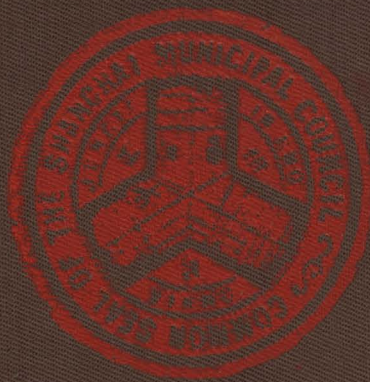


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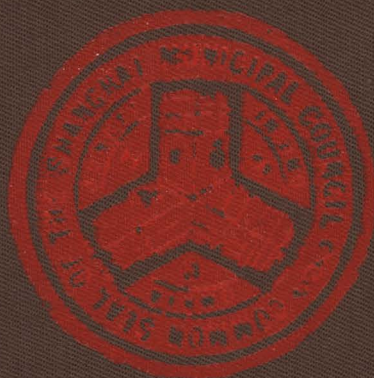


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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday January 8, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.

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 for November
- Health Officer for December
- Victoria Nursing Home do.
- Special Report on Convict-Labour do.
- Cash statement for the past week
- Return of prisoners apprehended
- Police daily reports

Mixed Court, Land Dispute. The reply of the American Consul General is read to the Council's enquiry as to the reversion of sentence in the land dispute, which received the concurrence of the Assessor without the submission of new evidence or other assigned reason. From the terms thereof which are of a general character the Council concludes that no useful purpose will be served by further action in the matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of December 23 are read and confirmed. In respect to the proposal to raise the Fees charged, Mr Lowe observes that the Chinese members of the Committee were both strongly opposed to this course, at all events for the ensuing year, holding the view that the School should secure a stronger hold upon the native community before the step would be well received.

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The minutes of the Works Committee of December 30 are read and confirmed.

American Land Office. A further report by the Engineer is submitted, generally to the effect that the explanation of failure to conform to the rules of the Cadastral Office is not strictly in accordance with facts. Mr Mayne cites instances to show how negligence in respect to the formalities of measurement frequently have prejudicial results. It is noted that the practice of registering lots in the name of the Consular Land office official will be discontinued, and that a new appointment has been made in connexion with this work. A reply will therefore be drawn for the Council's approval, thanking Mr Denby for the exhaustive investigation which he has carried out, and making the requests recommended by the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of December 31 are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of January 6 are read, and in respect to

Cattle Supply, the Chairman observes that the contention of the Traffic Manager of the Railway as to the Council's guarantee of a minimum number of cattle to be transported per annum is without foundation, and the hope is expressed that the cautious steps being taken by the Committee will eventually result in the reduction of the price of beef to the rate obtaining at the beginning of last year.

Volunteers. Referring to the question of capital expenditure upon Volunteer account Mr Little draws attention to the fact that the Town Hall was built for purposes of drill, and states that, in his opinion, this Branch of the Defence Forces, in spite of the heavy Police expenditure contemplated, is rightly entitled to consideration.

Mixed Court.

Case of native actor. A note from the Captain Superintendent is read to the effect that, in an interview with the American Consul General, he has learnt that this case will be brought up for settlement on Saturday or Tuesday next.

Corporal Punishment. Draft letter to the Consular Body in respect to the re-introduction of the bamboo is read and approved, subject to the elision, under the direction of the Watch Committee, of certain paragraphs reflecting upon the motives of the Chinese Authorities in abolishing corporal punishment at the Mixed Court and not elsewhere.

Gaol. Arising out of the preceding discussion, the attention of the Council is drawn to the subject of the food supplied to the convicts in

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in the Gaol, as to which there is a consensus of opinion that it is upon too lavish a scale both in respect to quality and quantity. A report from the Health Officer is therefore called for, as a preliminary to rendering the food supply to convicts more punitive in character than is at present the case.

Volunteers, Chinese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorised for issue to Captain L.J. Cubitt to command the Company with effect from September 16, upon which date he actually took charge.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The petition on behalf of ex-Indian Police Sergeant Narain Singh is submitted, and ordered for transmission to the Legal Adviser, who will conduct the Council's defence upon the lines already suggested. The Chairman desires that the Council's reply shall be as full as circumstances will permit, so that the judges may realise the serious effect upon discipline which an adverse judgment would entail.

Garden Bridge. Letter from Messrs Alfred Dent & Co. is read upon the subject of drawing the piles of the cofferdam surrounding the bridge foundations. It appears that an outside expert has already visited the bridge and furnished Messrs Dent with a preliminary report, and it is decided to reply that, while no decision on the point has yet been made, the methods which they have adopted in conducting their enquiries, without consultation with the Council or enquiry from the Municipal Engineer, are considered at least discourteous.

Riot of 1905. As the result of an informal enquiry from the British Consulate as to the claim for damage to Municipal property during the riot of December 1905, and after reference to the minutes on the subject early in last year, it is decided to address the Senior Consul officially, withdrawing the claim, the basis of which is a matter of the greatest doubt, and at the same time expressing the Council's hope that the cordial relations at present existing with the local native authorities may be continued.

Central Municipal Offices. Letter from Messrs Markt & Co. is read proposing to terminate the lease of Cadastral lot 168 at the end of February, and, in accordance with the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided to accept the offer, leaving the details of compensation for alterations and repairs for settlement by the Municipal Engineer.

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Bund pontoons and Jetties. A report with plan by the Municipal Engineer showing proposals, based upon the recommendation of the Police, for facilitating access to the new passenger pontoons, is submitted and approved. The members are generally of opinion that the time cannot be distant when the whole of the grass plot which it is proposed to retain will have to be removed in the interests of carriage traffic, but it is decided to give the present proposal a trial, and to obtain the assent of the Bund lot holders concerned to the partial improvement.

Constitution of Council for 1908. Seven members of the existing Council express their consent to serve for the ensuing year if elected, and after some discussion the Chairman is authorised to approach Messrs W. A.C. Platt and R.S. Freeman-McBain with a view to filling the two vacancies which will be created by the approaching departure for England of Messrs Hanson and Skottowe.

Land Commission. Mr F. Anderson is unanimously elected to be the Council's representative on the Commission for the ensuing Municipal year 1908-9.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

*David Laudaly*  
Chairman.

*W. Ersson*  
Secretary.

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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday January 15, 1908, 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 December  
Superintendent of Parks do.  
Wharfage Dues for the December Quarter.  
Cash statement for the past week.  
Return of prisoners apprehended.  
Police daily reports.

Constitution of Council for 1908. Eleven nominations for the new Council are laid on the table, and the names are ordered for public notification as usual. In regard to the election which will be involved, the decision of the Council of 1906 is endorsed that a second polling booth shall be established at the Hongkew Police Station, the necessary arrangements therefor being in the hands of the Overseer of Taxes.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of January 9 are read and confirmed. In regard to the proposed New Power Station, the importance attached by the Electrical Engineer to obtaining land with deep water frontage is regarded by the Council as out of proportion to the advantages accruing from such a site. The cost of landing coal by means of cargo boats is small, and Mr Prentice points out that a frontage of 200 feet would be inadequate for accommodating colliers.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 13 are read, and Mr Meuser's proposal as to the supply of road materials to the French Council from the Pingchiao Quarry, now endorsed by the remaining members of the Committee, is confirmed.

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~~Chok~~ Road Bridge. A report by the Engineer and Consulting Engineer on the advisability of drawing the inner row of cofferdam piles will be submitted at an early date, Mr Prentice in the meantime expressing the view that, provided they are drawn slowly, no danger will attach to the operation, and further that the Harbourmaster will not consent to any alternative course.

Volunteers. With reference to applications by certain Companies for the use of the Town Hall, and the services of the Public Band, at dances, the Council complies with the request that, for these and kindred social Volunteer functions in the future no more shall be charged than the cost of lighting and heating the Town Hall, and the portion of the Band charges receivable by the musicians.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions are authorised for issue as follows:-

Chinese Company. Mr G. Grayrigge to be Lieutenant, and Mr R.M. Saker to be 2nd Lieutenant.

Light Horse. Mr P.F. Lavers to be 2nd Lieutenant. The appointment of a third subaltern for this unit is the result of an arrangement under which the squadron will be drilled in three troops instead of two as heretofore.

Case against Messrs Kuhn & Komor. In reply to the Council's letter in respect to their right of appeal, Messrs Kuhn & Komor write declining to take any further action in the matter. It has therefore been arranged, subject to the Council's approval, that the Legal Adviser will ascertain from the Consul General for Austria-Hungary whether the course which the Council has adopted is in keeping with the intention of his recent judgment. Upon receipt of his reply further action will be considered.

Court of Foreign Consuls. Draft reply to the petition of Narain Singh is read, together with the joint affidavit proposed for signature by Colonel Bruce and Captain Barrett. These documents are approved, subject to the omission of the paragraph which states that the appointment of the latter was due to the recommendation of the Police Enquiry Committee, and to the insertion of a paragraph citing Article XXIV of the Land Regulations, which authorises the dismissal of Municipal employes. The Council's aim in deprecating publicity in this case is that the Sikh community may not be given further opportunity for discussing and testing the possibilities of disputing the orders and authority of their officers.



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Public School. As a result of a recent application for the admission of an Indian child to the School, the recommendation of the School Committee is endorsed that, provided the knowledge of English possessed by the candidate is sufficient to render instruction practicable, and provided foreign dress is adopted, his admission shall be sanctioned.

Public Band. A letter from the American Consul General is read on the subject of the salary of Bandsman Concha, which has been <sup>with</sup> held pending enquiries into an accusation of forgery which has been made against him. The reports of the Conductor and of the Compradore on this case are submitted, and, upon the recommendation of the Band Committee, it is decided to lay the whole of the facts before Mr Denby, and to take his advice as to further action in re.

Gaol, Diet. Report by the Health Officer is read on this subject, generally to the effect that the existing food tariff at the Gaol is not excessive either in quantity or in cost. Under these circumstances the Watch Committee is not prepared to authorise modification, but it is decided to obtain particulars from Hongkong as to the food supplied to the convicts in Victoria Gaol for purposes of comparison.

Telephone Agreement. A letter from the Mutual Telephone Company is submitted, proposing certain alterations in the form of agreement furnished for their signature, and the matter will have the attention of Mr Skottowe and the Chairman at an early date.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

*David A. Skottowe*

Chairman.

*W. Russell*

Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday January 22, 1908, 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:-

Summary of Revenue for December.  
Chung Pao Sha Sanitary Station Report for December Quarter.  
Cash statement for the past week.  
Return of prisoners apprehended.  
Police daily reports.

Volunteers.

Signalling Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorised for issue to Mr G.G. Carlsen, to be Lieutenant to command the Company. This officer was formerly in charge of the unit but resigned on his departure from Shanghai.

Annual Inspection. The Commandant notifies the date fixed for the annual training of the Corps, which will begin on Saturday February 29 and conclude on Saturday April 4. It is decided to request the General Officer Commanding H.M. Forces in South China to hold the usual Annual Inspection on the latter date.

Headquarters and Drill Hall. The "proceedings" of a meeting of a Board of Officers are submitted, in which attention is drawn to the inadequate accommodation provided under present conditions, having in view the increase in the membership of the Corps which has taken place during the past few years. The proposals therein contained involve a very

very considerable outlay, for which it is improbable that a place can be found in the Estimates of Extraordinary Expenditure for 1908. The question will have the close attention of the Watch Committee at an early date.

Native Proclamations. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, expressing surprise that the three proclamations forwarded in October last have not been posted. The objections to these documents, which in the Council's opinion are insuperable, have already been communicated to the Consular Body and published, and it appears to the members a matter for regret that any misunderstanding on the subject should have arisen. After re-consideration of the contents of the proclamations in question it is decided to suggest that representations be made to the present Taotai with a view to their cancellation, or re-issue in his own name, omitting all those paragraphs which infringe the liberties of any classes of the native community or indicate the establishment of a monopoly in the trades which they follow.

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Court of Foreign Consuls. The Council is notified of the re-election of the representatives of Great Britain, Austria-Hungary and Belgium, to constitute the Court for 1908, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Land Regulations.

General Hospital. A further communication from the Consular Body informs the Council of the re-election of the Consuls General for Great Britain, France and Germany, as representatives on the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

Passenger pontoons. Two letters from Messrs Stokes Platt and Teesdale are read, protesting on behalf of the Russo-Chinese Bank at the proposed alteration of the foreshore in front of the Bank's premises on the Bund. By the courteous mediation of the Consul General for Russia, these objections have been met by an assurance on the part of the Council, (i) that the Bank in assenting to these works does not forfeit its foreshore rights as owners of B.C. lot 3143, whatever they may be, (ii) that the Council will, so far as is in its power, prevent the use of this foreshore for river or sea-going vessels, and (iii) that, if these new pontoons are used for purposes other than the landing of passengers, their luggage, mail and treasure, the Council will at its own expense restore the foreshore to its former condition.

Use of the Town Hall. The case of the Masonic Ball Committee is submitted for the Council's decision, wherein it appears that permission has inadvertently been granted for their dance to be held during the Volunteer training season. After full consideration of the facts it appears

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appears to the members necessary to sanction this reservation as an exceptional case, at the same time noting that no interference with Volunteer arrangements will be permitted on the days preceding the dance for purposes of preparation of the Hall for the function, the latter ruling to apply to all future engagements.

In this connexion it is decided that the arrangements for letting the Hall shall be transferred to the General Offices of the Council, under the supervision of the Secretary.

Garden Bridge. A joint report by the Municipal Engineer and the Consulting Engineer is read, advocating as a precautionary measure, retention of the inner row of cofferdam piles for the central pier and south abutment, which they suggest should be cut off at low water level and dollied into the mud. The Council sanctions this course provided the consent of the Harbourmaster can be obtained, and the matter is left in the hands of the Engineer for settlement upon this basis.

Canton-Hoopsh Road Widening. A prolonged discussion takes place as to the advisability of endeavouring to compound with Mr Hardoon in respect to compensation payable for the corner of Cadastral lot 540. The question of principle, and of his obligation to submit to the ruling of the Land Commission, which Mr Hardoon has raised, is regarded as of considerable importance. Mr Little has information to the effect that the opinion is spreading that the Council's right to insist upon this course is open to question, and further instances are cited where the same contention has been raised. Mr Meuser is opposed to litigation in this case, but the consensus of opinion of members is that it is desirable that the Council should obtain a final settlement of the point. It is therefore decided to achieve this end by a friendly suit in the Supreme Court against Mr Hardoon, care being taken that all the necessary formalities are strictly complied with.

Election of Councillors. It is decided to request Messrs A.M. Marshall and G. Fairchild to act as Scrutineers at the forthcoming election, or in the event of their refusal Messrs F. Anderson and H.C. Gulland.

Tramway Fares. A letter from the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. is read drawing attention to the difficulty which will be experienced in collecting the fares, which are fixed at 5 and 2 Mexican dollar cents per section. The Company proposes to charge three 10 cash pieces for the first section, second class, and two such pieces for each succeeding section. This proposal appears to the Council to be permissible under the circumstances, provided that the Company will at the same time issue books of 50 tram tickets of a face value of 2  
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Mexican dollar cents at a cost of \$1., and a reply in this sense is authorised. It will be understood that the Council's right to demand closer adherence to Clause 22 of the Tramway Agreement will be reserved.

Telephone Agreement. The Chairman states that the letter from the Mutual Company, submitted at the preceding meeting, was written under a misapprehension as to the conclusive character of the last letters interchanged with the Company. In respect to the agreement, it appears that, in assenting to the substitution of a radius of 2½ miles for the lower rate of subscription, the Directors had not computed the loss in revenue, which would be involved. Allusion is made to the case of subscribers in Pootung, and the Council concurs in the view that this district may reasonably be considered as chargeable at the higher rate. From a note from Mr F. Anderson it appears that the Board is at present of opinion that the agreement as printed, far from being in the spirit of the agreement with the Waterworks Company, entails too large a measure of intervention on the part of the Council to lead to smooth working in the future. It is understood that at a further meeting of the Board the subject will have re-consideration, and Mr Burkill undertakes that further and possibly more conciliatory proposals will be made.

Health Department, Staff. A letter from the Principal of the Royal Institute of Public Health informs the Council of his selection of Dr C.N. Davis as 2nd Assistant Health Officer, and it is decided to convey an expression of the Council's thanks to Professor Smith for the service he has rendered in this connexion.

Lifts. A letter from the Senior Consul draws attention to the necessity for some measure of Municipal supervision and control over lifts, and the matter will engage the attention of the Works Committee at an early date.

Riot of 1905. In reply to the Council's letter upon the subject of the claim for damage to Municipal property, the Senior Consul states that no <sup>such</sup> claim was forwarded to the Chinese Authorities and that withdrawal is therefore unnecessary. In comment thereon there is merely to observe that the Council's letter of December 22, 1905, did not receive the formality of acknowledgment.

Water Closets. Letter from Messrs Atkinson and Dallas is submitted enclosing plans of an elaborate sewage device which they desire to instal in Mrs McBain's house in the Bubbling Well Road. The Works Committee is unanimously of opinion that no exception to the Building Rule on this point should be permitted, however perfect the proposed arrangement may be, since the case would surely be cited as precedent for like concessions hereafter. The application is therefore negatived.

Foreign Brothels. The Chairman states that he has been approached by the American Consul General on this subject, with an enquiry as to the possibility of Police co-operation in the suppression of so-called "American Houses". The Council is averse to any departure from the long-established practice of non-intervention so long as no disorder takes place, at the same time Mr McMichael undertakes to bring the matter before the Watch Committee after learning more precisely what action Mr Denby has in view.

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

*David ...*

Chairman.

*W. ...*  
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday January 29, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

M.M.

- D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- J.C. Hanson
- A.D. Lowe
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- J. Prentice
- E.B. Skottowe
- The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent - W.D. 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 statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 28 are read and confirmed. In respect to:-

Markham Park and the request of the residents therein for public gas lamps, some discussion ensues, and, rather than make any concession in this case, the Council directs the prosecution for non-payment of taxes of the three ratepayers concerned. Mr Meuser has visited this locality and formed the opinion that the path at present leading to Markham Park is not one which should be treated as a public native thoroughfare, unless the proposal to carry the Municipal road through eventuates, and it is therefore decided to address the registered owner of Cadastral lot 3509 on the subject again.

Woohang Road Jetty. Mr Meuser, upon re-consideration of this subject is now of opinion that it would be inadvisable in the public interest to forego any part of the public rights at the termination of the Woohang Road. A discussion takes place as to whether or no the reply to the informal enquiry of the Japanese Consul General in July 1906 binds the Council to any fixed course. In any case no step in the matter is possible, nor should any concluding arrangements be made by the Nippon

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Yusen Kaisha, pending the decision of the Conservancy and Harbour Authorities as to the normal line at the junction of the River and Soochow Creek. In the meanwhile the whole of the correspondence on the subject will be circulated for members' perusal.

Volunteers, Mounted Infantry. The resignation of Lieutenant P.W. Massey, commanding this unit, is forwarded by the Commandant, in accepting which it is decided to convey an expression of the Council's thanks to that officer for valuable services rendered to the Corps during the past ten years in varying grades.

Beggars and Vagrants. The representatives of the Committee of the charitable institution in the Yunnan Road, to which reference was made at a recent meeting of the Watch Committee, have stated that their operations have been conducted between the months of December and April for very many years. Provided that the Council will raise no objection to the work being continued during the current winter, they have agreed to remove the establishment thereafter to a new position near to the South Gate or in the Arsenal Road.

Land Assessment. Plan of the Western District is laid on the table whereon Messrs Scott and Algar have marked valuations as a basis for taxation. These are ordered for publication as usual.

Use of Town Hall. An application from Mr Shen Tun-ho, President of the Chinese Amateur Dramatic Club, is submitted, desiring permission to use the building for two dramatic performances. It is decided in reply to state that the use of the Town Hall for these purposes, although granted last year as an exceptional case during the repair of the Lyceum Theatre, cannot be sanctioned in this instance.

