upon a consultation between the Chairman and the Senior Consul a reply has been despatched to the Consular Body in this matter, requesting that the contents of the Council's letter of November 7, be communicated to the new Taotai and the new Magistrate at the Mixed Court. The members are of opinion that the publication of the Consular Body's last letter, and of this reply, would prejudice any negotiations for allowing the proclamations now in question to lapse, and the letters included in the minutes will therefore cease with the Council's despatch above mentioned.

Soochow Road Widening. Mr Little has inspected this road opposite the British Consulate General, and has formed the view that its widening upon the lines of the Engineer's recommendation would constitute a useful public improvement. Reduction of the Garden space is to be regretted, but, in consideration of the whole subject, he considers that the balance of advantage is in favour of the road improvement. Upon a show of hands this verdict is confirmed by the Council.

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At the Chairman's suggestion, and with a view to avoiding further unpleasant altercation with H.M. Office of Works, it is decided to forward a plan to H.M. Consul General, shewing the whole of the southern approach to the Garden Bridge and the works contemplated in connexion therewith, asking for an expression of his approval thereto.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of November 26 are read, and the Council will await a further and more definite declaration of his intentions by Mr Ellis Kadoorie in respect to the establishment of a second Chinese school for the Sinza district.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Artillery. A letter from the Horse Bazaar is submitted, making proposals for mounting the Battery with 36 Australian horses upon terms designed to be mutually satisfactory to the Council and to the Bazaar. The scheme involves capital outlay on the part of the Council approximating £12,000, and the members are of opinion that the expenditure of so large a sum should not be undertaken except in the assurance that the change will prove successful, while at the same time it is noted that the offer is dependent upon the purchase of a shipment of horses now awaiting sale the first refusal of which will expire on Friday next.

In consultation with the Acting Commandant the Chairman has learnt that the existing state of the Battery, both with respect to officers and men, is not wholly satisfactory. It has in his opinion yet to be shewn that China ponies cannot be used for this work, and the management of walers is at present not within the competence of a majority of the members of the Battery.

After some discussion the matter is left in the hands of the Chairman and Messrs McMichael and Lowe, who are authorised to settle it in their discretion.

✓ Public Gambling. Two replies have been received from the American Consul General in respect to the action of the Consul for Cuba in protecting certain of his nationals, in operating public roulette tables. An official reply for publication states that he has no official instructions under which he may intervene in the matter; from a second confidential answer and from certain verbal assurances it is learnt that Mr Denby has telegraphed the facts to Washington. The Council decides to communicate the position as it stands to the Consular Body, with the request that means be devised for giving effect to what is understood to be a unanimous resolution to suppress this form of public gambling.

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- ✓ Dog Muzzling. From the reply of the Consular Body on this subject the Council learns with satisfaction that an effort will be made to impose stricter penalties upon offenders against the muzzling order.
- ✓ Indian Watchmen. The attention of the Council is drawn to the notice issued by the Consular Body calling upon residents to engage watchmen through the Council, and from a note from H.M. Judge to the Captain Superintendent of Police it appears that this matter has been discussed by the Consular Body in advance of official representations from the Council. Colonel Bruce is already organising some unofficial control of watchmen and good results are anticipated therefrom. At the same time the matter requires further attention at the hands of the Watch Committee, under whose direction organisation and control upon lines formerly published will proceed.
- ✓ Staff. The agreements of the Assistant Engineer and the Assistant Health Officer will expire at the end of the present year, and the recommendation of the heads of their departments as to terms of renewal are submitted. With respect to Doctor Moore an increase of ₹50 per mensem is approved, while the Engineer's recommendation in respect to Mr Godfrey is referred for consideration by the Works Committee, since it is not clear for what reason the existing difference in the pay of these employes should be varied.
- ✓ Land Assessment. Plan of the Eastern District, Section B, is laid upon the table, whereon Messrs Scott and Algar have marked valuations as a basis for taxation. These are ordered to be published as usual.
- ✓ Seward Road and Broadway Widening. As a result of further negotiations with the Manager of the Hongkong Bank it appears that, as owners of Cadastral lot 1018, the Bank is prepared to accept the Council's offer of ₹25,000 per mow for the scheduled strip, and to admit a reduction of one fifth for betterment. Mr Meuser inclines to the view that on principle the Council should not depart from the regular proportion of one third, on the other hand the double frontage which the lot possesses renders the improvement, whether from the point of view of light or traffic, less marked than is usual in such cases. Acceptance of the amended terms is authorised.
- ✓ Municipal Loan. The offer of ₹100,000 to be received before the end of the year for investment in the Loan of 1907 is submitted, at 97½ net. Noting that with this sum and the amount of trust funds awaiting investment the full amount of the Loan will have been reached, the Council authorises acceptance provided the rate be raised to 98.

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✓ Bund Foreshore. A letter from the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha is read, seeking permission to erect a flagstaff opposite their premises No 5 the Bund. The Engineer reports that the stay ropes would interfere with the public use of the grass plot concerned, and it is decided therefore to refuse permission.

✓ Town Hall. The Council records a decision unfavourable to the use of this building for the exhibition of a cinematograph, noting that the special permits granted during the summer for the use of the building for entertainments was made solely by reason of the fact that the Lyceum Theatre was temporarily out of use.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

David Low

Chairman.

W. Myerson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday December 4, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Electrical Engineer's report for September and October.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Public Gambling. The Chairman states that he has received a visit from the Senior Consul as bearer of an unofficial message from the Consular Body desiring that the Council's letter on this subject be withdrawn, since it is the opinion of a section of the members that it constitutes an insult to one of their number. In the discussion which ensues the Council is unable to view the plain statement of fact, supported by evidence, which this communication contains, as in any way regrettable, and the course which has been taken is regarded as justifiable before the public. While it is decided to omit the letter from the minutes for publication tomorrow, further action is deferred pending an expression of the opinion of H.M. Consul-General in the matter; the Council is unanimously opposed to withdrawing the letter and considers that if the Consular Body adheres to the stand taken, an official reply should be forwarded giving reasons for its non-acceptance.

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✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of November 26 are read and confirmed. With reference to the:-

✓ Scale of Fees. A further expression of the Committee's opinion is endorsed that the schedule shall be fixed for the three branches of the School with discounts of 20 % for families of two, and 33 ¹/₃ % for families of three or more children. The fee for a pupil in the Upper School will be \$12 per mensem, and those for the lower branches will be arranged in the Committee's discretion.

✓ Heating Apparatus. A report by the Engineer is submitted in respect to the heating of the building by electricity or otherwise, and, upon the recommendation of the Committee, it is decided to adopt the ordinary method of coal stoves.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 2 are read and confirmed. In the matter of the:-

✓ Canton and Hoopah Road Widening, Mr Meuser states that it was the Committee's intention that a second legal opinion be obtained locally before proceedings are instituted in this matter. His proposal in this sense is adopted, Mr Hanson undertaking to submit the case to one or other of his confrères forwarding the opinion obtained in due course.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Artillery. The decision of the members entrusted with the settlement of the question of mounting the Battery has resulted against the acceptance of the Horse Bazaar's offer of Australian horses. The Chairman's memorandum embodying the reasons for this decision is submitted, advocating generally the retention of China ponies for the work for the present. Further negotiations in this sense will take place when the matter has had further attention.

✓ Case against Messrs Kuhn and Komor. The recommendation of the Legal Adviser, accompanying the judgment of the Austrian Court in this suit, is submitted, and it is noted that Mr Jones recommends, as a first step, reconsideration on appeal of the assessment in question. A letter from Messrs Llewellyn & Co.Ld. is read pointing out that the conditions of their lease are similar and asking for reduction and refund of excess paid. Mr Hanson is in favour of adopting a reduced assessment in both cases, and of refunding the amount claimed by Messrs Llewellyn. After some consideration the Council directs that further information be submitted on the subject of these leases and of those of the shops adjoining.

Wei Haiwei

Weihaiwei Road Ditch. As a result of the informal mediation of Mr H.R. Hunter an offer by Mr Morriss is submitted to contribute the sum of \$1,000 towards the cost of culverting the section of this ditch recently under discussion. Mr Prentice comments unfavourably on the terms of Mr Morriss's note, but it is decided, with a view to settling a long outstanding dispute, to accept his proposal.

Chinese Education. The amended proposal of Mr Ellis Kadoorie on the subject of founding a second school for Chinese has been circulated to members together with the unanimous recommendation of the School Committee that it be accepted. His proposition amounts to a promise of subscriptions aggregating Tls 25,000 towards the cost of a building for this purpose, upon the condition that the Council will grant a site therefor and hereafter control and manage the institution.

It appears to the members that this scheme is to some extent premature, since the advantages of the existing school are not yet fully availed of by the native community, and the Chairman considers that the limit to which the public funds should be applied to native education, require to be to some extent defined. It is decided in the first place to ascertain whether Mr Kadoorie will hold his offer open for the present, and until further developments in the matter of foreign education of Chinese take place.