Watch Club. Referring to the proceedings now in progress in the British Police Court against Mr I. Thomas, a note from the Captain Superintendent states that Mr Black, an American citizen who appears to be equally implicated in the management, has been subpoenaed as a witness. There is a possibility of Mr Black leaving Shanghai, but Colonel Bruce's recommendation to take no immediate step in the matter is endorsed.

Sale of Electricity Department. The Chairman has received an enquiry from Mr E. Wheeley as to the Council's probable attitude should this subject be brought forward again at the Ratepayers' Meeting. In reply he informed him that the valuation of the undertaking by Mr A.H. Preece has furnished some indication of the price which the public will be prepared



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prepared to accept. The matter will be one for consideration at an early meeting of the Finance Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.

*David Lardale*

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 February 5, 1908, at 5 o'clock 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:-

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 4 are read, and with reference to the:-

Budget for 1908, Mr Meuser considers it improbable that so large a sum will be received from the Tramway Royalty as ¥20,000; it is decided therefore to reduce the amount to ¥15,000, and to add the difference to the estimated receipts from Public Ricksha Licenses.

In regard to the Sinza Fire Station the Watch Committee will make an inspection of Cadastral lot 420 with a view to settlement of the question of site.

Discussing the items excised from Extraordinary Expenditure the Council is not in favour of the omission either of the Wayside Police Station enlargement or of the important drainage work contemplated in and adjoining the Great Western Road; it also is considered injudicious to further reduce the sum proposed for expenditure on culverts and sewers. With the re-instatement therefore of these amounts it appears impossible to attempt to close the Budget upon its present taxation basis. Messrs Skottowe and Burkill advance the view that the present opportunity should be taken to raise the General Municipal Rate to 12 % as a direct result of the heavily increased expenditure on Police maintenance and buildings.

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It is held that the public is prepared for this step and, upon a show of hands, the Council is found unanimous in recommending it for the Ratepayers' approval.

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Woochang Road Jetty. The Chairman has visited this jetty and made an inspection of the new proposed site at the Tiendong Road. It appears to him that, apart from other considerations, the transfer will be an impossibility in view of the shallowness of the water at the west of the present position of the jetty, and he is of opinion that a letter suitable for publication should be addressed to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in preparation for the Council's final disapproval of the scheme. No step however will be taken until all the previous correspondence has been submitted for the inspection of members.

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Public School for Chinese. The acceptance by Dr J.C. Ferguson of a seat on the Committee of this school is received and recorded.

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Fire Brigade. A letter from the French Council is read suggesting that the plant etc, at present in use by the French Company, shall be regarded as the property of the French Council, after the separation of the Settlements for fire purposes. The Council assents to this proposal as generally upon an equitable basis.

Mixed Court. The attention of members is drawn to a case heard by the Court on January 27, and again on January 29, in which a man, certified by the Police to have been a respectable shopkeeper in business in the Lloyd Road for the past 25 years, was arrested upon a warrant issued at the instance of the City Magistrate, and charged successively with being a loafer, with fraudulently selling title deeds, and with being concerned in recent outrages in Pootung. The accused was handed over to the custody of the Magistrate and imprisoned in the House of Detention for defendants in civil suits, in contravention of the understanding arrived at in the summer of 1906 when the erection of this building was sanctioned. A petition in protest at this decision from a number of rice merchants is submitted, and it is understood that as a result of special intervention the accused has been liberated on bail. Directions are given that the further development of the case receive special attention at the hands of the Police.

Volunteers, Reserve Company. The resignation of Lieutenant W.N. Fleming, forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted with regret.

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Alleged Illegal Arrest. A letter from the Consular Body is submitted forwarding a communication from the Taotai in regard to the recent arrest of Yin Keh-chong in connexion with his responsibility for the issue

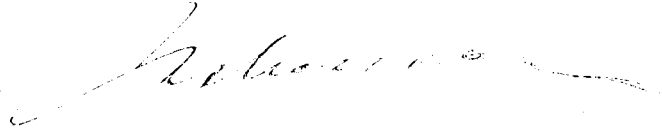
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issue of a circular advocating the boycott of the bank notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. A Police report on this case will be submitted and the matter receive further consideration at next meeting of Council:

Resignation of Member. The Chairman alludes to the fact that this meeting is the last at which Mr Skottowe will be present, owing to his forthcoming departure for England, and, on behalf of the members he expresses appreciation of Mr Skottowe's services, and of regret at his necessary resignation.

The meeting adjourns at 6.55 p.m.



*Acting* Chairman.



Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday February 12, 1908, 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
- The Secretary and Assistant Secretary

Absent -

- D. Landale
- 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:-

- Gaol Superintendent for December
- Health Officer 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 Band Committee of February 10 are read and confirmed. In respect to the

Office, Library, and Store it is suggested that it may be possible to rent two rooms in the neighbourhood of the Town Hall to serve this purpose, so as to avoid the continued use of the portion of the Volunteer Gymnasium. On the other hand, should this prove impracticable the Council expresses the hope that such inconvenience to the Corps as is felt under present conditions may be suffered during the ensuing season, in the assurance that the general question of better accommodation will be taken in hand during <sup>the next</sup> ~~the ensuing~~ year.

Volunteers, Annual Inspection. A letter from the General Officer Commanding H.M. Forces in South China is read notifying his willingness to hold the inspection on Saturday April 4, or, if through unforeseen circumstances unable to do so, to detail a field officer for the purpose.

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Alleged Illegal Arrest. The Police report on the arrest of Yin Keh-chong has been submitted to members, and as a result it is decided to reply to the letter of the Consular Body on the subject in general terms, pointing out that action such as was taken in this case by the Captain Superintendent is occasionally necessary on the part of the officer to whom the community looks for the preservation of good order within Settlement limits.

Mixed Court. The attention of the Council is drawn to a case heard on February 10, wherein four unemployed Chinese were accused of being in possession of fire arms and being concerned in certain robberies at Yangchow. The charge sheet was marked 'sent to Provincial Treasurer for trial', as a result of which the men were re-tried at the Office of Foreign Affairs and again remanded in Police custody. From the report of the latter proceedings it appears that the men were alternately threatened with decapitation and offered release if they would give evidence as to their associates, and that the Provincial Treasurer finally abandoned the trial in the opinion that corporal punishment alone would produce confession.

The Council regards the innovation observed in this case, viz. the opening of a native criminal Court in the Bubbling Well Road without a Foreign Assessor, as a most undesirable and dangerous proceeding, and it is decided in the first place to address the Assessor concerned on the subject.

Hotels and Taverns. The Council approves the date, March 27, for the usual annual meeting of the Watch Committee to decide upon the issue of Hotel and Tavern licenses for the ensuing twelve months.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The judgment of the Court in the case of Narain Singh is read, from which it is noted with satisfaction that the case will not be heard. The members are informed that the Senior Consul has expressed the view that the publication of this document would be injudicious, and it is decided to comply with his suggestion.

Japanese Selling Arms. The Police report of February 8 alludes to two cases wherein Japanese have been found offering sheath-daggers for sale surreptitiously in tea-shops, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided to address the Japanese Consul General in the matter, requesting that by restricting importation and otherwise he will use his influence to prevent this undesirable traffic in dangerous arms.

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Woohang Road Jetty. Draft reply to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is read and approved, in which it is made clear that the question of the shallowness of the water opposite the Tiendong Road is likely to render the transfer of this public landing stage impossible as a practicable measure. Mr Prentice's suggestion to make the Council's refusal definite at this juncture is not endorsed, in the view that the present letter will bring forth an indication of the attitude which the Company adopts towards the question, and Mr Meuser undertakes to submit the draft to the Harbour-master and to obtain his support to the stand taken by the Council.

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Fire Brigade. Mr Burkill submits for discussion the case of a fireman injured at the recent fire in his godown, with a view to the defrayal by the Council of the hospital expenses incurred. The general opinion of members is to the effect that this course should be followed, provided particulars of the case are forwarded through the Foreman of the Company in the regular manner.

Police Leave. Mr McMichael, referring to certain applications of foreign members of the Force for short leave, expresses the view that all such leave should be curtailed until the tramway is satisfactorily in working. It appears however that no more than four sergeants and four constables have been away at the same time, and the Council is of opinion that the Captain Superintendent may be relied upon to submit no more applications than he considers should properly be granted.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

*David L. ...*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*  
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Thursday February 20, 1908, 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

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's report for January.

Gaol Superintendent do.

General Municipal Rate, Native, December Quarter.

Cash statement for the past week.

Return of prisoners apprehended.

Police daily reports.

Mixed Court. With reference to the case to which the attention of the Council was drawn at last meeting, Mr Barton has returned the letter addressed to himself on the subject with the request that the Council's protest be addressed to the Consul General. In an interview with Sir Pelham Warren the Chairman has learnt that it has been his wish to co-operate with the ex-Taotai Jui, who has been specially appointed to put down piracies on the Yangtse, and that the speedy transfer of the four men in question was made with this object in view. At the same time he is prepared to receive a letter on the subject of the Police request for a remand and of the hearing of the case in the Bubbling Well Road, whereupon he will give an assurance that the latter circumstance will not occur again.

The minutes of the meeting of the Fire Commission of February 12 are read, and, with reference to the arrangement for the control of the Brigade in the future, the Watch Committee undertakes to give the matter consideration, after learning the wishes of the members.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 18 are read and confirmed, the following points being noted:-

Artillery Ponies. After consultation with the Commandant, the Chairman has arrived at the conclusion that no course remains but to accept the tender of the Horse Bazaar, and it is decided to purchase 20 ponies at the price quoted after conclusion of a preliminary trial of one team. The price of the keep of these ponies is regarded as excessive, but there appears to be no possibility of reduction. Arrangements are however in train for ten or more of the animals to be placed with members of the unit in the off season, and an endeavour will be made to arrange the responsibility for injury when in use by the Bazaar in accordance with Mr McMichael's suggestion.

Health Department, Quarters. The difficulty presented in this connexion will be met by the lease on the Council's behalf of the house suggested by the Health Officer as the official quarters of the Sanitary Inspector of the Western District.

Prisoners' Diet. It is decided to adopt the Hongkong expedient of giving only rice and water to all prisoners confined in the Police cells for a period of a week or less, and a very modified diet for those imprisoned for periods up to six months. Directions are further given that every effort be made to increase the hours of Gaol labour to a minimum of 42 per week.

Staff.

Officers. It is understood that the rates of pay arranged in the case of 2nd Assistant Superintendent Fenton will be those applicable to this rank and seniority in the future.

Foreign Branch. To meet the case of Sergeant Goby in accordance with the Committee's wishes, it is decided to issue his Superannuation in accordance with the rules, and the balance of the amount proposed as an allowance in lieu of passage.

Budget for 1908. Messrs R.S.F. McBain and W.A.C. Platt, members of the incoming Council, attend for the discussion of the Budget, a complete proof of which is presented. In respect to the proposed Increase of Taxation, the Chairman states at some length the Council's reasons for recommending the step, and, having perused the figures, the members present concur in its inevitability.

Opium Licenses. Particular attention is drawn to the paragraph in the Introduction relating to this subject, and to the attitude which the Council proposes to adopt towards the question of closing the houses.

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The Chairman's proposal is adopted to make the levy of opium licenses the subject of a Resolution at the Ratepayers Meeting, which will precede that relating to the Budget, so that ample opportunity may be offered for its discussion. It will be suggested that the present partial measures of diminution be continued, and that further steps be taken in the same direction, either by reduction of numbers by lot or by curtailment of the lamps in each house, in conjunction with and in proportion to a demonstrable decrease in the cultivation and importation of the drug. At the same time stress will be laid on the fact that, so long as opium is produced, its consumption within the Foreign Settlement must remain subject to Police supervision under license, since otherwise the coolie-hongs and native lodging houses will, without doubt, become foci for the dissolute, depraved and criminal classes.

Wood-paving. With regard to the clause on this subject, Mr Burkill states that in his opinion so large a sum as would be involved in completing the woodpaving in the Maloo, \$96,000, should preferably be diverted towards meeting the wishes of the Volunteer Corps for better accommodation. After considerable discussion it is decided to make no allusion in the Budget to either question.

Messrs McBain and Platt then withdraw.

Volunteers, Artillery. Copy of a despatch from the Army Council to the G.O.C. in Hongkong is read, in respect to the issue of ammunition for the new guns, and of the standard of efficiency to be maintained.

Woohang Road Jetty. Letters from the Manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and from the Japanese Consul General are read, in respect to the question of removing this landing stage. Discussion thereof is deferred until next meeting, by which date it is anticipated some expression of public opinion in the matter will have been given.

Pingchiao Quarry. The book profit on the working of the Quarry for 1907 amounts to \$11,517.28, and, with the approval of the Auditor, it is decided in this case and in future to show the amount in reduction of expenditure on the maintenance of roads.

Tramways. With respect to the questions of Fares, Byelaws and Running Powers for French Cars, and other current matters of discussion with the Company, at the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to appoint a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs Burkill, Meuser and himself, for the purpose of their settlement. A meeting will take place with the Company's representatives to this end, and such expert advice as is required and available will be obtained.

Case of Bandsman Concha. Letter from the American Consul General is read,  
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setting out at length his reasons for acquitting Bandsman Concha of the charge of forgery. In accordance with his suggestion, the musician's deferred pay will be issued, and he will be considered to be reinstated in the Band for the present.

Portrait of Mr G.J. Morrison. This picture has arrived per s.s.Nubia to be hung in the Council Room, and it is decided to convey to Mrs Morrison in suitable terms an expression of the Council's appreciation of the gift.

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Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. The date for the Meeting is arranged for Friday, March 20, at 3 o'clock p.m.

The meeting adjourns at 7.5 p.m.

*David Laurita*

Chairman.

*W. Morrison*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 26, 1908,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs 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 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 January.
- Cash statement for the past week.
- Return of prisoners apprehended.
- Police daily reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 24 are read and confirmed. In respect to the:-

Official Plans for 1908, some discussion ensues as to the proposed new road designed to follow the Conservancy Normal Line. The desirability of securing this water frontage for public use is, in the Chairman's opinion, undoubted; at the same time the liability which might be involved for land purchase and bunding is one which the Council considers it injudicious to accept. While, therefore, the road may be obtained hereafter by negotiation with the Conservancy Board and lot-owners concerned, it is regarded as preferable that it should not be shown in this year's official plans, and until by ventilation of the subject definite arrangements for construction have become more practicable. Mr Burkill points out that the interests of such companies as the China Import and Export Lumber Co.Ld., and other undertakings requiring water frontage facilities, would be jeopardized by a measure of this description, and, at Mr Prentice's suggestion, it is decided to call for an estimate by the Engineer of the probable expenditure involved in the scheme.

A detailed plan of the projected new road to connect the Sinza and Markham Roads is scrutinised, and, generally speaking, the line is regarded as one likely to facilitate traffic in the district concerned.

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Staff. The case of the Building Inspector, Mr Newman, is considered, in reference to his request to be given superannuation in accordance with Rule 10. The Works Committee is of opinion that, under the rules as at present existing, he is unquestionably entitled to the full amount standing at his credit in the Fund. At the same time Mr Meuser considers that an employé, the non-renewal of whose agreement is directly due to culpable carelessness, should receive no more than one third of the amount. The point is referred for consideration by the Finance Committee, with a view to the revision of the Rules if found necessary.

Opium Licenses. A letter from H.M. Consul-General is read, conveying certain comments by the Foreign Secretary on the suggested reduction of the number of opium licenses issued. In reply it is decided to state that the policy which the Council proposes to recommend for adoption by the Ratepayers is generally in conformity with the views expressed in this despatch, but that a more definite answer will be given after the forthcoming Ratepayers' Meeting.

Letters from the Rev. W.N. Bitton, on behalf of the Shanghai Missionary Association, are read on the same subject, and the Chairman recounts the result of his interviews with this and other representatives of the Association. It appears to him desirable that the Council's proposals should, if possible, be such as will commend themselves to, and enlist the support of, the missionary element, in which view the Council concurs. To this end therefore, it is decided to include in the official resolution provision for diminishing the number of licenses issued by 25 per cent from and after July 1, the manner in which the reduction will be accomplished to be left to the discretion of the incoming Council.

Chinese Proclamations. In consideration of a letter from the Consular Body, who persist in the request that the three native proclamations lately under discussion be posted, the Council recalls the action of the Senior Consul in July 1905, who, when his attention was drawn to the fact that a proclamation stamped with his seal involved a monopoly for the benefit of certain private individuals, did not hesitate to cancel the document and notify the Mixed Court Magistrate accordingly. It is decided, in reply, to cite this instance, to refer to the fact that during the current year a proclamation on the subject of education, although stamped by the Senior Consul, was subsequently withdrawn, and finally to state that the Council adheres to the view which it has consistently maintained throughout the discussion.

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Land Regulation I. A further letter from the Consular Body is read, pointing out that the Diplomatic Representatives in Peking approved the revised text of this Article in 1899 only in so far as the first paragraph was concerned. The Chairman has had an interview with H.M. Consul General on this subject, who advises that the Council add little to the view expressed in its former despatch. It is decided therefore to point out more explicitly how, as a matter of form, the text of the Regulation as it now stands is in accordance with the official correspondence of that date, and to express the view that the present would be an inopportune time for making public the alteration which is desired.

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Woochang Road Jetty. The replies to the letters of the Japanese Consul General and of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha on this subject are again deferred pending receipt of a protest at the suggested transfer of the jetty, which it is understood will be received from Messrs Ward Probat & Co. and others during the ensuing week. At the same time Mr Meuser points out that final settlement of the question must await the fixation of the Normal Line at the junction of the Soochow Creek with the river.

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Chinese Police Force. The Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai desiring that officers of the native police force beyond Settlement limits may have standing permission to pass through the Settlement under arms when on duty. Mr Meuser draws attention to the fact that one reading of Bye-law XXXVII, which bears on this point, would appear to show that Chinese under arms might claim equal rights with soldiers of foreign governments in respect to entry into the Settlement. He recommends therefore that the Council do no more than express the opinion that acceptance of proposals of this nature would be injudicious, the existing system of permits being consistent with the circumstances. This course appears to the Council satisfactory and will therefore be followed.

Consular Body. Mr M. Kobr notifies the Council that, in consequence of the decease of the Consul General for Austria-Hungary, he has assumed charge of the Consulate General, and the occasion is taken to record an expression of the Council's sincere regret at the lamented death of the late Mr von Hirsch.

Thomas Hanbury School. In reply to a communication from the Honorary Treasurer of this institution, having reference to the constitution of the Committee during the coming year, it is decided to request that Mrs Bondfield may be regarded as the Council's nominee in place of Mrs Walker, the other three representatives of the Municipality continuing as before.

Mr J.L. Scott. The Chairman alludes to the approaching departure from Shanghai of Mr Scott, and, at his suggestion, it is decided to forward an official letter expressive of the Council's regret at the severance of <sup>Mr Scott's</sup> ~~his~~ connexion with China, and, alluding to his eminent services to the community, to refer in particular to work performed during five years' membership of the Council, for three of which he occupied the chair.

Directions are also given for arrangements to be made if possible that Mr Scott's trusteeship of the Seamen's Church Pootung be transferred to the Chairman of Council for the time being ex officio.

The Council further directs that, in accordance with an unofficial request, the name of the Scott Road be changed, and that Mr Scott's name be applied when opportunity offers to a new trunk road in one of the outlying districts.

Messrs Bruce Peebles & Co. Noting an announcement in the press as to the liquidation of this firm, the Council desires that the Legal Adviser will take such steps, if any, as are necessary for protecting the Council's interests in the matter of the Tramway Concession.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. A letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read proposing that the balance of cost of raising this Ground and turfing the portion already raised, which work was deferred upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee until next year, be carried out forthwith. To this end the Trustees are prepared to permit so much of the Special Loan due for repayment next month as will be required, viz. £10000, to remain in the Council's hands for a further period of one year, and the Council authorises acceptance of the offer.

Sale of the Electricity Department. The Chairman has had a further interview with Mr Wheeley on this subject, as a result of which it was understood that the question of negotiation with the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. for the sale will be among matters referred to in the Chairman's speech at the ensuing Ratepayers' Meeting. It will be intimated that, if, during the course of the year, adequate terms and adequate safeguards are offered, the Council will convene a Special Meeting of Ratepayers for the discussion of the question. This course has the unanimous approval of the members.

Wood-paving. A report and plan by the Engineer is submitted, recommending the paving of the Nanking and Chekiang Road crossing with Jarrah wood blocks at an estimated cost of \$4,528. The network of rails at this point will constitute in his opinion a serious inconvenience to traffic unless this step is taken, and the proposal is accordingly approved.

Likin Collection in the Settlement. A Police report is submitted from which it is learnt that two likin runners, whose exactions have been the subject of petitions by certain native residents during the past few months, were arrested and taken before the Mixed Court on Monday last. The case was remanded until Friday, and the Council approves the proposal to place the prosecution in the hands of the Legal Adviser, who will be instructed to press for heavy punishment in accordance with precedents, by which means alone the immunity of the Settlement from the levy of likin can be maintained.

Resignation of Member. Mr Hanson states that he will be leaving Shanghai for England in the course of the week, and he therefore tenders the resignation of his seat on the Council. In accepting the same the Chairman expresses the regret of the members at the loss of Mr Hanson's services, and of their appreciation of the work he has performed on the Finance Committee during the year.

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

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*W. Myerson*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 4, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- W.D. Little
- A.D. Lowe
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- J. Prentice
- 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:-

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of February 27 are read and confirmed. In respect to the:-

New Power Station, the consensus of opinion is to the effect that the price asked for Lot 6054 is greatly in excess of that which the owner Mr Tam Wa would be willing to accept; it is therefore decided to convey an offer to him in the first place of \$1,500 per mow, and to authorise the Engineer to increase the offer to \$1,750 in his discretion.

The minutes of the meeting of the Special Tramway Committee of February 28 are read, and the Chairman recounts the further proceedings at the adjourned meeting of March 3, at which were present in addition the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Electrical Engineer, and the General Manager and Accountant of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. With respect to the question of:-

Fares. The Committee's decision was communicated to Mr Wright, who stated at some length the difficulties which he anticipated in checking fraud on the part of the conductors if the system of two-cent tickets were adopted. Mr Pope endeavoured to show that no greater difficulty should be experienced in apprehending fraud in Shanghai than in other places where Asiatic conductors are employed. Further discussion failed to convince Mr Wright, who announced that his Company would propose arbitration of the point. Since the meeting, however, a letter has been received offering as a provisional measure, to adopt the Council's proposal with effect from Monday next, by which date a sufficient number

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of tickets can be printed, and it is therefore decided to sanction the opening of the tramway on March 5. The minutes of the Committee in respect to Running Powers for French Cars, Trailer Cars, and Bye-Laws are communicated to Mr Wright, who stated in reply that his Company had no intention of adopting trailers for the present.

Opium Houses. A further letter from the Shanghai Missionary Association is read enquiring whether the proposed reduction in the number of opium licenses may be understood to be the first of a series of consecutive steps making for total abolition, and a reply is authorised to the effect that, while the Council cannot pledge its successors to any definite course, further suppressive measures are contemplated if the present policy of the Chinese Government is consistently maintained and effect given thereto.

A letter from Mr E.S. Little on this subject is submitted, seeking the Council's support to two alternative resolutions involving the complete discontinuance of the licensing system. From the minutes passed for publication Mr Little will learn the Council's intentions in the matter, and it is decided to state that the members are unwilling to proceed to the extreme length which he indicates.

Collection of House Refuse. The Health Officer's proposals with respect to the expiry of the contract for the removal of house refuse by boat are adopted, while, in the light of a complaint by the Harbourmaster as to river pollution, it is noted that a stringent clause will be required in the new contract penalising this offence.

Fire Brigade. The Chief Engineer notifies certain changes among the officers of the Hongkew and Victoria Companies, and the new appointments are duly confirmed.

The Annual Report of the Chief Engineer is also submitted, and the Council is informed that, as a result of pressure of work in the Accounts Office, the usual report of the Fire Commission has not been compiled. Notes on the affairs of the Brigade during the year, suitable for inclusion in the Annual Municipal Report, have been approved by the Watch Committee, and, since at this late date it is impossible to embody therein the report of the Chief Engineer, its publication as a separate document is authorised.

Case of Messrs Kuhn and Komor. A memorandum by the Legal Adviser, as furnished to the Austrian Consular Court, is submitted, in respect to the interpretation of the recent judgment in this case. It is noted that, owing to the death of the Consul General, no settlement of the matter may be expected at present.

Woohang Road Jetty. Letters of protest are read at the suggested transfer of this jetty to the extended Tiendong Road, from the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd. and from Messrs Ward Probst & Co. and others, from which it is clear that the measure would be a source of considerable public inconvenience and meet with some opposition. Discussing the advisability of publishing these documents, or of communicating their contents to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, it is decided in the first place to ascertain within what time the Conservancy Normal Line will be laid down for the river-bend at the point in question.

Gas Company Case. The Chairman has seen Mr Platt in this matter, and learnt that it has been decided to proceed to arbitration, following the judgment given in the recent suit before the Court of Consuls. The agreement of arbitration appears to have been in the hands of the Legal Adviser for some considerable time, and the Council directs that the preliminaries be expedited as much as possible, in view of the approaching departure on leave of Sir Havilland de Sausmarez.

Ratepayers' Meeting. The official resolutions to be submitted at the forthcoming meeting are submitted, and approved with some modification. That relating to house assessment will require attention at the hands of the Legal Adviser, whose special draft thereof appears to the members unnecessarily elaborate and calculated by its comprehensive nature to provoke opposition.

Passenger Pontoons. A note from the Commissioner of Customs is read, with respect to bringing into force the division of cargo and passenger traffic at the Bund jetties as previously decided. The Council authorises the issue, with Mr Hobson's approval, of a joint Municipal and Customs Notification, directing the exclusive reservation of the two new pontoons for passenger traffic, and of the remaining pontoons for landing and shipment of cargo.

Watch Club. Arising out of an application by Mr H.J. Black to the Crown Advocate for the return of certain property of the Shanghai Watch Club retained by the Police during the prosecution of Mr I. Thomas, the Council decides that, in the face of the latter's acquittal, the Police cannot do otherwise than restore this property to its owner. On the strength however of certain observations of H.M. Judge in the course of the trial, it is directed that clubs of this character be considered to be lotteries within the meaning of Bye-law XXXIV. Due notice to this effect will therefore be conveyed to the managers of all such clubs within Settlement limits, who, should they continue their operations, will be prosecuted under summons.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

*David Baird*

Chairman.

*W. H. ...*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 11, 1908, at 4.30 p.m  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
A.D. Lowe  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
J. Prentice  
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's report for February.  
Superintendent of Parks do.  
Summary of Revenue do.  
General Municipal Rate, Foreign, December Quarter.  
Cash statement for the past week.  
Return of prisoners apprehended.  
Police daily reports.

Volunteers.

Staff. A report by the Commandant is submitted proposing the engagement of an additional non-commissioned officer for the adequate performance of the duties connected with the training of recruits, care of arms, clothing etc, and office work. His proposal is approved, the Chairman observing that it should have preceded the compilation of the Budget and provision been made therein for the additional cost involved.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to the Rev. R.G. Winning as Assistant Chaplain.

12 Bore Company. The resignation of Honorary 2nd Lieutenant G.H. Potts is received and recorded.

Artillery. The resignation of Captain F.H. Crossley is received and recorded.

Police.

Case of Sergeant Bookless. A report by the Captain Superintendent has had the attention of the Watch Committee, from which it appears that, upon receipt of an order to revert to uniform duty, the conduct of this

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Sergeant was insubordinate. His letter to the Captain Superintendent of March 9, is read, and, after some discussion, the recommendation that he be dismissed is confirmed. Mr McMichael maintains the view that acceptance of the man's resignation would meet the desired end, while dismissal will constitute too severe treatment, preventing him from obtaining other employment, but the Council is of opinion that the maintenance of discipline calls for the step which Colonel Bruce proposes. It is decided, as a special case, to sanction the issue of one third of the amount standing at Sergeant Bookless' credit in the Superannuation Fund, and not to raise the question of his return passage.

Case of P.C. Peck. The resignation of this constable is accepted, the Watch Committee having grounds to believe that he was guilty of theft on the voyage from England, and in the Stations to which he has since been posted.

Sikh Gurdwara. As a result of an application for additional out-houses and fittings, a statement of the outstanding amounts payable in connexion with this building is submitted, aggregating ₹5,959, inclusive of the cost of the foregoing, while the sum remaining at the credit of the subscribed fund is no more than ₹4,763. The Council, while authorising the extra work to be performed, directs that a sustained effort be made to collect the balance from the Sikh community.

A note from the Captain Superintendent alludes to the advisability of increasing the site of this building by including therein the whole of the creek forming its eastern boundary, which, it is stated, can be effected at a cost of ₹190. This additional purchase is authorised.

Yarn Lotteries. The attention of the Council has been drawn to a note in the Yarn Market Report contained in the North China Daily News of March 5, wherein it is stated that the Japan spinners have devised a plan for issuing a lottery ticket with each bale of yarn sold. The Council would regard this practice as a breach of the regulations prohibiting the sale of lottery tickets in the Settlement, and directs in the first place that Police enquiries be prosecuted in the matter.

Piracies on the Yangtze. The Senior Consul forwards three letters from the Taotai in respect to the efforts of the Native Authorities to detect and identify robbers and rebels in hiding in steamers and on wharves. It is decided to reply briefly to the effect that the Police Force is competent to do this work so far as the Settlement is concerned and that assistance will be rendered to the native officials in respect to outside districts wherever desired.

Mixed Court, Administration of Blows. A private letter from the Viceroy Tuan Fang to the Rev. Dr Du Bose is read, in which it is stated that instructions have already been given to the Taotai to reintroduce the bamboo as a punishment in petty cases at the Mixed Court. The Secretary is directed in the first place to ascertain what view the Taotai takes of this matter, and it is decided, if the facts are as stated, to make official representations, calling for the immediate introduction of the change.

Chinese Proclamations. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted again urging the posting of the three proclamations under discussion since October last. The correspondence between the Consular Body and the Taotai intended to have been enclosed in this despatch is not yet to hand, and the matter will receive further attention at next meeting.

In the meanwhile the Council is informed that the case of the Hot Water Guild has been placed in the hands of Mr d'Auxion de Ruffe, and that, with his consent, a new proclamation may be drafted omitting the passages which indicate monopolistic abuses. If this document is in due course forwarded for the necessary official seals, a partial settlement of this dispute appears to be in sight.

Land Regulation I. A further letter from the Consular Body on this subject expresses the hope that the paragraph relating to the exclusion of consular sites from Municipal control will be inserted in future reprints of the code. The Council is of opinion that this letter does not call for further reply, and that continuation of the correspondence would be profitless.

Woochang Road Jetty. The Council is informed of an interview between the Engineer and Mr de Rijke in this matter from which it appears that the removal of the Garden Bridge cofferdams must precede the fixation of the Normal Line at the point in question. Draft letter to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is submitted and approved, pointing out that no settlement of the question of the transfer of the jetty can be made until the end of May, when this work will have been accomplished, adding that the Council does not consider that the informal correspondence in July 1906 constitutes an agreement, and alluding to the letters of protest which have been received at the suggested change.

Mr de Rijke enquires informally whether the Council would view with favour a further extension of the Public Garden, and it is decided to reply in the affirmative, provided that the Council is not obliged to carry out the work of filling and bunding immediately.

Plan of Shanghai. The revised plan of the Settlement and environs is submitted and approved, for transmission to Messrs Waterlow and Sons Ltd. to be lithographed. Copies will be sold to the public when received.

Gas Company Arbitration. The Legal Adviser submits the draft agreement of arbitration as presented by the solicitors to the Gas Company and amended by himself. This document appears to the members to set out the points in dispute with clearness, and is approved.

Tramways.

Fares. A note from the General Manager of the Company has informed the Council that the printing of second class tickets cannot be completed until Thursday March 12, to which date therefore he has deferred their introduction. The Council regards this breach of the provisional agreement on the subject with disfavour, while at the same time there appears to have been no option but to accept the arrangement.

Overcrowding. From the Police report of March 8, there appears to have been considerable overloading of the cars since the tramway commenced running, and in this connexion, the Engineer and the Captain Superintendent of Police suggest three Provisional Bye-laws to be put into force in advance of an approved code. The members generally are of opinion that, while a Bye-law directed against over-crowding should as a matter of form have a place in the final code, rigid adherence to the rule would constitute more severe restriction than is enforced in European cities. It is decided to draw the attention of the Manager to these and other points, but to take no drastic steps at present.

Cars. Mr Wright's letter in respect to ordering additional cars is read, and his proposal to have special accommodation for foreigners and natives, and cars for one class only are considered. The Council is of opinion that no definite ruling on the points raised is at present practicable, that a few days running of one section is no criterion of future requirements, and that an order for additional cars may well be placed at once, the details of internal fittings being left for settlement later.

Garden Bridge. The Chairman has had a visit from Mr W.T. Evans, who announces his intention of submitting his claim for compensation for loss of business during the erection of the Bridge in the form of a Resolution at the Ratepayers' Meeting. After due discussion the Council endorses the view which it formerly held in this case, viz. that, whilst sympathizing with Mr Evans for any direct loss he may have



sustained, payment of compensation is precluded by the fact that similar treatment would be demanded by a very large number of other claimants and thus seriously enhance the cost of this and similar public works. The Legal Adviser's opinion as to the Council's non-liability will be cited.

Passenger Pontoons. With respect to the Municipal and Customs Notifications as to the new Pontoons, some objection to the arrangement made has been raised in respect to Pootung ferryboats and private launches, who may suffer inconvenience by making use of the passenger landing stage only. The initiation of the scheme now completed for separating passenger and cargo traffic on the Bund was due to an agitation for increased accommodation for landing and shipping of cargo, and it is pointed out that this end will not be attained unless the remainder of the jetties are reserved strictly for cargo purposes. Mr Burkill considers that a change of this description must require time wherein to accommodate itself to circumstances, and it is decided that while certain exceptions may have to be made for the present no change in the official announcement is required.

Mr J.L. Scott. A letter addressed by the Chairman to Mr Scott and his reply are read and ordered for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Dandale*

Chairman.

*M. Pearson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 18, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.;  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
A.D. Lowe  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
J. Prentice  
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's report for February.  
Victoria Nursing Home do.  
Gaol do.  
Cash statement for the past week.  
Return of prisoners apprehended.  
Police daily reports.

Police, Case of Sergeant Bookless. The Council is informed that this Sergeant's refusal to revert to uniform duty took place in the presence of the Captain and Deputy Superintendents and the Chief Inspector, and, since there was no doubt on the point, he was dismissed on March 12.

Passenger Pontoons. Further difficulty has arisen in respect to the use of the new pontoons by the P and O mail tenders, and the Council learns that the Agent of the Company is under the impression that stricter Customs examination will be imposed upon his tenders than upon those of the French and German mails, which are being permitted to arrive and depart at their own pontoon in the French Settlement. The Chairman understands that the Commissioner of Customs will give an assurance that this will not be the case, and a settlement of the matter may accordingly be expected in a few days time.

Pawnshops. A petition from the keepers of first and second class native pawnshops is submitted, in allusion to the notification recently issued in respect to stolen property; and, from a Police report thereon, it is evident to the Council that they have misunderstood the object of the notice. It is possible that a reply in detail will allay the feeling of uneasiness which appears to have been provoked, and directions are given accordingly.

Fires, the Result of Electric Wiring. Correspondence is submitted by the Electrical Engineer, which has taken place as the result of an examination by Mr Roach of certain cases where fires have been stated to be the result of faulty electric installation. Therefrom it appears that Detective Inspector McDowell has, in an official report, accused Mr Roach of insobriety, and the latter in consequence demands the withdrawal of the statement. It appears to the Council a matter for regret that the incident could not have been settled without reference to the Committees concerned, and the hope is expressed that the Captain Superintendent will be able to arrange for some mutual concession.

Chinese Soldiers in the Settlement. A letter from the Senior Consul is read informing the Council that a permit has been issued for a battalion of native infantry to proceed through the Settlement on March 15, en route from the Railway Station to the native City. Although informal notice was received on March 13, and although as a matter of fact the soldiers detained at Naziang and did not enter the limits of the Settlement, it is decided in reply to intimate that for Police purposes it is necessary to have longer notice in a case of this description, to prevent the possibility of disturbance.

Tramways, Accidents. From the Police daily reports for the week it appears that considerable difficulty is being experienced owing to the failure of the conductors of the cars to heed police warnings, and it is decided to address a letter to the Manager on the subject, notifying him that if improvement does not take place it will be necessary to summons the offenders at the Mixed Court.

In regard to the fatal accident on the Avenue Road on March 16, the Captain Superintendent suggests a native notification, pointing out that the man's death was entirely due to his own fault, and alluding to the danger of alighting on the wrong side of the car. The Council is of opinion that such notice would be more likely to provoke than to allay unfavourable comment, and in any case it appears preferable that it should emanate rather from the Company than from the Council.

Land for District Depots. A report by the Engineer is submitted stating that a Public Worksdepot in the Eastern District will be required so soon as the whole of the Gaol block is made use of for Gaol purposes. He recommends the purchase of lots 2239/40 and adjoining land, measuring about Mow 12, on the Wayside Road Extension at the rate of ¥1,800 per mow. It is pointed out that there is no provision in the Budget for this expenditure, and that the land is assessed at ¥1,200, and taxed at ¥960, per mow. The Council is of opinion that the price asked is too

high and the purchase is accordingly not authorised.

Electricity Department, New Power Station. A note from the Engineer is read

to the effect that the Council's offer of £1,750 per mow for Lot 6054 has been refused, while the seller is now willing to accept £2,000. Mr Burkill has reason to believe that the land will be obtainable at a lower figure, and it is decided to withdraw the Council's offer for the present.

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Ratepayers' Meeting.

Financial Statement. A letter from Mr H.D. Hutchison is read drawing attention to the fact that the necessary interval of ten days between the publication of the Financial Statement and the Ratepayers' Meeting has not been allowed. Therewith is submitted a note from the Legal Adviser, containing the opinion that the Resolutions passed at the meeting will not thus be invalidated, and the Chairman undertakes to express the Council's regret at the technical breach of the Land Regulations involved.

Opium Houses. The Chairman reads the substance of his proposed speech on this subject, and the terms thereof meet with the general approval of members. He also mentions the principal points to be alluded to in the other official speeches.

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Registration of Architects. In reply to a communication from a new society denoted the Institute of Architects in China, it is decided to state that it has not been considered advisable to take any official steps in respect to rules on this subject until the necessary authority has been secured under the Land Regulation.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

*David L. ...*

Chairman.

*W. ...*

Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Saturday, March 21, 1908,  
at 12 o'clock noon.

Present: Messrs A.W. Burkill

D. Landale

W.D. Little

A.D. Lowe

R.S.F. McBain

J.H. McMichael

O. Meuser

W.A.C. Platt

J. Prentice and

The Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

Election of Office Bearers. Upon the proposal of Mr Prentice, seconded by Mr Little, Mr Landale is unanimously re-elected Chairman, and, in taking the chair, he expresses the hope that the co-operation and support which he has received during the past year may be extended to him during that ensuing. Upon his proposal, seconded by Mr Burkill, Mr Meuser is re-elected to the Vice-Chair.

The Council resolves itself into Standing Committees as follows:-

Watch Committee, Messrs Burkill, Lowe and McMichael.

Works Committee, Messrs Meuser, McBain and Prentice.

Finance Committee, Messrs Landale, Little and Platt.

Representatives on other Committees are appointed as follows:-

Public Recreation Ground, Mr Burkill.