Lloyds Publishing Co.Ld. Definite proposals from the representative of this Company as to the assistance which he requires from the Council in the preparation of his forthcoming book on Shanghai are submitted, and compliance with his request is authorised upon the understanding that no financial liability will attach thereto.

Gas Main in the Canton Road. In preparation for the forthcoming arbitration on this subject the Legal Adviser requires technical evidence on certain points, and his suggestion to secure the services of certain electricians now in Shanghai for this purpose is approved.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

David Sandall
Chairman.

M. Morrison
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday December 11, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 J.C. Hanson
 W.D. Little
 A.D. Lowe
 J.H. McMichael
 O. Meuser
 J. Prentice
 E.B. Skottowe
 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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

General Municipal Rate, Foreign, September Quarter.
 Health Officer's report for November.
 Victoria Nursing Home do.
 Summary of Revenue do.

Public Gambling. The Chairman has learnt from H.M. Consul General that it is also his desire that the Council's letter to the Consular Body on this subject be withdrawn; he is influenced therein by the statement of the Consul for Cuba that he will take up the question of Municipal Police on roads beyond Settlement limits with the Chinese authorities. It is again decided to exclude this letter from the minutes for publication, since the Consular Body has not yet had an opportunity for further discussion of the question.

Chinese Education. Mr Kadoorie, in an interview with the Chairman, has expressed willingness to leave open his offer as to a second school for Chinese for six months.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 5 are read and confirmed. In respect to the:-

New Power Station. The Council is unanimous in the opinion that the Municipal Engineer only should be in charge of the purchase of the new site,

site, since enquiries from more sources than one are calculated to affect prices adversely.

✓ Scale of Discounts. Upon the proposal of Mr Skottowe it is decided to communicate officially to the Electrical Engineer the Council's confirmation of the Committee's decision in the matter of procedure raised under this heading, and to express the hope that he will in future adhere to the Standing Orders more exactly.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of December 6 are read and confirmed.

✓ Central Police Station. The Committee has visited this station and confirms generally the view that its condition is serious from a sanitary standpoint. The Council will await the proposals of the Engineer with respect to the whole of the compound.

✓ Indian Watchmen. The Committee's minute on this subject is amplified by Mr Burkill, who points out that the Captain Superintendent's proposals amount to the establishment of a registry office for watchmen, which will constitute a first step towards securing effective control of the floating Indian population. It is decided to include in the application as to the Captain Superintendent's powers of punishment provision for dealing with watchmen as well as enlisted members of the Force.

✓ Special Services. On Mr McMichael's suggestion it is decided to call for a report from the Captain Superintendent on the subject of the scale of charges for the special services of the Police, since the charge of \$4 per diem for Indian constables appears to the Council unduly high.

✓ Chang Su-ho's Garden. It is noted that permission will be granted for afternoon displays of fireworks on week days provided not more than two performances per week take place.

✓ Mixed Court. The Council's protest in the matter of illegal arrest will, at the Chairman's suggestion, be made to the Consul General concerned rather than to the Consular Body, since it is understood that debates by the Consular Body on Mixed Court matters give rise to claims for the introduction of assessors of other nationalities than those to whom up to the present this work has been confined.

In the matter of the native actor Li Chan-lai Mr Burkill points out that the Municipal Police have been made use of by the Chinese authorities for the purpose of obtaining possession of this man, and, with a view to the settlement of the case, it is decided to refrain from protest

protest if, upon settlement of the Police charge, he be handed into the City Yamen for treatment.

Case against Messrs Kuhn and Komor. The data upon which the assessment of this firm's and the adjoining premises was made is submitted, and, after some discussion, the whole question of house assessment is referred for detailed consideration by the Finance Committee.

Foreigners without Consular Representation. A letter from the Senior Consul is read laying down procedure for the handling of civil and criminal suits against foreigners of this description by the Mixed Court, and summarising arrangements whereby the cost of their imprisonment or deportation will be defrayed by the Council under certain conditions. The arrangements, already communicated to the Chairman, are now confirmed, and it is decided, in reply, to point out that the Rules of the Mixed Court of 1869 already adequately provide for these minor points of jurisdiction.

Native Proclamations. A proclamation relating to certain labour difficulties experienced by the Conservancy Authorities is forwarded by the Consular Body, with a request for any information which the Council may possess on the subject. No information is at present available, and, upon the assumption that the issue of the document is required in conservancy interests, its posting in the Settlement is considered unobjectionable.

Ordure Contract. In spite of the published announcement on this subject a number of tenders for the work have been received at prices far exceeding that arranged with the present contractor. In this matter the Council is unanimously of opinion that it would be improper to allot the work elsewhere, and it is understood that Contractor Chu Chi-woo is prepared to raise his price to \$6000 monthly.