Public School, Mr Prentice.

Public School for Chinese, Mr Lowe.

In respect to the appointment of Municipal Sub-Committees, it is decided to request the present members to continue their services for another year, and, since it has been ascertained that they are willing to stand if appointed, these Sub-Committees will be continued as follows:-

Band Committee, Messrs Fink, Blount and Maitland.

Mr Blount is understood to be leaving Shanghai in May, and the Chairman points out the advisability of endeavouring, when the question of his successor is considered, to secure the services of a ratepayer whose influence may be felt in instilling discipline into the European members of the Band.

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Parks Committee, Messrs Beauchamp, Algar, Kerr and Teesdale.

Upon the departure in the course of the year of the last named it is decided that the Committee shall have, as originally inaugurated, a membership of three.

Public School Committee, Messrs White-Cooper, Abraham, Wilson and Dr Ivy.

Public School for Chinese <sup>Committee</sup>, The Rev. A.J. Walker, Dr Ferguson and Messrs Chu Lan-fong and Shen Tun-ho.

Electricity Committee, Messrs Pearce, Grant Mackenzie and Piloher.

Budget 1908. The Chairman refers to the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, and to the criticism of the current Budget which took place. It appears to him necessary that, to meet the very general expression of public opinion, the Finance Committee should use every endeavour to prevent exceeding, and where possible, to curtail, the expenditure estimated for the ensuing year.

As a preliminary step it is decided to obtain reports from the Heads of the principal Departments on the possibility of further reduction of their Ordinary Estimates without detriment to the efficiency of the public service, whereafter the matter will have the close attention of the Committees concerned.

Case of Mr W.T. Evans. The Council directs an examination by the Accountant and Auditor of the books and financial affairs of this Ratepayer, with a view to carrying out the terms of Resolution XII carried at the recent Annual Meeting.

Motor Cars. The Chairman alludes to the desirability of giving attention to the use which is being made of Municipal motor cars. He considers that it is necessary for the Council to be satisfied of their economical efficiency before further cars are purchased, and, with reference to the discussion which took place in December last as to the use of cars for purposes other than official, it is decided to communicate to Heads of Departments the Council's ruling that the use of cars for social or domestic purposes must cease.

Police Inspection. In accordance with a former custom, and at the suggestion of the Captain Superintendent of Police, it is decided to hold the Annual Inspection of the Force on Thursday next, March 26, at 5 o'clock p.m. With a view to affording every opportunity for the public to attend this function it is decided to hold it in the Public Recreation Ground.

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The meeting adjourns at 12.30 p.m.

*David Daudale*

Chairman.

*W. Musson*  
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 25, 1908,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
A.D. Lowe  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
W.A.C. Platt  
J. Prentice  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting, and of the special meeting of March 21,  
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.

Passenger pontoons. The Council is informed that the Commissioner of  
Customs intends to address the French and German mail companies  
on the subject of the use of the new pontoons, before taking further  
steps in respect to the P. & O. In the meanwhile the Chairman  
desires to be assured that it would be possible to compel the use  
of the pontoons by the P. & O. under provision of license, and it  
is decided to obtain an expression of opinion from the Legal Adviser  
on the point before the issue of licenses for the ensuing quarter.

Fires, the Result of Electric Wiring. No settlement of the dispute  
between Detective Inspector McDowell and Mr Roach has yet been  
reported, and the matter still remains in the hands of the Captain  
Superintendent of Police.

Motor Cars. With respect to the method of communicating the Council's  
decision as to the use of Municipal cars, it is pointed out that  
the Public Works Department car has up to the present only been  
used for official purposes, and that the Health Officer already  
understands that, in deference to public opinion, similar use  
should be made of his car. On the other hand it is considered  
advisable that the official treatment of the matter should be

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uniform, and letters will therefore be addressed to all Heads of Departments in similar terms to that to the Electrical Engineer now submitted in draft and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of March 12 are read and confirmed. In regard to the Foreign Staff, Mr Lowe lays stress on the fact that the suggested engagement of an additional assistant master will not involve exceeding the estimates, owing to the increased number of pupils. In any case however, the Council is of opinion that the recent strictures upon Municipal expenditure were not directed against that on Education, and the course recommended by the Committee is adopted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 23 are read and confirmed. Mr W.D. Little, upon the occasion of his severance of connexion with the Committee, draws attention to the assiduous and careful work performed by the Chairman in relation to all matters calling for the Committee's attention. Mr Meuser's mastery of the details of the affairs of the Public Works Department is well known to the members of last year's Council, and it is unanimously decided to record this recognition of his work.

Taiping Road Jetty. Mr Prentice has information to the effect that the report as to reduction of headway of the bridge at this point is well-founded, and it is therefore decided to address the China Merchants S.N. Co.Ld. with a view to a return to the conditions formerly existing.

Brenan Piece. The Council is of opinion that the metalling of the roads round this property is not work which should be carried out at the present juncture.

Volunteers. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant commissions are authorised for issue as follows:-

Ambulance Section. Lieutenant G. Hanwell, to be Captain.

American Company. 2nd Lieutenant F.J. Raven, to be Lieutenant.

Mixed Court, Corporal Punishment. The Council is informed that the Taotai has admitted that a communication was received from the Viceroy in April last on this subject, but that his instructions were of an equivocal character, and that the then Taotai was evidently unwilling to admit that they indicated that the practice of administering blows was to be resumed.

In the meanwhile the German Assessor has suggested that four Chinese recently convicted of serious crime be sent into the City to receive blows, and thereafter return for imprisonment in the Gaol. The Council assents to this proposal in the view that such a practice may eventually lead to the re-introduction of corporal punishment.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The petition of A. Bookless, drawn by Messrs Home & Douglas and claiming damage for wrongful dismissal from the Police Force, is submitted, and the reply thereto, now in preparation by the Legal Adviser, will be made under the direction of the Watch Committee.

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Likin Collection in the Settlement. A Police report is submitted relating to the seizure immediately outside the Settlement of a boat laden with tin foil and paper, upon the grounds that "Landing Tax" on the cargo had not been paid. The goods were consigned to residents in the Settlement, and the case appears to be similar to that handled in 1902 by reference to the Commissioner of Customs, and it is decided to enlist his aid in obtaining the removal of the official boat stationed at this point of the Soochow Creek.

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Municipal Loans. The Council is informed that sums aggregating £130,000 have been accepted provisionally on account of the Loan for 1908, at the rate of 98½ net, and, since there appears to be a fair demand at this rate, it is decided to raise the rate of issue to par for the present. Applications for large amounts will be submitted to the Finance Committee in each case.

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Woohang Road Jetty. Further letters from the Japanese Consul General and from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are submitted in protest at what they regard as a change of attitude on the part of the Council in this matter. The Manager of the Company, Mr Ito, is about to lay proposals before the Chairman by way of compromise, and the subject is therefore postponed for discussion at next meeting.

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Tramways, Fares. A letter from the Manager of the Tramway Company is read, written as a result of his negotiations with Mr Pope of the Shanghai Nanking Railway. In reply thereto it is decided to state that the Council adheres to the view that two-cent tickets should be used, and otherwise to point out that the Council requires a ready sale facilitated, and notice conveyed to the Chinese section of the public that these tickets are available.

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Ratepayers Meeting. A letter from the Chairman of the recent Meeting is read alluding to the case of Mr C.R. Shaw's vote, and to his ruling in respect thereto. Sir Havilland de Sausmarez suggests that in future

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the doors of the Hall be closed when the poll is called for, and re-opened before the declaration of the poll. This proposal appears to the Council to be satisfactory, and it is decided to refer the question of amending the rules of procedure accordingly to the Legal Adviser.

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Bund Foreshore. A letter from Messrs David Sassoon & Co.Ld. is read, seeking the Council's explanation of the fact that no permission has been sought during recent years for the Volunteers to drill on the foreshore opposite their property on the Bund. The members have no recollection of this step having been taken in the past, nor does such a course appear either necessary or desirable, having in view the attitude now generally assumed towards the tenure of foreshore.

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Telephone Agreement. The Chairman recounts the position in which this matter at present stands, as a result of the return to Shanghai of Mr Anderson, who states that the agreement in its present form is not one which the Company can sign with due regard to their financial interests. The members are prepared, without prejudice to previous concluded negotiations, to consider a new form of agreement which Mr Anderson has undertaken to draw up.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

*David Sassoon*

Chairman.

*W. Murson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 1, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,  
there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- W.D. Little
- A.D. Lowe
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- The Secretary and
- Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

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.

Passenger pontoons. The Council is informed that an arrangement has been made between the Agent of the P. & O. Company and the Commissioner of Customs, under which the inward and outward mail tenders of the Company will in future make use of the new pontoons for the landing and disembarking of passengers.

Motor Cars. The Chairman has observed that the Electrical Engineer still makes use of the departmental motor car for private purposes in spite of the official letter written to him on the subject, and it is decided to draw the attention of the Electricity Committee to the matter, with a view to further action if necessary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of March 27 are read, and, after some discussion, confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of March 31 are read and confirmed, Mr Prentice observing with respect to the engagement of new mistresses that, in the Committee's opinion, it would be inadvisable to seek for candidates among older women with a view to greater continuity of service, since their influence in the School would not as a rule be so satisfactory.

Volunteers.

"A" Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the commission of Captain H.W. Pilcher is authorised for renewal.

Annual Inspection. A report from the Commandant informs the members that the General Officer Commanding the Troops in South China will inspect the Corps on the Public Recreation Ground on April 3 at 6 p.m., and that a field parade will be held between the Rifle Range and Chiangwan on the ensuing day at 3.15 p.m.

Opium Houses. The Watch Committee has held an informal meeting on the subject of the method to be adopted in giving effect to Resolution VI passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, and records the unanimous opinion that, in order that the 25 per cent reduction may be a true test of the results of closing, it would be well that one quarter of every description of house in every part of the Settlement be dealt with. To this end it is recommended that the opium houses be divided into three classes, (1) those paying \$5 and less, (2) those paying over \$5 and up to \$30 and (3) those paying over \$30 per mensem; further, that the Settlement be divided for this purpose into 8 half districts, and that after thus splitting up the total number of houses into 18 lists, the reduction be made by lot in each list. It is recommended that the method and date of drawing, April 18, be made public by means of a Chinese proclamation, and that the drawing take place in the presence of three prominent members of the native community. The Council adopts these suggestions and further directs that no increase in the number of lamps in each house on March 31 be permitted under penalty of immediate cancellation of the license concerned.

A special minute on this subject will be published without delay.

Bund Foreshore. From a further letter from Messrs David Sassoon & Co.Ld. it is inferred that their statement that in former years it was the Council's practice to obtain a permit for the Volunteers to drill on the Bund Foreshore opposite their property was an inaccurate one, and it is therefore decided to reply that the Council is of opinion that, having in view also the public rights to the foreshore, such permission ~~is~~ *may be* considered at present unnecessary.

Woohang Road Jetty. The Chairman states that no further progress has been made in this matter, since he has had no opportunity of again seeing Mr Ito, the Manager of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Telephone Cable Notice. A letter from the Secretary of the Mutual Telephone Co. Ltd. is read, desiring permission to erect on the Bund foreshore a notice board indicating where the Pootung cable crosses the River. The letter implies that the Company was prevented by the Council from adopting this course in 1901, but in a further informal note Mr Oberg states that he can find no record of such prohibition. The Council is not unwilling that the proposed board shall be erected, but desires in the first place to be informed more precisely of its size and position.

Dollar Notes. From a Police report submitted it appears that there are three types of native dollar notes circulating in the Settlement, which are not accepted by the foreign banks and stores, issued respectively in Nanking, Soochow and Shanghai. The Council directs that acceptance of these notes be refused if preferred in payment of taxes or other Municipal demand notes. The more general question of their currency and effect upon trade appears one for consideration by the Chamber of Commerce, and it is decided to draw the attention of the Chamber to the matter.

Fire Insurance. A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate is submitted alluding to certain touting practices on the part of shroffs employed by foreign insurance companies, and asking that some steps may be taken in prevention. It is decided to communicate a translation of this letter to the Fire Insurance Association without comment.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

*David ...*

Chairman.

*M. ...*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 8, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 A.D. Lowe  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

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.

Electrical Engineer's report for January and February.

Cash statement for the past week.

~~Return of prisoners apprehended.~~

Police daily reports.

Dollar Notes. With respect to the Council's ruling that certain native notes be refused as payment of Municipal demand notes, it is pointed out that, under the present system, the Compradore accepts such monies upon his own responsibility, and is called upon to pay in cash lump sums to the Council's bankers; thus the acceptance or refusal of paper money is within his discretion. On the other hand Mr McMichael points out that the general use of these notes, more particularly those of the Sin Chun Bank, is likely to prove unfortunate, and he is of opinion that their refusal by the Council would serve as a useful check on their currency. It is considered undesirable to test the legal status of the notes, and, pending reply from the Chamber of Commerce, it is decided to inform the Compradore of the Council's view, pointing out that he can only accept the notes in question at his own risk.

Chinese Soldiers in the Settlement. Considerable discussion ensues as to the desirability of including in the minutes for publication a note on two instances where native soldiers were found under arms without a permit, and were released after a few hours detention, and their arms restored. In one of these cases the action was taken at the personal

request of the Senior Consul, and the Chairman is of opinion that no other course was open to the Captain Superintendent than that which he took: on the other hand Mr Burkill alludes to the minutes of the meeting of Council of October 18 last, and expresses the view that its provisions should in all cases be rigorously applied. Upon a show of hands it is decided to omit the minute, the Watch Committee dissenting.

Hotels and Restaurants. A letter from the Consul General for Japan is read, desiring that the Council will reconsider the decision to issue no new licenses in the case of certain Japanese applications. He points out that the large increase in the Japanese population justifies this step, and that the proposed establishments are upon a very small scale. The matter will be the subject of Police report to the Watch Committee at an early date.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of March 31 are read and confirmed. With respect to the opening of the Hongkew Recreation Ground, the Council gives the necessary authority for the removal of the fence which was erected last year to prevent the use of the portion of the Ground formerly regarded as dangerous.

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Estimates 1908. Referring to the proposed expenditure on the Hongkew Recreation Ground and Brennan Piece, and other projected work, particular mention is made of the necessity for close adherence to the figures given in the Budget, and the Council directs that the attention of the Committee be drawn to this matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of April 3 are read and confirmed, the Chairman observing that it is satisfactory to learn that more attention is being given to the question of discipline. Mr Lowe states that it is within his knowledge that Mr Blount, a member of the Band Committee, is very dissatisfied with the work of the musicians, and the suggestion is adopted that he be asked to make a confidential report on the matter for the Council's guidance. Mr Lowe undertakes to arrange that this be done without official intervention.

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

Peking and Chefoo Roads, the Council scrutinises the plan of the projected improvement, and after some discussion authorises acceptance of the Russo-Chinese Bank's offer. The improvement cannot fail to be felt when the Peking Road is more generally used for carriage traffic, and the expenditure, though large, is considered upon the whole warranted.

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Site for Public Works Depot. Discussing the advisability of making the land purchase suggested under this heading, the Council is of opinion that the use of the present Wayside Depot may continue during the current year, and that it is inadvisable to incur so heavy cost in excess of the estimates as that proposed.

Fires, the Result of Electric Wiring. A note from the Captain Superintendent of Police informs the members that Inspector McDowell agrees to withdraw what he has written regarding Mr Roach, and under the circumstances this incident is now considered to be closed.

Opium Houses. The native proclamation in regard to closing the houses is submitted and approved, to be posted without delay. The Council is informed that Mr Shen Tun-ho has agreed to be one of the native witnesses of the drawing on April 18, and it is decided to request Mr Yu Ya-ching to act also in this capacity.

Native Proclamations. The draft of a proclamation as to the re-establishment of the Guild of Hot Water Shops is submitted, which omits the clauses to which the Council has officially objected. It is understood that this draft meets the wishes of the heads of the Guild, and it is decided to communicate unofficially with the Senior Consul, suggesting that the Guild be requested to forward the document through the usual channels for the necessary native and other seals, and thereby settle one of the points which have been in dispute for the past six months.

Fire Brigade. A letter from the French Council forwards a remittance of \$2,500, the contribution towards the maintenance of the Brigade for the first quarter of 1908. With this payment and interchange of letters the separation of the French section of the Brigade is officially brought about, and it is noted that the necessary arrangements for the change have been made.

House Refuse Removal. In response to Notification No. 1897, only two tenders have been received, and the Health Officer's recommendation to accept that of Wong Nyang-chi, endorsed by the Watch Committee, is now confirmed. It is noted that the contractor will deposit \$1,500 as security for the due performance of the work.

General Municipal Rate beyond Limits. A letter from Mr H.W. Provence, in respect to the claim of residents beyond limits to vote at Ratepayers Meetings, is submitted, and authorised for publication with reply as approved.

Paoshan Survey. A lithograph of the survey is submitted for the Council's inspection, as received from Messrs Waterlow & Sons. It is decided to forward copies for the information of the Native Authorities, in accordance with the Council's letter of October 23, 1906, for the use of the Consular Body and Consular Land Offices and for transmission to Peking. The price of the plan for sale to the public is fixed at \$15, unmounted.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A letter from the Senior Consul is read to the effect that Mr P. von Buri, Consul General for Germany, has been elected to take the place of the late Mr E. von Hirsch, Consul General for Austria-Hungary on the Court of Foreign Consuls.

Gas Company Arbitration. The Council is informed that Sir Havilland de Saumarez has stated that it is necessary for this arbitration to be presented to him in time to be heard before the Easter vacation, and, while directions will be given to the Legal Adviser in this sense, Mr Platt undertakes to expedite settlement so far as his firm is concerned, while at the same time expressing his intention to abstain from taking any part in the proceedings.

License for the Sale of Stamps. The Council is informed that Mr Gilchrist, Postal Commissioner, without prejudice to the assumed right of the Customs Authorities to license shops for the sale of postage stamps, is reporting adversely on the system to Peking. He has undertaken to refer to the Council's objection to the proceedings which have taken place before the American Assessor, and to refrain from further prosecutions until receipt of a reply. He will also notify the Council before taking further action in the matter.

Cost of Advertising. In reply to a communication from the Rev. Dr Myers, it is decided to furnish the details of the expenditure on stationery and advertising during 1907.

Sir Robert Hart. A discussion takes place as to the advisability of taking official notice of the fact that Sir Robert Hart will be in Shanghai for one week en route to England, and since it is certain that an invitation to dinner or tiffin would be unacceptable <sup>owing</sup> to Sir Robert's state of health, the Chairman suggests holding a short afternoon reception, preferably at the Country Club, to which will be invited the leading residents and others who have taken part in public life in the Settlement. The matter is left in the hands of the Finance Committee who will consult Mr Hobson unofficially in the first place.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Lindal*

Chairman.

*M. Curson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 15, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 A.D. Lowe  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

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 March.  
 Superintendent of Parks' do.  
 Special Report on Convict Labour do.  
 Summary of Revenue do.  
 Cash Statement for the past week.  
 Police Daily Reports.

/Hotels and Restaurants. The recommendation of the Watch Committee on the subject of the application for additional Japanese restaurants is to the effect that the Council's former decision be upheld. At the same time it is pointed out that the agitation of recent years, and consequent action by the Council, was not directed against bona fide restaurants where liquor is served at meals only, but rather against taverns and bars which conduce to disorder. It is further understood that the Captain Superintendent of Police will not be adverse to the issue of a certain number of licenses with a special condition attached that the houses in question cater for Japanese only. The Watch Committee will therefore give the matter further attention, and will at the same time consider applications from Messrs C.A. Biddle and L.Horenstein for treatment of their applications as special cases. In the meanwhile Mr Burkill undertakes to visit the premises in question.