Canton Hoopah Road Corner. The opinion of Mr W.A.C. Platt on the subject of Mr Harsoon's contention is read, briefly to the effect that there is nothing in it, and for reasons which are set out at length. Under the former decision of the Council, therefore, legal proceedings will be instituted, but, as a first step, Mr Neuser undertakes to see Mr Harsoon in the matter, to point out that the Council's view of the case has been upheld by an outside legal opinion, and to request that he will withdraw from the stand he has taken and agree to submit his claim to the Land Commission.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

David Lauder

Chairman.

W. Wilson

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday December 18, 1907, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)

A.W. Burkill

J.C. Hanson

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

J. Prentice

E.B. Skottowe

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Engineer for November

Superintendent of Parks do.

Gaol Superintendent do.

Summary of expenditure to November 30.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of December 9 are read and confirmed. In connexion therewith, the Chairman observes that he is aware that the Committee is alive to the faults of the musicians, and that an effort is being made by special practice of dance music and otherwise to improve the quality of their service.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 16 are read, and in reference thereto:-

Sinza Market. The Watch Committee has approved the new site proposed for this building, Cadastral lots 456/7 and Mr Algar will therefore be requested to make the best terms he can for its purchase at a rate not exceeding ₹9500 per mow.

Locomotion. Some discussion takes place as to the proposed purchase of

of two run-about motor cars, as a result of which it is eventually decided to sanction the inclusion of their cost in the Budget for 1908. The Council considers that the use of these cars should be rigorously confined to Municipal work, i.e. that they should not be used for private purposes of the staff under any consideration. A ruling to this effect is directed, while, with respect to the existing number of cars, the Council will continue to rely upon the discretion of Heads of Departments to make use of their motors only where the exigencies of the public service demand.

Staff. In respect to the salary of Miss McInnes the attention of the Council is drawn to the difficulty experienced in obtaining the services of satisfactory stenographers, as a result of the high rate of pay which this class of work now commands. After some discussion the Engineer's recommendation is adopted.

Canton-Hooper Road Corner. Mr Meuser has had an interview with Mr Hardoon in this matter, and has formed the opinion that a settlement of the case in point may be practicable without recourse to litigation on the question of principle which Messrs Sassoon have raised. Further figures will be submitted by the Engineer in the matter for the Works Committee's consideration, and, in the meanwhile, the Council is unanimously in favour of avoiding legal proceedings if it may be possible.

Public Gambling. Despatch from the Senior Consul is read returning the Council's letter of November 30 on this subject with a statement to the effect that the reference therein to the Consul for Cuba is disrespectful.

Since the letter in question, together with the Council's application to the American Consul General to which allusion is made therein, do no more than attribute the immunity from Police control of certain gambling houses beyond Settlement limits to the protection of the Cuban Consulate which they enjoy, this attitude appears regrettable.

The facts within the Council's knowledge are briefly that the Consul declined to see the Police representative in the matter, that the foreign assistant in the Consulate stated that the Police had no right to interfere, and that the search warrant countersigned by the American Consul General was nullified by being made inoperative after sunset in respect to Cubans.

In September last the Senior Consul, writing as to the closure of the Alhambra Hotel, stated that the question of other foreign gambling houses in Shanghai was under the earnest consideration of the Consular Body, and the Council records an expression of confident hope that such measures as may ultimately be adopted will be successful in ridding the environs of the Settlement of an unmixed evil.

Reference

Reference is made to the objection of the Consular Body to the practice of keeping the public informed of the progress of negotiations in matters of general interest, in preference to awaiting their termination. This course has been adopted by the Council, so far as has been found possible, in accordance with the very strong expression of public opinion, which was made evident in the course of the debate on Resolution XIII proposed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in March last. In practice the change of method has been found to achieve good results in encouraging public interest in the affairs of the Settlement, and in stimulating criticism of the Council's proceedings.

Indian Police. A letter from H.M. Judge is read, in reply to the Council's official application for increased powers of punishment of Indians by the Captain Superintendent of Police. Therefrom it appears that these powers may be obtained, and, in accordance with Sir Havilland de Sausmarez' request, Colonel Bruce will confer with him in the matter.

A letter from Messrs Home and Douglas is submitted contesting, on behalf of ex Indian Constable Narain Singh, the Council's right of summary dismissal. A report from the Captain Superintendent points out that his reasons for recommending the discharge of this man may not with advantage be publicly discussed, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided to afford no reply to the letter in question. The Council considers it improbable that H.M. Consul General will permit a suit in the Court of Consuls to arise in this matter.