Gas Company Arbitration. Mr Platt has had an interview with Mr Hogg in this matter, and, referring to the amended draft of the Agreement of Arbitration, has ascertained that he would be prepared to accept sub-sections "a" and "b" therein, provided that a third question be added for his decision as follows:- If the Arbitrator is of opinion that the Council has committed the breach of agreement referred to in sub-section "a" and that a new main is necessary in the Canton Road, what part, if any, of its cost should be paid by the Council? This appears to the Council to be satisfactory, and it is noted that the existing sub-section "c" may be eliminated. There seems therefore to be reasonable probability that the arbitration may take place before the departure of Sir Havilland de Saumarez.

Sir Robert Hart. A note from Mr Hobson, Commissioner of Customs, is submitted containing a telegraphic message from Sir Robert Hart to the effect that while he appreciates the offer informally conveyed to him, health considerations force him to decline any public entertainment or function. It is decided to include a minute to this effect in those prepared for publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 7 are read and confirmed. With reference to the:-

New Power Station. The Council is informed that there is probability that Mr Tam Wa will now accept £1,800 per now for Lot 6054. Some discussion ensues as to the renewal of the Council's offer for this property, and at Mr Burkill's suggestion it is decided to offer no more than £1,700 for the present.

Public Lighting. In reference to the order for Tungsten lamps for use in competition with incandescent gas for street lighting, the Chairman alludes to the type known as Osram, which will also be the subject of experiment as soon as practicable.

Motor Cars. The Electrical Engineer's reply on this subject has been submitted to members, and, in confirming the Committee's minute, the decision is again recorded that the departmental car must under no circumstances be used for other than official duties.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of April 9 are read and confirmed. In respect to:-

Land Assessment. Mr McMichael is of opinion that the Race Club may reasonably be asked to accept the assessed value of the Grass Course as well as the rest of their estate, in view of the Club's standing in the community. It is, however, after some discussion, decided to

allow the nominal rate to continue.

In regard to the Country Club, the Assessors have been requested to state what rate would have been placed upon the property had it been shown as one Cadastral Lot, and the acceptance or refusal of the Club's appeal will be based on the reply when received.

Case of Mr W.T. Evans. As a result of Mr Evans' inspection of the Accountant's report on his case, a letter is submitted from Mr F.N. Matthews, his auditor, containing further figures in re. The matter will therefore require some further scrutiny at the hands of the Finance Committee, and the Council leaves the settlement in the Committee's hands, with authority to issue to Mr Evans, in terms of the Ratepayers' Resolution, a sum not exceeding \$6,500.

Captain Barrett. A telegram from the London Agents is read to the effect that the Foreign Office desires that this officer return by June 20, being the date of expiry of his seconded period. At the suggestion of the Captain Superintendent it is decided to address a letter to the Foreign Office, asking that he be re-seconded for a further term of three years. The Council would regard an arrangement on these lines as preferable to that formerly proposed, under which Captain Barrett would finally resign from the Army.

Dog Muzzling. A letter from Mr W.B. Lockhart, forwarded by the Captain Superintendent of Police, is considered, referring at considerable length to the injustice which occasionally arises from the system under which the redemption fee for an un-muzzled dog stands at \$10. The Council is aware that so large an amount is seldom imposed as fine by the Consular Courts when dog cases are brought before them, and, under the circumstances, it is considered advisable to give discretionary authority to the Captain Superintendent of Police to reduce the fee to \$5 in cases where circumstances warrant.

Inspection of Lifts. The Engineer's report as to the practice in respect to lifts in public use at home is submitted from which it appears that no governmental or municipal supervision is exercised over these devices in Hongkong or England, and the Council's reply to the Consular Body's suggestion will be in these terms.

Sale of Electricity Department. A letter from the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. is submitted, copies having been distributed to members, containing an offer for the purchase of the Municipal electricity undertaking. This important question will be handled by the Finance Committee, and the Chairman states that, upon cursory

examination, the terms fall far short of those which he would be disposed to introduce for the Ratepayers approval.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

*David Lauder*

Chairman.

*W. Kurson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 22, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
A.D. Lowe  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
W.A.C. Platt  
J. Prentice and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

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 March.  
Cash Statement for the past week.  
Police Daily Reports.

Volunteer Inspection. A report by the General Officer Commanding is read to the effect that from his recent inspection of the Corps he has found its discipline, training and equipment in a very satisfactory condition.

Court of Foreign Consuls.

Case of Mr Bookless. The judgment in this case is read, with a note from the Legal Adviser, enquiring whether in accordance therewith the Council intends to claim costs.

Considerable discussion ensues upon the point, and the Chairman states that H.M. Consul General has expressed the hope that no claim in this respect would be made. Though admitting the desirability of remitting the claim and the possible difficulty of obtaining payment from the plaintiff, the Council is strongly averse to taking the first step in the direction of compromise.

If, on the other hand, a direct claim were made to the plaintiff's solicitors in the usual manner, comment or criticism might result, and it is finally decided to direct the Legal Adviser to address an enquiry to Messrs Home and Douglas as to the course which they propose to pursue with reference to the costs of the proceedings.

Budget for 1908.

Police. A report by the Captain Superintendent is read as to the possibility of further reduction of the estimates for the year, wherefrom



wherefrom it is noted that the item of \$10,000 for increased rates of pay to the native branch of the Force can be discarded, together with \$5,000 from the extraordinary expenditure under the heading of "Buildings", by postponement of the building of quarters for Indian warders. A memorandum based on this report is ordered for publication together with the reports of other heads of departments on the same subject.

Premium Bonds. With reference to an advertisement which has appeared in the Shanghai Mercury as to the sale of continental State and Municipal premium bonds, a note by the Captain Superintendent is read pointing out the difference between these bonds and lottery tickets, which lies in the fact that though a purchaser may win a large prize, he makes an investment upon which interest is received. The North China Daily News awaits the Council's decision before inserting a similar advertisement, and in view of the possibility that the sale of these bonds especially to Chinese, may later prove open to objection, it is decided to ascertain the legality of the sale of such bonds in England.

Tramway Bye-Laws. Separate codes containing Police regulations and the Tramway Company's rules controlling passengers are submitted, with reports by the Captain Superintendent and Engineer thereon. Since these have been submitted to legal inspection by the Tramway Company it is decided to hand them to the Council's Legal Adviser for comment and criticism, and the members express the unanimous opinion that no preferential right of way as designed in the proposed terms of Clause X of the Police Regulations is permissible.

House Refuse Removal. A report by the Health Officer is read to the effect that the tenderer selected for this work in accordance with the minute published in the Municipal Gazette of April 16, has withheld his signature from the agreement, to the terms of which he formerly assented. The Health Officer accordingly recommends that the work be performed by the Department, and the proposal to select sites for refuse depots and procure boats for conveyance of the refuse is sanctioned with the proviso that this be effected by lease or hire rather than purchase.

Native Proclamations. The amended form of the proclamation issued on behalf of the Hot Water Guild has received the seal of the Mixed Court Magistrate, and the signature and stamp of the Senior Consul with the formal approval of the Consular Body will follow in due course.

Ta Wang Temple Procession. A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate is submitted, having reference to a permit which he presumes, has been issued to the Association managing the Ta Wang Temple annual procession. Noting the request that this permit be withdrawn, Mr Burkill remarks that the grounds upon which it is advanced are similar to those contained in a letter from

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the Taotai to the Senior Consul, which was the subject of the Council's reply of July 5 last. The members re-affirm the view then expressed that the prohibition of this procession would be calculated to irritate a large section of the native community without cause, and that although on this occasion it did not for some reason take place, it shall for the future be permitted within the Settlement as usual.

Prostitutes. A letter from the U.S. Consul General is read asking that the district attorney be permitted to appear before the Watch Committee in order to make a statement upon the subject of American prostitutes. It is decided to obtain a police report upon their conduct generally, and thereafter to appoint a time for an interview between the district attorney and the Watch Committee.

Sale of Electricity Department. The Chairman states that close consideration of the Electric Construction Company's recent proposal has revealed no circumstance justifying departure, for the present, from the opinion first entertained with reference thereto, namely that the terms proposed are insufficiently advantageous, and that Mr Preece's valuation should properly form the basis of any offer brought before the Ratepayers under the Council's auspices. A reply in this sense is therefore authorised.

Case of Mr W.T. Evans. The Finance Committee's recommendation that the sum of \$6,000 be granted to Mr Evans in accordance with the terms of Resolution XII, passed at the Ratepayers' Meeting, is approved.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

*David Handley*

Chairman.

*J. Mackinnon*

Assistant Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 29, 1908, at 4.30 P.M.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
A.D. Lowe  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
W.A.C. Platt  
J. Prentice and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

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 March Quarter.  
Cash Statement for the past week.  
Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of April 25 are read and confirmed. With reference to the proposal to hold Sunday Concerts at 9 p.m., the Chairman is of opinion that it is doubtful whether the attendance will be sufficiently large during the succeeding months to warrant this change. As an experiment, however, the suggestion is approved, and a notification on the subject is authorised for issue accordingly.

Volunteers. - Headquarters. With reference to the sum of £2,500 required for alterations to buildings on Cadastral Lot 168, in accordance with the report by the Engineer and plan approved by the Watch Committee, it is noted that there is no Budget appropriation for this work, and it is directed that the expenditure involved which may be somewhat diminished, be met from the sum set aside for Repairs and Maintenance to Municipal Buildings, and divided between Police buildings and "other Municipal Buildings" in suitable proportions.

Rifles. A report by the Commandant is read with reference to information conveyed by the London Agents that the rifles for which provision is made in the Budget, may be obtained either at 105/- or 81/- each, and bayonets at 15/- or 11/9 each. In his opinion it would be advisable to purchase the more expensive qualities since better value will be obtained thereby. The appropriation would thus be exceeded by £3,560 and it is decided to

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avoid this by purchasing a smaller number of the more expensive weapons. It is considered, however, that if the cheaper qualities are in government use, they will suffice, and the question will be settled under the direction of the Watch Committee upon this basis.

Traffic. At the recommendation of the Watch Committee it is decided to issue a notification amending the terms of Traffic Regulation No. 1., to provide that vehicles passing tram cars must do so on the left hand side, and after some discussion it is directed that the words "where practicable" be inserted in the draft submitted.

Premium Bonds. The opinion of the Crown Advocate is read to the effect that the sale of these bonds undoubtedly constitutes a lottery. He expresses the hope that the Council's action will be firmer than seemed possible in the matter of the Watch Clubs. Mr Meuser is of opinion that if the sale of these bonds among Chinese increases, considerable harm might result, and it is directed that an attempt be made to obtain the omission by the Shanghai Mercury of advertisements now appearing on the subject. Before, however, definitely informing Messrs Hoffman & Co. of the Council's views, it is decided to confirm the Crown Advocate's opinion, in accordance with his suggestion, by reference to the Council's Legal Adviser.

Pawnbrokers. A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate states that the pawnbrokers have presented a protest on the subject of the notification appearing in the Municipal Gazette of February 6 as to the enforcement of Clause 7 of their licenses. It is noted that the statement that the pawnbrokers have received no answer to their petition to the Council is incorrect, and it is decided to reply briefly in this sense.

Electricity Department.

Coal Supply. A report by the Electrical Engineer is read recommending that the opinion of the Legal Adviser be taken as to the possibility of evading the terms of Clause 2 of the contract with the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co, now expiring, which appears to provide that the Council shall accept any quantity up to 16,000 tons less 10 per cent. It is noted that through economy 2,720 tons remain for which no requisition has been necessary and that the quality of the coal hitherto supplied has been unsatisfactory. The Company has however, before expiry of the contract, requested acceptance of the full amount, and noting the terms of Clause 2 the members are of opinion that the position fails to warrant resort to legal advice, but that a compromise should be sought.

Directions are therefore given that attention be again drawn to the fact that the coal supplied has caused periodical dissatisfaction, referring to former correspondence in re; and that it be further pointed

out that if the terms of the contract are to be strictly adhered to the Council will be under the necessity of reselling the 2,720 tons. The members are of opinion that by this means an understanding may be arrived at whereby the Company will not insist upon acceptance of the quantity in question.

In this connexion it is noted that the Electrical Engineer has ordered 400 tons from the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha at £6.35 per ton without authority previously obtained, and it is directed that the Committee's attention be drawn thereto, since the Council is of opinion that formal preliminary reference to the Committee is obviously requisite in connexion with so large a purchase.

Sale of the Department. A memorandum by Mr Wheeley relating to the sale of the undertaking, and a special report by the Engineer on the same subject are submitted and ordered for circulation for members' scrutiny.

Gas Company Arbitration.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Chairman refers to the prolonged delay which has elapsed without formal assent to the terms of the Agreement of Arbitration submitted by the Legal Advisers, and Mr Platt informs the members of the verbally expressed unwillingness of the Gas Company to submit to the arbitration of H.M. Judge.

In the discussion which ensues reference is made to the fact that H.M. Judge was the arbitrator first proposed by the Gas Company, and since the terms of the agreement of arbitration have received the Company's general verbal assent, as recently recorded, the ground for further hesitation is not clear.

In view of the impending departure of H.M. Judge, it is directed that a firm effort be made to press the matter to an issue at once, so that if wish to evade his arbitration is cause of the delay, some definite indication that this is the case, may if possible be obtained.

Sir Robert Hart. A letter from Sir Robert Hart is read expressing his appreciation of the guard of honour provided to escort him from the jetty to the residence of the Commissioner of Customs.

Case of Mr W.T. Evans. A letter from Mr W.T. Evans is read from which it is noted that he has accepted with thanks the amount of \$6,000, granted by the Council under the authority conveyed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. His request that the contents of the reports on this subject be not published is accorded.


Municipal Contracts. A letter from Dr Myers is read requesting particulars as to various Municipal contracts and purchases. Noting that the particulars with regard to these have for the most part been published, it is directed that in the reply allusion be made to the fact, and that

references and dates be given.

Defaulting Shroff. A report from the Overseer of Taxes is read, having reference to the fact that a shroff has recently appropriated a sum of \$899, through the fault of Tax Collector George. The Overseer of Taxes' recommendations as to the manner of dealing with this matter are approved, but it is directed that a special report be submitted as to the general character of the Collector.

Mr Lanning. An application for six months leave is granted to this employe and in respect to his request for an extension of this period to conduct investigations at the Foreign Office it is decided that an application therefor will be considered when submitted at a later date.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.



Chairman.



Assistant Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 13, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- W.D. Little
- R.S.F. McBain
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- The Secretary and Assistant Secretary

Absent:

- A.D. Lowe
- 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:-

- Engineer's Report for April.
- Convict Labour do.
- Electrical Engineer's Report for March.
- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 1 are read and confirmed, and the following further decisions recorded in respect thereto:-

Prostitutes. The Police report on this subject is read together with the request of the American Consul General for a copy thereof. It is decided to furnish a copy of the earlier portion of the document and of the lists of women attached. The ensuing discussion bears evidence of absence of sympathy on the part of the Council with this coercive movement of the American Authorities which is stated to be due to the personal activity of Mr Bassett.

Alhambra. A Police report on the proceedings at this institution, and at the Alcazar adjoining, is submitted, from which it appears that arrangements are in train for re-opening on May 15. It is decided to communicate the contents to the Consular Body in the form of a memorandum, and, while suggesting that such institutions be made liable to license upon the lines in force in the Settlement, to repeat the Council's assurance of co-operation in any repressive measures which may be considered suitable. A draft letter in this sense is read and approved.

Hotel and Restaurant Licenses. The Chairman of the Committee has taken occasion to convince the Japanese Consul General of the necessity for upholding the Council's decision on this subject, which is re-affirmed also in respect to an Austrian appellant. It is, however, pointed out that the treatment of restaurants with the same rigour that is applied to hotels and taverns, was not within the intention of the Council which originated this measure of local option, and it is recorded, for reference in March next, that the two classes of institutions should receive separate treatment.

Tramway Traffic. A letter from the Company is read expressing regret at the obstruction caused in the Avenue Road and elsewhere, and indicating an intention to prevent such incidents in the future. Mr Burkill alludes to a further case on May 8, when 15 cars were standing on the Bund between the Foochow Road and Yangkingpang to the obstruction of general traffic. The first intention of the Council in this case is to support the proposal of the Captain Superintendent that the Company be summonsed, but, in view of the forementioned apology, and of a statement by Mr Wheelley that a new experienced General Manager will arrive on June 8, it is decided to take no action for the present.

Chinese Study. In respect to the system of passing candidates for bonus, it is decided that in future the marks lists will be presented for the Watch Committee's scrutiny, who will thereupon decide as to the percentage of necessary marks, or other system of passing or rejecting, in the members' discretion upon each occasion.

Gaol Extension. In respect to the building work proposed, and after reference to the Convict Labour Report for April, it is directed that this work be carried out by the convicts themselves.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 2 are read and confirmed, and it is noted that the decision therein recorded under the heading

Budget for 1908, as to culverting the Changpang, is the result of a misunderstanding.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of May 8 are read and confirmed.

Letter from Mr Blount is read, containing the resignation of his seat on the Committee as a result of his approaching departure from Shanghai. The question of the appointment of Mr Blount's successor is deferred for consideration at next meeting.



Volunteers.

Light Horse. The resignation of Captain Keylock, forwarded by the Commandant, is submitted, and, in accepting the same, it is decided to convey a cordial expression of appreciation of this officer's work during the past seven years, to which the high state of efficiency of the unit may be considered due. He is permitted to retain his rank under Regulation XIV with the right to wear the prescribed uniform.

"A" Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant C.H. Rutherford is received and recorded.

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

Premium Bonds. It is noted that the Legal Adviser concurs in the view that these bonds are lotteries within the meaning of Byelaw XXXIV, and it is decided, after preliminary enquiries at the consulate concerned, to intimate to Messrs W. Hoffman & Co. that if they persist in the sale of the bonds proceedings will be instituted.

Registration of Architects. The reply of the Senior Consul is read to the Council's request for confirmation of the addition to Article XXX of the Land Regulations, passed at the recent Ratepayers' Meeting. He desires information as to the deliberations of the sub-committee appointed to discuss and devise the code of rules on this subject. In reply it is decided to point out that the Council will not consider the code until the necessary authority for its compilation has been obtained, and further that the sub-committee has yet to meet for consideration of the matter.

Gas Company Arbitration. In consideration of the fact that the Company has refused to pay the additional cost involved where road openings have caused interference with the tramway track, proposals are submitted for notifying the Company that they will be held liable for work carried out by the Council in this connexion. Upon the Chairman's suggestion, however, it is decided to deduct the sums in question from the monthly payments for public lighting.

Sale of Electricity Department. With reference to Mr Wheeley's memorandum on this subject, the Council expresses readiness to accord their representative, if appointed for the purpose, permission to inspect the Works and books of accounts, with a view to an independent report thereon, and further to indicate to Messrs Preece and Cardew the Council's wish that the Shanghai Electric Construction Co. Ltd. may have any information on the subject which it is within their power to afford. The members' reading of Mr Preece's valuation of £300,000 is that the sum represents the value of the undertaking as a going concern at the time when his

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report was made, and that, if used as a basis of calculation in discussing the sale of the undertaking, there should be added to the above amount such sum as may thereafter have been expended on extensions, etc. A copy of the half-yearly balance sheet is authorised to be forwarded to the Company so soon as completed after June next.

Steel Bridges. With reference to the Tramway Company's contributions to these structures now payable, the Council is prepared, in accordance with Mr Wheelley's verbal suggestion, to accept the deposit of £5,000 in partial payment of the amount due.

The meeting adjourns at 7.5 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 20, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs           D. Landale                   (Chairman)  
                  A.W. Burkill  
                  W.D. Little  
                  R.S.F. McBain  
                  J.H. McMichael  
                  O. Meuser  
                  W.A.C. Platt  
                  The Secretary           and  
                  Assistant Secretary

Absent:           A.D. Lowe  
                  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:-

Superintendent of Parks for April.  
Gaol Report do.  
Summary of Expenditure to March 31.  
Cash Statement for the past week.  
Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 14 are read and confirmed. In respect to the:-

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New Power Station. Mr Burkill states that it is probable that he can secure the purchase of Lot 6054 at \$1750 per mow, provided the area upon which payment is to be made is agreed. To this end a special survey of the lot by the Public Works Department is called for.

Additional Boiler. A further report on the subject of the purchase of the boiler has been circulated to members, and there is some difference of opinion as to whether the order should be given now or in January next. The Chairman undertakes to go into the matter more fully with the Electrical Engineer at an early date.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of May 19 are read and confirmed.

Volunteers.

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Light Horse. A further note by the Commandant is read on the subject of the resignation of Captain Keylock, and it is decided to grant to this officer on retirement the honorary rank of Major.

*M.W.*

The resignations of Lieutenant Mosberg and 2nd Lieutenant Lavers are received and recorded.

Staff. At the suggestion of the Commandant it is decided to issue a warrant to Sergeant Major Studd. A specimen of the form which it is proposed that this document should take, founded upon that in use in the Army, is approved.

House Refuse Removal. The Health Officer's further recommendations in this matter, made as a result of non-receipt of any satisfactory tender for the work in response to Notification No. 1897, are adopted. Thereunder six provisional informal agreements will be made for the removal or refuse from the District Chutes, and the loading and unloading will be done by Municipal coolies. Boats will be purchased from time to time with the object of dispensing gradually with the services of contractors. The suggestion that land for a refuse sorting and distributing depot be purchased, will require further consideration at the hands of the Watch Committee, and, in the meanwhile, the Council is opposed to any such purchase during the current year, there being no appropriation for the purpose in the Budget.

Royal Asiatic Society. A letter from the Society is read to the effect that the Government has approved the terms of the agreement made between the Council and the Society in May 1906, subject to the omission of the portion of Clause 8 which touches upon the tenure of the land. Under these circumstances it is proposed, by adding the Council ex officio to the membership of the Society, thereby to obviate its possible dissolution and the reversion of the property to Government use. The Council approves this proposal provided the decision of the Government, at present a matter of hearsay, be officially confirmed, and provided the constitution of the Society legally admits of the suggested course. The members are not adverse to the suggestion that the design of the building be open to public competition, noting merely that no portion of the cost can appear in the current year's expenditure.

Woosung Road Jetty. Further letters from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are read containing the alternative suggestion that this jetty be transferred to the end of the Tsingpoo Road, and enclosing a signed letter from the former protestants at the transfer of the jetty, to the effect that the present proposal would not be prejudicial to the public interests. It is decided in the first place to enquire whether the Japanese Company will agree that the public facilities over their pontoons shall be maintained, and whether they will undertake to guarantee that their steamers when at the wharf side shall not project beyond the eastern end of their pontoon in its new position.

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Gas Company Arbitration. The Legal Adviser forwards in tabular form Messrs Stokes, Platt and Teesdale's first draft agreement of arbitration, his modifications thereof, and the second draft. He points out that the chief subject of dispute is the insistence of the other side upon reference of the general question as to who shall be responsible for damage suffered by third parties, and the Council supports the view that the liability of the Council vis-a-vis the Company is the only question which should be referred to arbitration.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. Draft amendment of No. 8 of the Rules of Procedure, based on the suggestion of Sir Havilland de Sausmarez in March last, is forwarded by the Legal Adviser and ordered for publication.

Fire Brigade. In passing the accounts of the Brigade as submitted, the Watch Committee draws attention to the fact that many of them are for purchases so long ago as last November, and it is decided to draw the attention of the Chief Engineer to the necessity for prompt certification and submission of all accounts in the future. Mr Burkill alludes to the note of the Chief Engineer of April 22 as to the purchase of a pony, which he considers is couched in terms alike unsuitable and discourteous. In respect to the purchase of two horses at a cost of £700, the Council directs the application of Standing Order No. XLIX to Fire Brigade matters, whereby no expenditure of an amount exceeding £300 shall be made except after reference to the Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

*David Sandale*

Chairman.

*W. Messon*  
Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 27, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
R.S.F. McBain  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
W.A.C. Platt  
J. Prentice  
The Secretary and  
Assistant 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:-

Summary of Revenue for April.

Cash Statement for the past week.

Police Daily Reports.

Electricity Department, New Power Station. A note from the Engineer states that the available area of Lot 6054 is Mow 35.2, but that a further area of Mow 4.5 included in the official plan is covered by water. His suggestion that the price payable should be subject to reduction by the cost of raising the latter land to the level of the remainder of the lot is approved, and Mr Burkill will endeavour to arrange the transaction on this basis.

Morphia Proclamation. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted forwarding for the Council's scrutiny copy of a proclamation by the Taotai prohibiting the injection and use of morphia. Reports thereon by the Captain Superintendent of Police and Health Officer are read, from which it appears that prosecutions have been conducted in the Mixed Court during the past few months for this offence, and that a proclamation on the subject would seem unnecessary. The Health Officer also notes that the recommendation to purchase suitable medicines to get rid of the opium habit is undesirable, inasmuch as all such drugs are either useless or calculated to substitute one craving for another. It is decided to state in reply that the Council has no great objection to the posting of the document in the Settlement, while at the same time citing extracts from the above reports for the Taotai's consideration.

American Land Office. In continuation of former correspondence on this subject the American Consul General announces that he is not prepared to sanction the application of Cadastral Office procedure with respect to lots beyond Settlement limits, for the reason that such is not the practice in the British and German Offices. Noting the desirability of this course, with the object of keeping up to date the Paoshan plan and other surveys beyond limits now in progress, the Council directs that an endeavour be made to bring all the Consular land offices into line on the point. It appears probable that if the British Office consents the others will follow suit.

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Municipal Compradore. With regard to the Finance Committee's recent minute upon the subject of the Compradore's security, the Council is informed that he is willing to lodge the title deed and declaration of trust for B.C. Lot 2987, Cadastral No. 523, registered in the name of Messrs Morrison and Gratton, in substitution for the present cash deposit of \$4,000. The assessed value of this lot is \$25,000 and the Council approves the proposal. The necessary bonds will be drawn up under the direction of the Legal Adviser.

Case of Mr Mordhorst. A further letter from this resident on the subject of payment of Municipal Rate beyond limits is read, from which it appears that he is still unwilling to submit to the Council's ruling as to his liability. The Finance Committee has satisfied itself that the Council's case rests on a satisfactory basis, and it is decided to give notice that if the sum in question is not paid by June 15, the necessary steps will be taken for discontinuing his water supply.

Policing of Outside Roads. Two Police reports are read recounting the incident which took place this morning in the North Chekiang Road, when P.C. Sinclair was assaulted by the native police established beyond Settlement limits. At the request of the Consular Authorities, conveyed by Vice-Consul Wilkinson, the Council authorises the release of the two native policemen who have been arrested, upon the Taotai's statement that there will otherwise be difficulty in maintaining order and his assurance that they will be produced at the Mixed Court on Friday next for trial. In the meanwhile it is decided to furnish the Consular Body with a summary of the facts, and to state that the present conditions under which the northern boundary of the Settlement has become obliterated by road construction and buildings are such as may at any time give rise to serious disturbance. It is the opinion of the members that the time has arrived to apply for an extension of the Settlement at least as far as the railway line, which, from inspection of the Paoshan plan, appears the only satisfactory barrier.

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Riot of 1905. A letter from the Race Club forwards a remittance for \$394, being a sum recovered from the Claims Commissioner for supplies to the naval landing party quartered at the Club in December 1905. The Club has already been reimbursed for this outlay, and the Commissioner's cheque is accordingly endorsed in the Council's favour. In view of the announcement which was made early in the year on this subject, it is decided to donate the money in equal shares to the Shantung Road and St. Luke's Hospitals.

Case of the Actor Li Chun Lai. An informal enquiry from the American Consul General has been received through the Captain Superintendent of Police, as to the attitude which the Council would adopt were some concession made by himself in the matter of his recent demands from the Taotai for reparation for the alleged insult to Mr Jernigan during the hearing of the case. The members are of opinion that any course which Mr Denby finds satisfactory in this matter should not be open to criticism.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

*David A. A. A. A.*

Chairman.

*M. A. A. A.*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 3, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 R.S.F. McBain  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant 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:-

Cash Statement for the past week.  
 Police Daily Reports.

Electricity Committee, New Power Station. Mr Burkill states that, owing to the difficulty which has arisen in the matter of the area of Lot 6054, settlement of the purchase of this property must await the return of the beneficial owner Mr Tam Wa.

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Morphia Proclamation. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, in reply to the Council's communication of the preceding day, forwarding nine copies of the Taotai's proclamation to be posted in the Settlement. From this document it is clear that the Consular Body has not thought fit to point out to the Taotai the desirability of deleting certain passages relating to anti-opium medicines before making his pronouncement public.

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Policing of Outside Roads. Letter from Vice Consul Wilkinson is read informing the Council of a verbal communication made to himself by the Mixed Court Magistrate on behalf of the Taotai, to the effect that the two native policemen arrested in the North Chekiang Road will be brought before the Court in due course, and expressing his regret for the apparent breach of faith involved by their non-appearance on Friday last.

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The reply of the Consular Body to the Council's letter on this subject is received and ordered for inclusion in the minutes already prepared for publication.

Financial Statement. The returns for the quarter ending March 31 are included in the Municipal Gazette, together with extracts from the

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reports of the principal Heads of Departments on the subject of reduction of estimates. At the Chairman's suggestion all further reference to this matter is omitted from the Introduction except the statement that work on drainage, bundings, buildings and road construction, must proceed uninterruptedly. He further considers, and the members concur in the view, that for the future the quarterly statements should be issued without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 1, 1908, are read and confirmed. With respect to

Boundary Road. Allusion is made to the desirability of placing this road in such a condition as to mark the difference between thoroughfares under Municipal control and those under native supervision adjoining, but, upon consideration, the cost of the work as submitted by the Engineer is regarded as prohibitive.

Chapoo Road. The Committee considers that, in view of the desirability of effecting the complete widening ex Lot 804, it would be well for the Engineer to make a compromise with Mr Scott in the matter, at a cost not exceeding £1,000 over and above the sum agreed for land purchase.

Sinza Road. With the decision to allow the question of completing the further extension of this road to remain in abeyance, the Council's purpose to apply experimentally in certain cases the provisions of Article VIC of the Land Regulations, is frustrated, and it is noted that the Regulation in question is thus at present a dead letter.

Public Band. The Chairman states that, in the course of the past week, Mr Meuser has consented to fill the vacancy on the Band Committee, and, although it was the intention of the Council, in establishing sub-committees of this description, to relieve the members of the Council of some portion of their duties, the present position of the Band calls for exceptional treatment. Mr Meuser's nomination is unanimously endorsed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of June 2 are read and confirmed.

The confidential report upon the Band, submitted by Mr Blount, advocates reverting to the system of employing Filipinos alone. While Mr Buck's abilities as an orchestral conductor are admitted, the opinion is expressed that he is not suited for the requirements of Shanghai. In this connexion Mr Meuser observes that with much of this report Mr Buck is in agreement, and that if the latter step is contemplated by the Council he should have the earliest possible notice of decision. The report is ordered for circulation to the

members for preliminary consideration.

Premium Bonds. The Council is informed that Mr Hoffmann has called in reference to his business in continental Government and Municipal premium bonds. He states that these bonds are freely sold in London and elsewhere, and declines to accept the Council's ruling that they are lotteries within the meaning of the Bye-law. Before instituting proceedings against Mr Hoffmann it is decided to ascertain the view which the French Consul General would hold in the matter.

Traffic Islands. A complaint by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade is submitted in reference to the hindrance which these islands constitute from the point of view of fire service. A Police report on the subject is also read, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided that the island in the Honan Road north of the Maloo shall be removed. The thoroughfare in question is considered too narrow for treatment in this way, but, in regard to the remaining islands, the Council considers that their utility for the direction of traffic, and for the provision of pedestrian facilities, outweighs any inconvenience they may cause to the Brigade. The occasion will be taken to point out the necessity for urging upon the members of the Brigade caution in driving through heavy traffic, particularly while the tramway service is in its early stages.

Mixed Court. The Captain Superintendent of Police draws attention to the case of an arrest made at the request of a Paoshan runner. The charge remained unsubstantiated and the man in custody for nearly one month, <sup>he</sup> and was finally released by direction of the German Assessor, who has ordered that the runner be brought to the Court on June 6. With no desire to hamper the authority of the Assessor, the case is cited as an instance of the impossibility of efficient co-operation with any native police administration beyond the Settlement boundary.

Central Offices. A report by the Engineer is submitted stating that he has an offer of Cadastral lot 167 with buildings thereon for the sum of £110,000. It is understood that this scheduled property yields a net income of £6,800, and the purchase, which is considered necessary with a view to future expansion of the Municipal offices, may thus be carried out now at little or no cost to the public funds. It is decided in the first place to make an offer of £90,000 to be increased in the discretion of the Engineer to £95,000.

Woosung Road Jetty. The reply is read of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to the Council's three questions whereon the transfer of the jetty to the termination of the Tsingpoo Road will rest. Mr Platt points out that the Company's answer in respect to overlapping the eastern end of their

pontoons is not wholly satisfactory. Provided however the Company will amend its letter in the sense required, it is decided to publish the correspondence together with a minute to the effect that, unless reasonable objection is shown within one week, the assent of the Council will be given to the transfer.

• Privet. At the suggestion of the Health Officer, endorsed by the Watch Committee, it is decided to issue a Notification warning residents of the danger of permitting the pollen of privet to be disseminated.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

*David Hardale*

Chairman.

*W. Mayson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 10, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- W.D. Little
- R.S.F. McBain
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- The Secretary and
- Assistant 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.
- Captain Superintendent of Police do.
- Engineer's do.
- Superintendent of Parks do.
- Convict Labour do.
- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

Volunteers.

Medical Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following promotions are authorised:-

- Captain C. Lalcooa, P.M.O., to be Major with effect from April 21.
- Lieutenant R.J. Marshall to be Captain with effect from June 1.

Maxim Company. The commission of Captain G.E. Stuart is authorised for renewal for a further period of three years, with effect from May 17.

Light Horse. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr C.H. Godfrey.

Policing beyond Limits. Further cases of aggression on the part of the Paoshan Police are reported by the Captain Superintendent, one of which, the appearance of three mounted men in the North Chekiang Road, has already been communicated to the Consular Body. A second case, where a foreman of coolies at work in the Railway Station yard was brutally done to death, forms the subject of a further despatch read in draft and approved. Therewith will be forwarded for the Consular Body's consideration translations of an extract from the native press on the

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subject of the Paoshan Police, and of a petition from the wife of the deceased.

Premium Bonds. In a further interview with Mr Hoffmann, it appears that the price of these bonds is quoted in certain daily newspapers at home, and that an establishment exists in London for business transactions therein. As a result of this, a further opinion from the Legal Adviser is read in which he <sup>recommends</sup> ~~recommends~~ that the Council should take no further step to discourage local transactions in premium bonds. In the light of this it is decided to take no proceedings in the matter.

Public Band. In the Chairman's opinion the suggestion contained in Mr Blount's confidential report requires no action on the Council's part, except at the recommendation of the Band Committee, a view in which the members concur.

Registration of Architects. The reply from the Senior Consul is read to the Council's letter of May 20, to the effect that without information as to the rules to be drawn up by the sub-committee appointed for the purpose, the Consular Body is unwilling to confirm the suggested alteration of Article XXX of the Land Regulations. This view, officially speaking, is regarded by the Council as untenable, while at the same time it is understood that the wholly English constitution of the sub-committee has given rise to the impression that the rules would be directed against the interests of continental practising architects. The Council therefore decides to add to the sub-committee the names of a leading French and German architect, also that of Mr Marti, and directs that the committee as thus augmented be called upon for its report and recommendations forthwith.

Accident to Mrs. Butler. Reports and correspondence are submitted in relation to an accident to Mrs Butler due to a runaway pony in a Municipal watercart, from which it appears that Mr Butler claims or will claim compensation for injuries. In discussion of the advisability of arbitration as to the liability of the Council or of the Horse Bazaar in the matter, it is understood that the latter will not assent to such a proposal, and it is decided in the first place to take legal advice as to the liability of the Council.

Telephone Service. A letter from the directors of the Company is read, containing the suggestion that the recent difficulties in respect to the agreement may be met by certain small modifications which are enumerated, and by the increase of the charge for business telephones within the radius of 2½ miles to £65 per annum. Considerable discussion ensues during which it appears that the Council would have little or no objection to meeting the Company's wishes, were it not for the fact that

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they include a proposal to defer the payment of dividend on the Council's holding of shares from April 1907, the date fixed, to April 1908. It is represented that the small amount involved, £3,000, is of importance to the Company in view of its present financial position, and of the fact that a dividend of no more than 6 per cent can be paid for the past year instead of 8 per cent, as was intended when the Company was formed. The Finance Committee requires figures in support of this statement, and will endeavour to meet two members of the Board for the discussion of the point during the ensuing week.

The Reverend Dr Myers. The Council is informed that further enquiries have been received from this ratepayer on the subject of Municipal accounts, and particularly the terms of agreement with the London Agents, Messrs John Pook & Co, and the method of purchase of a Babcock boiler for the Electricity Works. In view of the deliberate misuse made by Dr Myers of similar information recently afforded him, the Council decides that his letter may suitably remain without reply.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

*David Dandale*

Chairman.

*W. Myerson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 17, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- W.D. Little
- A.D. Lowe
- R.S.F. McBain
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- 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:-

- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 12 are read and confirmed, with the following comments:-

Mixed Court. Interviewed on the subject of the Paoshan runner who is wanted by the Police for making a false charge, Dr Schirmär has stated that he will insist upon the man's appearance at the Court, and the Committee is of opinion, under these circumstances, that the suggested letter would be superfluous.

Captain Barrett. The Chairman alludes to the difficulty which may arise hereafter in regard to the salaries of Assistant Superintendents if made permanent Municipal employees, and, in the discussion which ensues, it appears desirable that to the scale of officers' pay already approved should be added the maximum salary attached to each post. In Captain Barrett's case the offer which the Committee recommends follows directly upon the arrangement made at the time of his joining the Force, and the minute is therefore confirmed.

Buildings. It is pointed out that the question raised under this head is one for the Works Committee's consideration in respect to all Municipal buildings, and Mr Meuser states that in his opinion sufficient attention has not been paid in the past to the external appearance of these buildings.

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✓Policing beyond Limits. A letter from the American Consul General is read in allusion to the recent attack on Dr Barchet's premises in the North Szechuen Road, wherein he desires Police assistance in preventing further violence in that locality. It is decided in reply to state that while residents beyond limits are entitled to Police protection in return for payment of the special Municipal Rate, Dr Barchet by failing to notify the Hongkew Station at once of the attack on his house, has prejudiced the success of Police investigation of the matter. In the meanwhile every possible step will be taken to bring the culprits to justice.

A report by the Captain Superintendent refers to the action of the Paoshan Police at the northern extremity of the Woosung Road, which lies like the North Chekiang Road, partly within and partly without the boundary. It is understood that the Senior Consul has requested the Taotai to withdraw the natives pending settlement of the boundary question, not only in the North Chekiang Road but in other roads similarly situated.

In respect to Police supervision of houses of public entertainment on roads beyond limits, the Chairman, after consultation with the Senior Consul, suggests that a Municipal Notification be issued to the effect that houses of this description shall henceforth be liable to license. It is understood that all the members of the Consular Body except the representative<sup>s</sup> of Spain, Cuba and Japan, will enforce such a ruling, and the Council approves the proposal that formal communication of the Notification to the Consulates be made either individually or to the Senior Consul as may be deemed advisable by Sir Pelham Warren and Mr Siffert.

✓Telephone Service. A letter from the Company is read re-stating under date June 15, its wishes in respect to the new agreement. The Finance Committee has met Messrs Anderson and Holliday, representing the Company, and has agreed to their suggested modifications, including the payment of dividend on the Council's shares as from October 1, 1907. This division of the sum in dispute is approved by the Council, and it is noted that a copy of the agreement finally printed for signature has been forwarded for the approval of the French Council, whereupon the Secretary is authorised to affix the Municipal seal to the document.