Fire Brigade. A letter from the French Council states that the new plant required for the independent French Brigade will not be received in time for inauguration on January 1, and the Council assents to the request to postpone the official separation until March 31.

Recreation Ground Committee. The resignation of Mr E.O. Cumming of the secretaryship of the Committee is received, and while noting that Mr H. Geary Gardner has consented to resume his duties in this connexion, it is decided to convey a cordial expression of thanks to Mr Cumming for the work that he has done during the past three years.

Gaol, Convict Labour. A report by the Captain Superintendent upon the work of Mr Stuart is read, generally to the effect that his tendency has been to exceed the duties for which his special appointment was recently made. The Watch Committee hitherto has been satisfied with Superintendent Stuart's work and has regarded it as in the main commendable; the matter will therefore receive further attention, together with other outstanding Gaol affairs upon the return of Colonel Watson from leave.

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Council Meetings. Noting that Christmas and New Year's day fall on Wednesday
the Council decides to hold the final meeting of the year on Friday
December 27.

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

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Friday December 27, 1907, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present -

M.M.

D. Landale (Chairman)
 A.W. Burkill
 A.D. Lowe
 O. Meuser
 J. Prentice
 E.B. Skottowe
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent -

J.C. Hanson
 W.D. Little
 J.H. McMichael

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.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Cash statement for the past week.
 Return of prisoners apprehended.
 Police daily reports.

Public Gambling. With respect to the publication of the letter of the Consular Body returning the Council's communication on this subject, the Council is informed that Sir Pelham Warren sees nothing objectionable in the draft accompanying minute; he is further of opinion that publication should be deferred until next week. The Council, after due deliberation, considers that no good result will be obtained by this postponement, and that no other course appears open except to inform the public at the earliest opportunity how the matter stands.

Locomotion. The minute in respect to the use of motor cars for private purposes is deleted from those prepared for publication, the Chairman being of opinion that the matter is not of great importance but one which may preferably be dealt with by the Committees concerned, without calling public attention to the matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of December 20 are read and confirmed, and with reference to:-

Medical Attendance. The Chairman states that, in an interview with Dr Macleod, he has learnt that the firm considers that the sum of \$6,000 per annum

annum would not be inadequate for their services rendered if a contract be made for three years. Having in view the prospective increase of the staff during this period, and noting that the rate per head will still be considerably lower than that charged to private persons, this figure is unanimously agreed to.

Annual Report. The members are informed that 1500 copies of the Report will suffice for this year's requirements, and that Messrs Kelly and Walsh's tender for printing will be reduced accordingly.

Garden Bridge. A report by the Engineer, with plan attached, is submitted containing proposals for lighting the new bridge with 4 arc lamps for the carriageway and 8 50-candle-power incandescent electric lamps for the footways, the whole at a total annual cost of £1180. The Council is of opinion that the adequate lighting of the Bridge is of the first importance and the expenditure is therefore sanctioned.

Hotel Licenses. A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police is read recommending the addition of a condition to the licenses for foreign hotels and taverns making a daily register of residents and visitors compulsory. Mr Burkill points out that this step is necessary with a view to following the movements of disreputable characters, and the proposal is therefore approved.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Council is informed that a petition has been filed by Messrs Home and Douglas in respect to the dismissal of ex Indian Constable Narain Singh from the Police Force. The petition will probably be served during the ensuing week, and the Chairman states that it will be the endeavour of H.M. Consul-General to dismiss the case provided affidavits by the Captain Superintendent and by Captain Barrett are submitted in reply to the effect that the step was a necessary one and taken in the interests of discipline.

Case of a Portuguese prisoner. A letter from the Consul-General for Portugal is read with respect to the provision of warders for a Portuguese prisoner drafted into hospital by the Surgeon to the British Consular Gaol. The Captain Superintendent of Police points out that this work will involve the withdrawal of three constables from ordinary duty; on the other hand it is considered necessary that the Police make arrangements to the end required, since such work forms an integral part of the well established duties of the Force.

Coal Supply. The offer of Messrs Hopkins, Dunn & Co. for the supply of coal for the Municipal Offices during the ensuing year at the rate of £10 per ton is authorised for acceptance. The suggestion that public tenders be called

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called for in this connexion is, after some discussion, negatived, in view of the fact that the rate proposed appears reasonable, and that the supply by this firm during the past few years has been satisfactory.

Election of Council for 1908. It is decided to suggest Thursday and Friday January 23 and 24 for the election of the new Council, the constitution of which will be a matter for consideration during the ensuing two weeks.

The meeting adjourns at 5.15 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.