✓Volunteers.

✓Artillery. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorised for issue to Lieutenant A.J. Stewart to be Captain.

✓Light Horse. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorised for issue to Lieutenant W.J.N. Dyer, to be Captain with effect from May 31.

Registration of Architects. A note from the Engineer states that a meeting of the sub-committee for the discussion of rules in this connexion has been convened for June 23, and that Messrs Becker, Chollot and Marti have been invited to attend.

American Land Office. The Council is informed of the conclusion of negotiations with the British and German Land Offices whereby the Cadastral procedure will be applied to lots beyond Settlement limits under certain conditions. It is therefore decided to reply to the American Consul General's letter of May 18, requesting that his Land Office will follow the same course.

Hawkers. The Health Officer recommends the re-issuance of Notification No. 1794, prohibiting the hawking of fresh food stuffs outside the Municipal Markets. He points out that the erection of new markets in Hongkew has rendered it possible to carry out this Regulation thoroughly except in the district beyond the Yangtzepoo Creek. The members are of opinion that the prohibition of fruit hawking would be undesirable in the Western District and on the Wharves, and a further report from the Health Officer is called for.

Woohang Road Jetty. Referring to the correspondence published in the last issue of the Municipal Gazette, a protest by the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co. Ltd. is read directed against the public pontoon being moored in the proposed position; it is suggested that the mooring be 25 feet further to the westward. The Council requires a plan to scale showing the position of the dolphins and chains of Heard's Wharf, and of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha pontoon in its new position, with a view to carrying out the Company's suggestion.

Resignation of Member. A letter from Mr A.D. Lowe is read containing the resignation of his seat on the Council as a result of his early departure for Europe. In accepting which the Chairman expresses appreciation of Mr Lowe's services during his membership.

Mr Platt then withdraws.

Gas Company Arbitration. A letter from the Legal Adviser states that the Company desires to proceed with the arbitration before Sir Pelham Warren by the submission of the pleadings and verdict in the Court of Consuls in lieu of an agreement of arbitration. After some discussion the Chairman undertakes to see Sir Pelham in the matter, with a view to the substitution of H.M. Acting Assistant Judge as arbitrator, which arrangement he considers would be more acceptable to the Company if it emanated from Sir Pelham himself than from the Council.

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In regard to a proposal of the Engineer that the cost of the subway in the North Soochow Road, built for the protection of the water main, be borne in equal shares by the Waterworks Company and the Council, the members consider that this matter should await the termination of the above arbitration.

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

*David Laudate*

Chairman.

*W. Musson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 24, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
R.S.F. McBain  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
W.A.C. Platt  
J. Prentice  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: W.D. 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 Statement for the past week.  
Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of June 19 are read and with reference to the:-

Sale of Lamps to Consumers, the Council is of opinion that it would be preferable, having regard to the Ratepayers' intentions in 1904, to publish the substance of the Electrical Engineer's report on this subject and await some expression of public opinion before undertaking the sale. It is considered advisable to defer sending the order for 5,000 lamps at a cost of £1,000 for the present. If required for Municipal buildings and offices only, a lesser number will probably suffice.

Street Incandescent Lighting. The Committee's proposals in this connexion appear to the Council satisfactory, and the question of increasing this form of street illuminant will occupy the attention of the Works Committee.

Electrical Engineer. In endorsing the proposal under this heading the Chairman alludes to the consistently good work which Mr Aldridge has done in bringing the Department to its present satisfactory condition. Discussion of the subject terminates with an expression of good will towards the Electrical Engineer in reference to his approaching marriage.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 19 are read and confirmed. With regard to:-

Boundary Road, some discussion ensues as to the Engineer's proposal for rendering this road fit for traffic in all ~~the~~ weathers. The contribution system cannot well be applied to a road not wholly within Municipal limits.

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On the other hand the prominence which Boundary Road has attained in connexion with the Paoshan police dispute renders it particularly advisable to complete the road, provided funds will permit. Upon a show of hands it is decided to carry out the smaller scheme suggested whereby 27½ feet will be raised and metalled.

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✓ North Szechuen Road. It is understood that the Range Property Syndicate will pay one half of the lower estimate for making up the small further section of this road which they have offered to surrender, and since the sum involved is ¥212.50 only the Council authorises acceptance.

✓ Wayside Road. Discussing the request of the Rev. Dr. Bryan, the Council is informed that it may be possible to meet his wishes to some extent without involving a break in the road at its junction with the Thorburn Road; without therefore accepting his present proposal the Committee expresses readiness to consider an alternative scheme to be submitted after consultation with the Engineer.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 23 are read in draft and confirmed.

✓ Policing Beyond Limits. The Chairman states that the Consular Body has decided, after obtaining sanction from Peking, to suggest the issue of a Municipal Notification on the subject of licensing premises on outside roads without further application from the Council. This arrangement appears satisfactory, and it is noted that an endeavour will be made to secure that the communication with Peking is by telegraph.

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A letter from the Senior Consul is read desiring explicit evidence that the outrage in the North Chekiang Road on May 27 took place on Municipal property. In reply to which it is decided to furnish a plan illustrating the fact that the scene of the incident was Paoshan B.C. Lot 2, registered in the Council's name.

✓ Mixed Court.

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✓ Condition of Female Cells. An enquiry by the Senior Consul is submitted as to the accuracy of the recent summary in the press of various cases of illegal detention in the female cells. The facts in this connexion were reported by the Captain Superintendent in February last, and communicated informally to the British Assessor. No result followed and the conditions are substantially the same at this date. A revised report now submitted is authorised for transmission for the Consular Body's information, and directions are given, in accordance with Mr Siffert's suggestion, that notes as to these and similar irregularities shall in the future form pendants to the weekly return of the 2nd Assistant Superintendent at the Court.

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Corporal Punishment. A report by the Captain Superintendent is read on recent cases of acid throwing, in which he states the opinion that it is impossible to keep the criminal classes in subjection without the infliction of the bamboo. Official representations in this matter have been without result owing to lack of unanimity in the Consular Body, and, beyond furnishing copies of the report for the information of the Assessors, the Council is of opinion that no further step is practicable.

Overcrowding of Station Cells. A second Police report informs the Council that there are at present 139 prisoners in the Hongkew Station cells, confined in so small a space as to be prejudicial to health. The total number of prisoners in Municipal custody is not greater at the present date than in May of last year, and it therefore appears probable that by transfers to other stations, some temporary alleviation of these conditions may be effected. At the same time the opinion obtains that it is by the bamboo alone that this total number may be kept within reasonable limits.

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Hawkers. A further report by the Health Officer on the hawking of fresh food stuffs is submitted, as a result of which the re-issue of Notification No. 1794 is authorised, the Chairman observing that had Dr Stanley's reasons been stated in full in the first place they would have been endorsed by the Council without comment.

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Recreation Ground for Yangtszepoo. A petition of 52 residents in the Yangtszepoo District for provision of a suitable open space for the use of children is submitted, and receives favourable consideration at the hands of the Council. The matter will have the attention of the Works Committee at its next meeting with a view, if possible, to complying with this request at an early date.

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Central Offices. A note from the Engineer informs the members that the offer of Cadastral Lot 167, for which the Council was prepared to pay \$90,000, is withdrawn.

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Sailors' Home. A letter from the Secretary of the Committee of this institution informs the Council officially of the steps which have been taken as to the trust, and describes the provisional arrangements whereby its work will be carried on at the Hanbury Institute. The proposal is accepted and recorded whereby the Chairman of Council for the time being will be a member of the Committee of the Home.

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Sale of the Electricity Department. A letter from the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. is read desiring that the Council will now state upon what terms it would be prepared to recommend the sale of the Department to the Company. This course would involve exceeding the

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intention stated at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, and the Council is therefore unwilling to comply with the Company's request. At the same time the suggestion that the transaction be upon a tael instead of a sterling basis is approved, Mr Preece's valuation made in November 1907 being regarded as the only suitable basis for negotiation.

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

*David Landa*

Chairman.

*W. H. Wesson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 1, 1908, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- W.D. Little
- R.S.F. McBain
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- J. Prentiss
- 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:-

- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

Policing Beyond Limits. With reference to the question of licensing premises on outside roads, the Chairman states that the Consular Body's despatch to Peking in this matter has announced that unless the Diplomatic Body signifies its disapproval of the proposal before July 15, the suggestion will formally be made that the Council issue these licenses.

Volunteers. Customs Company. The resignation of Captain Innocent, forwarded by the Commandant, is received and recorded.

Convict Labour. A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police is submitted, recommending the definite appointment of Superintendent Stuart, to be in charge of the industrial side of the Gaol administration. The Engineer intimates in a note his concurrence with this proposal, and, in endorsing the same, the Council expresses the hope that good results will accrue from the arrangement.

Mixed Court.

German Consular Assessor. A letter from Mr Schirmir is read announcing his departure for Europe, and that he has handed over the assessorship to Mr A.W. Maclean. In acknowledging this communication, occasion has been taken to express appreciation of Mr Schirmir's consistent work at the Court.

Case against a Paoshan Runner. From the Police report of June 28, it is noted that the runner, who on May 5 caused the arrest of a man without authority from the Magistrate, and thereby secured his illegal detention



for two weeks, was sentenced to 25 days imprisonment.

Case of a Native Lodging House. A letter from Mr J.E. Salmon draws attention to the undue harshness which the cancellation of the license of a native hotel in the Shantung Road has involved. The license was withdrawn at the recommendation of the American Assessor, and a Police report is submitted substantially endorsing the view that the fine imposed is sufficient punishment for the minor offence committed. It is decided, with the concurrence of the Assessor, to re-issue the license.

Condition of Female Cells. Discussion ensues as to the advisability of making any allusion, in the Council's reply to the Consular Body on this subject, to the report which was made by the Captain Superintendent in February last; at the conclusion of which it is decided to make no reference to the point, but to state merely that similar reports will be embodied in the weekly return in future.

Public School. Letter from Mr C.S. Addis is read, announcing his selection and appointment of Miss M. Mercer and Miss G.E. Martin as Assistant Mistresses in the School. These employees will leave London per s.s. "NORE" on July 18, and take up their duties after the summer holidays.

Land Commission. The awards in Cases Nos. LIV, LVI and LVII are read and ordered for communication to the parties and publication as usual.

London Agents. Noting that the total current drawings of the London Agents have again exceeded the standing limit of £5,000, and thus involved a telegraphic request for special increase, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the standing limit shall be raised to £7,500 for the future.

Ricsha Tickets. As a result of an enquiry by Mr Little, a statement is laid on the table showing that about ₹6,000 has accumulated since January 1, 1907, being profit in exchange on the sale of ricscha tickets. After some discussion it is decided to write off \$3,121.80, loss due to leakage and forgeries since 1889 on the old types of tickets, and to credit the balance of profit up to the end of the half year just closed, to the Council's account as heretofore. A suggestion to raise the rate of redemption above the face value of the tickets is considered, but, in view of the possibility of loss in exchange hereafter, it is decided to make no change for the present.

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American Land Office. A letter from the American Consul General is read, in continuation of former correspondence, from which it is observed that, in accordance with the arrangements recently concluded with the British and German Offices, the American Land Office will henceforward apply the Cadastral Office procedure to lots beyond the limits of the Settlement.

New Member. To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr A.D. Lowe it is decided to request Mr H.A.J. Macray to join the Council.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*W. Erson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 8, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 R.S.F. McBain  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 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 June.
- Captain Superintendent of Police do.
- Electrical Engineer do.
- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

New Member. Mr Macray takes his seat and is appointed to serve on the ~~Watch~~ <sup>Watch</sup> Committee, also that of the Public School for Chinese.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of June 30 are read and confirmed, and, in regard to the

Volunteer Service of the Conductor, it is pointed out that the terms of Mr Buck's engagement definitely stated that he would not be called upon to conduct military music. His present voluntary offer so to do is the result of what he finds to be necessary for the proper performance by the musicians of their work with the Corps.

Municipal Laboratory. A letter from the Consul General for Italy is submitted in allusion to the analytical work performed in the Health Office, and to its effect in competition with the work of Dr L. Silva, the Director of a Mining Institute and Analytical Laboratory. The Health Officer is reporting on this subject for the guidance of the Watch Committee. In the meanwhile it is decided to ascertain what similar work is performed in the Government Laboratory in Hongkong.

Licenses for the Sale of Arms. The Overseer of Taxes notifies that not more than six firms have taken out these licenses for the quarter ending June 30, three wholesale and three retail. The Council is informed that the Commissioner of Customs has promised a list of all importers since April

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1, exclusive of transshipment cargo. With these particulars it is probable that more exact compliance on the part of the public with the terms of the Byelaw as recently amended may be ensured.

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Accident to Mrs Butler. A report by the Engineer describes the efforts which have been made by Mr Butler to obtain evidence in this case by sending secretly for the foreman and mafoo concerned for examination by Messrs Ellis and Hays. He recommends that a protest against this action be forwarded, but, since the matter is now in the hands of the Legal Adviser, it is decided to forward the reports to Mr McNeill for such action as may be considered fit.

Mixed Court.

House of Detention. The Police report of July 6 contains particulars as to the origin of the recent petition by the occupants of this building. This report is calculated to correct a mistaken impression which has arisen as to the attitude of civil suit defendants towards the question of Police inspection, and is ordered for inclusion in the minutes.

Case of Embezzlement. The Captain Superintendent forwards a special report as to the case of Yui Chi-dan, who has been confined at the Central Station since December 19, 1907, at the complaint of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. The case was remanded on January 23 sine die, and it is decided to address the Consul General for Japan in the matter with a view to terminating the present unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Native Clubs. Certain representations have been made to members on the subject of the native club at No. 7 Shantung Road, which has received special treatment at the hands of the Police since 1905. From the standing of the members of this institution, and from what is known of its management it is clear that the institution has bona fide the nature of a foreign club. The Council concurs in the view of the Captain Superintendent that, as a matter of form, the club should take out the license without cancellation of any of the clauses. At the same time the members will be informed that there is no intention to curtail the privileges they have enjoyed heretofore.

Recess. The annual recess is fixed for the first two weeks in August, and it is decided that no meetings of the Council will be held between July 29 and August 19.

Western Police Depot. The Engineer reports that the beneficial owner of Cadastral lot 3845, which is required for completing this site, is prepared to accept \$4,000 per mow for his property. The price is considered high, but, since the area is no more than Mow 1.01, and since there is little probability of obtaining the land for less without

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recourse to the Land Commission, the purchase is authorised.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. With reference to a proposal to supply tennis nets for public use in the Ground, the Parks Committee is not unanimous. The matter is therefore submitted for the Council's consideration, and the members generally consider that it would be inadvisable to supply gear in view of the further demands which would doubtless follow.

Volunteers. A letter from the Commandant is read, desiring permission to retire in November next instead of at the expiry of his appointment in March, 1909. The reasons which Colonel Watson assigns for this step appear satisfactory and his request is granted. In the meanwhile a communication will be addressed to the War Office as to the appointment of his successor.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

*David Sandale*

Chairman.

*M. Pearson*

Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 15, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 R.S.F. McBain  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: 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:-

- Engineer's Report for June.
- Superintendent of Parks do.
- Convict Labour do.
- Wharfage Dues Return for June Quarter.
- Chung Pao Sha Sanitary Station Report for March and June Quarters.
- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 10 are read and confirmed. In reference to the:-

North Szechuen Road. the Council is of opinion that, as the Range Property Syndicate is unwilling to surrender their strip of the proposed new road without compensation, no further action in this matter is necessary at present.

Mohawk Road. Mr Burkill points out that the generally accepted view of the transaction with Mr Morriss in 1902 was that the terms were very favourable to the owner concerned, and it is decided that unless the offer of £1,000 per mow is accepted, the section of the road in question must stand in abeyance.

Woohang Road Jetty. The Chairman of the Works Committee has seen the Harbourmaster in this matter, who, while reluctant to give any written opinion therein, has stated that the last proposal of the Engineer is a suitable one under the circumstances. Considerable discussion ensues as to the course which should now be followed, and suggestions are made that (a) the matter be referred to an outside Committee to be specially nominated, or (b) that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha be asked to sanction the

mooring of the jetty opposite the Consular lot. It is however finally decided, on Mr McBain's recommendation, to approve the Engineer's present scheme upon one year's trial.

Advertising Kiosks. The consensus of opinion in the Council is opposed to the introduction of these kiosks in any form, and the reply to the application of the Eastern Advertising Agency will therefore be in the negative.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of July 13 are read and confirmed. In regard to the question of analytical work performed in the:-

Municipal Laboratory. Mr McBain considers that these analyses should be confined to purely Public Health work, and that the analysis of ores, metals etc may suitably be left to outside analysts. Further discussion of the subject is postponed to enable members to peruse the whole of Dr Silva's petition.

License for the Sale of Arms. The opinion is endorsed that the importation of a sample renders a firm liable to this license, since the onus of detecting when business is done cannot properly fall upon the Council.

Buildings, Western Depot. The Chairman alludes to the desirability of erecting the new Quarters and Store building parallel with the existing line of buildings, so that, if the property is further extended to the North, the position of the building on the site may not be inharmonious.

Volunteers, Customs Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant F.H. Bell, forwarded by the Commandant, is received and recorded.

Land Commission. The awards of the Commissioners in cases Nos. LII, LIII and IV are submitted and ordered for transmission to the concerned and publication as usual.

Road Extensions. Correspondence with Messrs Jernigan and Fessenden is submitted, as to the interpretation of Article VI of the Land Regulations as applied to Cadastral lot 3899 and the Baikal Road. Mr Platt is of opinion that this case will require most careful handling before any legal proceedings are initiated, and the file is ordered for circulation to members.

Public Works Department Motor Car. Referring to the account from the Horse Bazaar for the first of the 'Swift' motors to be supplied amounting to Tls. 2900, instead of Tls. 2300 as originally estimated, it appears that £84 consists of extras such as are usual in transaction of this description. Exchange has adversely affected the purchase, and it is noted that a reduction of Tls. 200 has been admitted being in respect of commission as originally arranged. Payment is authorised.

In this connexion reference is made to a former suggestion that the Public Works Department's 'Beaufort' car should be handed over for use to the Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade, and an enquiry is directed as to how soon this transfer may conveniently be made.

Accident to Mrs Butler. The Council is informed that this matter has been referred to the arbitration of H.M. Acting Assistant Judge, the complainant being represented by Messrs Ellis and Hays. The Chairman observes that it may be necessary hereafter, if the arbitration is given against the Council, to claim the amount awarded from the Horse Bazaar, who, it is noted, have declined to be a party to the arbitration.

Reserve Garden. A note from the Legal Adviser forwards a form of agreement drawn by H.M. Crown Advocate as to the land upon which the Potting Shed now stands. The circumstances of this case which has been in abeyance for more than a year are not familiar to some members of the Council, and a complete file is ordered for circulation.

Premium Bonds. A letter from Messrs W. Hoffmann & Co. is read, desiring that the Council will publish a memorandum to the effect that traffic in premium bonds does not constitute a lottery. Therewith is submitted a copy of an article from a recent number of 'Truth' which shows that doubt prevails in England as to the status of these bonds. It is decided to furnish a copy of this article for Messrs Hoffmann's information.

Boundary Road. The Chairman in conversation with the Senior Consul has learnt that certain allegations have been made with regard to the treatment of certain Settlement boundary stones in the Northern District, and a report by the Engineer is called for as to what, if anything, has been done of this nature.

Opium Houses. The Chairman expresses the opinion that it would be desirable to settle before the Recess what steps, if any, should be taken for closing a further instalment of the licensed opium houses, and the matter will therefore have the attention of the Watch Committee at an early date.

Tramways Royalty. The Royalty Return for the June Quarter is submitted showing a payment of Tls. 3053, and it is noted that the amount is calculated on coupons collected instead of coupons sold. The Accountant will examine this return and report thereon for the Finance Committee's information.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

*M. Ersson*  
Secretary.

*David Lardale*  
Chairman.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 22, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain  
 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:-

- Summary of Revenue for June.
- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

Opium Houses. Inasmuch as Police reports submitted indicate that the closing of one quarter of the number of licensed opium houses has been carried to completion without difficulty or disturbance, it appears to the Council desirable to proceed with the second quarter in sufficient time to provide data whereon the community may base its final decision in this matter at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in March 1909. To this end, therefore, it is decided to bring this further measure into effect on December 31, by the same process of drawing lots and with the same notice to the concerned. Saturday October 3 at 2 o'clock p.m. is fixed for the drawing, which will be conducted as on the previous occasion in the Maloo Market.

Volunteers, Commandant. The decision of the Watch Committee is confirmed to raise the pay on appointment, attached to this post, to £500 per mensem, being the sum at present drawn by Colonel Watson. This decision is based upon recommendations to the effect that the position of Commandant of Volunteers cannot fitly be maintained on a salary of £600 per annum at the present rate of exchange.

The application of Major A.A.S. Barnes for the forthcoming vacancy is submitted, in reply to which it is decided to point out that the nomination is not in the Council's hands.

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Police Enquiries at Fires. A note from the Captain Superintendent is submitted suggesting that the Police evidence collected after a fire be submitted in each case to the Legal Adviser, who will thereupon assume responsibility for framing the charge if any. This course is calculated to prevent failure to obtain conviction upon a charge of arson in cases when the more simple charge of culpable negligence might be successfully established. It is understood that this procedure will meet with the Legal Adviser's wishes, and the recommendation is accordingly adopted.

Electricity Department, Land. A report by the Engineer recommends further negotiations with Mr Tam Wa for the purchase of Lot 6054. He suggests an offer of \$72,000 and urges the desirability of purchase if necessary at \$75,000. In the absence of comparative particulars relating to the adjoining lot, No. 6046, which is on offer through native brokers, the Council makes no decision in this matter. At the same time the impression prevails that delay will not adversely affect the purchase price of land in this neighbourhood.

Captain Superintendent of Police. Colonel Bruce's application for one month's leave to date from August 4 is approved, and also, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, his suggestion that the period be extended to September 11 to enable him to acquaint himself with Japanese Police organisation and routine in Tokio, Osaka and elsewhere.

Public Works Department, Motor Cars. The Engineer reports on this subject, suggesting that the second "Swift" car, now under order from the Horse Bazaar, be handed over for the use of the Fire Brigade in lieu of the larger car as formerly suggested. This proposal is adopted provided the car in question will fulfil the Brigade's requirements.

Settlement Boundary Stones. Referring to certain allegations in the native press and elsewhere to the effect that a number of these stones in the Northern District have been interfered with during road making operations, the Engineer's special report on the subject is ordered for publication.

Mixed Court, Destitute Foreigners. Referring to the undertaking given by the Council in December last, as to the cost of deportation of foreigners without consular representatives, the Senior Consul submits the case of Mr and Mrs Sykes and family. After some discussion it is decided to defray the cost of their steerage passage to Calcutta from the public funds.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

*W. Manson*  
Secretary.

*David Daudale*  
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 29, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

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.

Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of July 23 are read and confirmed. In respect to:-

Tramways, Sections and Fares, the Committee regards the minute as of too definite a character, inasmuch as the members were not prepared to give any undertaking beyond the promise to re-consider the matter at the end of September. Mr Burkill considers that even this concession is premature in view of the very short time during which the service has been in operation. He also draws attention to the fact that, so long as the Company calculates results in sterling, exchange must form an important factor in the regulation of fares, etc. Considerable discussion ensues as to the advisability of publishing Mr McColl's revised memorandum submitted. Upon a show of hands, the Council is equally divided on this point, and decision will await circulation of the document to all members.

Assessment of Railway Depot. The Chairman considers that there is little doubt that the Railway Company should equitably pay a contribution to the public funds in the form of a rate. It is understood, however, from a note from Mr A.P. Wood that the revenue of the Waterworks Company for water supplied to the Railway is considerable, and any negotiations which may ensue on the subject will therefore be on a basis distinct from the Waterworks franchise agreement.

Superannuation. Discussing the question of levying superannuation upon an assessed value of employees' allowances, the Council is generally of

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opinion that such a ruling would be a fair one. The recommendation is therefore adopted with effect from January 1, 1909, and, subject to further consideration, the quarters of Police Constables and Sergeants will be assessed at ₹20 and ₹30 per mensem respectively.

Volunteers, Light Horse. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr P. Crighton.

Opium Shops. A Police report is read on the results of the closing of the first quarter of the houses, stating how the proprietors and employes are now occupied, and how the smoking paraphernalia has been disposed of. Nothing in this document warrants the anticipation of any difficulty as regards the second quarter.

In this connexion the Overseer of Taxes reports that it has been his practice to impose the opium shop license fee on houses which also retail the drug at the low rate of \$1.50 per mensem. His schedule of suggested increases of opium shop licenses is approved.

Mixed Court, House of Detention and Female Cells. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Magistrate, complaining of the Police practice of making enquiries as to the inmates of these buildings. The Council is of opinion that little good would result from any protracted discussion of this subject, while Mr Burkill points out that, when rebuilding was under discussion two years ago, it was clearly understood that the Police would exercise some form of supervision over the House of Detention. It is decided to publish the recent interchange of letters with the Consular Body upon the subject of the condition of the Female Cells, and to point out that the information furnished therein is evidence of the necessity for occasional Police visits of enquiry.

Convict Labour. A second communication from the Mixed Court Magistrate is read as to the working of convicts during the hot weather. In view of the notorious conditions obtaining in native prisons, and of the general good state of health of native convicts in Municipal custody, this letter is regarded in the light of an unwarranted attempt to intervene in matters of administration beyond the writer's province. An emphatic reply in this sense is authorised, to contain the usual reference to the desirability of substituting corporal punishment for imprisonment, in a large number of the petty cases heard at the Court.

Policing beyond Limits. The Taotai's reply to the Council's protest at the barbarous treatment of a railway foreman in May last is read, and regarded as wholly unsatisfactory. It is considered improbable that any good result will accrue by continuing the correspondence, while at the same time it is necessary, in reply, to allude to one or two of the more misleading paragraphs in this despatch.

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Swimming Bath. The Health Officer reports the theft of half a month's receipts from bathers, as a result of neglect by the native staff, and the arrangements which have been made for preventing a recurrence are approved. Noting that a fine of one month's wages has been inflicted the Watch Committee considers that the Assistant Inspector's fee should also be treated in like manner. This incident, the recent theft of a foreign detective's warrant card, and the smallness of the receipts returned daily at the Bath, appear to point to the necessity for more thorough foreign supervision. The Health Officer will report again in the matter for the Committee's consideration.

Woodhang Road Jetty. Letter from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is read to the effect that, before accepting the Council's proposition in this matter, they have referred to Tokio for confirmation. The Company's suggestion that if in the future their pontoons become unavailable for steamers they shall have the right to replace the public jetty is not approved.

Land Commission. The award of the Commissioners in case No. LX is submitted and ordered for transmission to the concerned and publication as usual.

Settlement Boundary Stones. The Senior Consul transmits two letters from the Taotai in respect to the filling in of Boundary Creek, and the alleged removal of certain of the Settlement boundary stones in the neighbourhood. In reply it will not be necessary to do more than refer to the Engineer's report on the subject to be published tomorrow.

Fire Brigade. Mr Prentice alludes to the action of the Brigade in withholding the services of the Fire Float from the s.s. 'Taksang'. A report on the subject will be submitted to the Watch Committee at an early date.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Laundale*  
Chairman.

*W. Lyson*  
Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, August 20, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	A.W. Burkill	
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	and
	The Secretary	

Absent:

R.S.F. McBain
J.H. McMichael
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:-

Police	)	
Health Officer	)	
Engineer	)	for July.
Superintendent of Parks	)	
Summary of Revenue	)	
Financial Statement to June 30.		
Industrial Undertakings Balance Sheets to June 30.		

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of August 4 are confirmed.

Tramways, Sections and Fares. A report by the Engineer is read directed against compliance with the Company's proposals on this subject until the system has been working for a longer period, and suggesting the settlement of various outstanding matters in the first place.

Opium Shops. The attention of the Council is drawn to the effect of the recent closing measures on the village of Ying Hsiang Kong. Situated off the Ward Road Extension, partly within and partly without the Settlement and remote from foreign developed districts, this village has heretofore enjoyed exemption from opium license. The native authorities have, however, closed all the houses outside limits, with the result that 19 have been established within the boundary.

It is decided to license the whole number forthwith and to close one half by lot at the end of the year.

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Indian Branch. A letter from H.M. Consul General is read in reference to the case of Labh Singh who was discharged from the Force in May 1907 after less than two months service. At Sir Pelham Warren's request this man's passage to India has been authorised, although from evidence

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furnished he had by misconduct forfeited all claim to consideration.

The Watch Committee undertakes to give the question of dismissals from the Force, both Foreign and Indian, further attention, since in all cases re-employment in the Settlement is a matter of difficulty and dismissed men not infrequently become destitute and a menace to good order. It appears to the members that the provisions of King's Regulation No. 1 of 1906 if brought into operation may afford some solution of the point in question.

Escape of Convicts. Police reports on the escape of 4 convicts on August 7 are submitted. Therefrom it appears that the men in question were working in the newly acquired Gaol Extension Yard, chained in pairs and, because the wall is yet incomplete, under the same discipline as is observed for all work outside the building itself. The statement of the re-captured man bears evidence of the absence of preconcerted action, and in assigning the responsibility for the incident the Council records the view that it was wholly due to negligence on the part of the injured Indian Warder, whose conduct while in charge of these men was contrary to standing instructions.

Cadastral lot 1960, Alooek Road. With reference to the proposal made in October, 1906, to throw this lot into the Road for the more adequate protection of the Gaol building, a reduced offer of the property is submitted by Mr W. Scott, who states that the beneficial owner would now accept \$18000. In the opinion of the Watch Committee the advantage to be gained by this purchase would be incommensurate with the cost, and the project is therefore finally abandoned.

Chinese Proclamations. Letter from the Senior Consul is read transmitting a copy of a proclamation by the Taotai relating to the murder case which occurred on July 9, and containing admonition against lawlessness in general

This proclamation, so far as the Settlement is concerned, is not regarded by the Council as either necessary or politic, and for three reasons. In the first place the case was an isolated one and no part of a series of crimes such as would call for the exceptional remedy proposed. Secondly the statement contained in the document as to the increased number of larcenies is misleading in the face of the Police evidence, which is to the effect that this number during last month was less than in any month for more than a year. Finally there is the standard objection to this type of proclamation, that it is an assertion of native official authority which the status of the Foreign Settlement does not warrant.

It is therefore decided, in reply, to express the hope that the Consular Body may support the view that the proclamation is not one which may properly be posted within Settlement limits.

Victoria Nursing Home, Staff. The request of Nurse Knight to be released from her agreement after one year's service is submitted, and it is decided to grant her the same conditions of retirement from the service as in the

recent case of an Assistant Mistress in the Public School, viz. refund of the cost of her appointment and forfeiture of all claim on the Superannuation Fund.

Electricity Department, Land. A report by the Electrical Engineer recommends the purchase of Cadastral lot 6054 for reasons which may be summarised as follows:- It's configuration is suitable for the present requirements of the Department and for future extension if necessary; it consists of land already raised and thus qualified by consolidation to receive the foundations of the projected new power station; its price differs by no great amount from that of the alternative lots on the west.

From a note from the Engineer it appears that the price of Cadastral lot 6046 and adjoining pieces has been reduced to ₹1250 per mow or ₹1625 raised.

After some discussion Mr Burkill is authorised to offer ₹70,000 for the former property, and if necessary to close the transaction at the owner's valuation ₹75,000. No claim for brokerage on this purchase is admitted.

Ricsha Tickets. With reference to the re-issue by the Shanghai Club of books of riosha tickets of the same face value as the Municipal issues, the Council confirms the decision of the Finance Committee to offer a discount of 5 o/o to purchasers of tickets to an amount of not less than \$100.

Discussion ensues upon the subject of the profit at present accumulating on the sale of tickets owing to the depreciated value of copper cash, at present 1240 to a dollar, and it is decided to adopt the same course as in March 1906 when similar circumstances arose, viz to redeem the tickets at 20 o/o above their face value.

By this means the benefit of the concession accrues not to the owner or occupant of the vehicle but to the coolie whose daily expenses are affected by the depreciated cash.

Municipal Gazette. Letter from the Shanghai Times is submitted enquiring at what price they may be supplied with a sufficient number of copies of the Gazette to issue with their paper. The North China Daily News in reply to an application in this sense evinces some reluctance to comply with this request, and gives no indication of the cost. It appears probable that by the arrangement suggested not only may some increase in circulation be attained but also a material reduction in the cost of issue, the Council therefore directs a further enquiry.

Telephone Agreement. After some correspondence the objections of the French Council to the draft of this document, as agreed between the Council and the Company, have been reduced to two. They require that the umpire under the Arbitration clause shall be selected by the arbitrators rather than be



H.M. Judge, and that a French translation of the document be attached thereto. The Council is unwilling to concede the first point, and, with regard to the second it is noted <sup>that</sup> the English text must remain that authorised and binding. A final reply in this sense is authorised, with an offer, if the French Council so desires, to enter into a separate agreement with the Company.

Taxi-motors. Messrs Lavers and Clark announce the forthcoming establishment of a number of taxi-motors to ply for hire in the streets, and desire that the Council will grant a franchise for the service. In reply it will be pointed out that a franchise such as is described would require the sanction of a Meeting of Ratepayers.

At present the Council is prepared, provided the vehicles in question are found to be suitable, to license them under certain conditions. The fee fixed in the Budget for 1908 is £6 per quarter, but it is liable to revision at each Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*W. Worsow*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 26, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
H.A.J. Macray  
O. Meuser  
J. Prentice and  
The Secretary

Absent:  
R.S.F. McBain  
J.H. McMichael  
W.A.C. 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.

Police Daily Reports.

Electricity Department. The accounts of the Department for the half year ending June 30 are submitted, showing a balance carried forward, after payment of interest, depreciation, etc, of ₹33,000, which is regarded by the members as satisfactory. In accordance with the Council's promise a copy of these figures will be forwarded for the information of the Agents of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld.

Gas Company Arbitration. The award of Mr F.S.A. Bourne is forwarded by the Legal Adviser, substantially deciding the case against the Council on each point raised. The Council is advised that the initiative in arriving at a settlement of the question of the Canton Road main will come from the other side, and in the meanwhile a copy of the Award will be furnished for the information of the Tramway Company. The official documents in this case are ordered for issue in pamphlet form.

Tramways, Signalling Apparatus. The Engineer reports that the special plant required to complete the equipment of the Tramway in Minghong and Canton Roads, has not been installed in accordance with the Company's promise of May last, and it is decided to make enquiries on this head with a view to further action.

Ricsha Tickets. Reply from the Shanghai Club is read to the Council's letter on this subject, stating that, having granted provisional permission to the Club Porter to issue tickets for a period of three months, the Committee is unwilling to take further action until this period is expired. The Club's letter encloses a list of other hongs who are stated

to be issuing tickets, and the hope is expressed that the minute approved for publication will have some effect in checking these private issues.

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Alhambra. In view of the notorious fact that public gambling on a heavy scale takes place nightly at this institution, the Chairman is of opinion<sup>n</sup> that a further letter should be addressed to the Consular Body on the subject. With this in view a draft letter is submitted, but since during the coming week it is possible that further information may become available the matter is postponed for discussion at the next meeting.

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Settlement Extension. Letter from the China Association is submitted indicating that the Local Committee is prepared to support the project for extending the Settlement, and enquiring what re-arrangement of the boundary would be considered satisfactory by the Council. The Engineer is preparing a skeleton plan in this connexion, upon completion of which the matter will be further considered.

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Japanese Sailors. Letter from the Japanese Consul General is read requiring the Council's explanation of the action of the Police in the case in his Consular Court against certain sailors on August 7. From the report of the case it appears that although the Police evidence was full and complete the account which has reached Mr Eitaki is at variance with the facts. His request is considered unusual, and a draft reply pointing out the necessity for more orderly procedure in the Court and for more adequate control of men on shore-leave, is approved with some modification.

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Recreation Ground for Yangtzeppoo. Referring to former minutes on this subject, the Works Committee is about to make a selection of a locality from among various pieces of land at present on offer to the Council. Since, however, no provision is contained in the Budget for this expenditure, a decision is necessary as to whether the land purchase should be concluded without the Ratepayers' formal sanction, or whether the project should be deferred until March next.

The purchase of real estate under present conditions is fraught with little probability of loss if and when re-sale is found necessary; an open space for this growing district will unquestionably be a necessity in the course of a few years; for these reasons it is considered probable that the Ratepayers will endorse such action as the Council may take in this matter, and it is decided to complete the transaction in the discretion of the Works Committee. The sum of £40/50,000 is mentioned as a suitable estimate of first cost.

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

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*W. Musson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 2, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
J. Prentice and  
The Secretary

Absent:

H.A.J. Macray  
R.S.F. McBain  
W.A.C. 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.

Police Daily Reports.

Japanese Sailors. A further letter from the Japanese Consul General is submitted, repeating his request for an explanation of certain alleged action on the part of the Police on two specific heads. In reply it is decided to furnish Mr Eitaki with complete copies of the various statements made by the Police and others in this case.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of August 27 are read and confirmed, and after an expression of regret at the loss of Mr Maitland's services, it is unanimously decided to request Mr F.J. Burrett to fill the vacancy in the Committee created by his departure.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of August 29 are read and confirmed without comment.

Volunteers, Municipal Challenge Cup. The Commandant reports to the effect that the conditions under which the cup is shot for, are in need of alteration, and the revised conditions which he proposes are approved.

Alhambra. The Council is informed that a warrant has been issued by the Spanish Consulate for the arrest of Mr F. Grisolia, whose former connexion with the financing of this institution is well known. Mr Grisolia has left Shanghai and his whereabouts and destination are not within the knowledge of the Police.

A further letter to the Consular Body is read in draft and approved, drawing attention to the present position of affairs at the Alhambra, suggesting alternative methods for the suppression of the public roulette

tables, and intimating that, if no steps are taken in the matter, the question will be one for discussion at the next Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Cholera Hospital. A proposal by Mr Shen Tun-ho is submitted to inaugurate a small hospital for the reception of cholera patients in the Chefoo Road at his own cost. The Health Officer considers that, while the Isolation Hospital adequately caters for the requirements of the community in this respect, there will be no objection to the present project, provided the building is under the supervision of the Health Department. A reply in this sense is authorised.

Myburgh Road. With reference to certain communications from the Nantao representatives of the Hot Water Guild, and from the Mixed Court Magistrate, it appears that there is still some doubt as to the proper recipient of the compensation money to be paid for a strip of this road north of the Burkill Road. Already an attempt has been made to replace the coffins formerly upon the land in question, but since it is understood that adequate title to the land will not improbably be forthcoming during the current week, reply to the Magistrate's letter is deferred for the present.

Water Supply to Chinese Houses. Letter from the Anglo-French Land Investment Co. Ltd. is submitted, in allusion to the notice by the Waterworks Company of December 1906, which has recently been re-issued. Under the arrangements therein contained, Chinese houses of a less rental than \$10 are supplied with water from hydrants only. Messrs A.R. Burkill & Sons, the Agents of the Company, are of opinion that the notice is contrary to the terms of the Waterworks Agreement, and considerable discussion takes place as to what action, if any, the Council should take in the matter. It is pointed out that the Waterworks Company cannot be called upon to supply water by tap to the lowest classes of Chinese houses, and the matter being one of degree, that it would have been more regular had the Council been consulted before the minimum of \$10 was fixed. Upon the Chairman's proposal, it is decided to obtain a legal opinion as to whether the notice is a proper one, having regard to the Company's obligations under the agreement.

Tramways, Guard Wires. Referring to the request of the Telephone Company for the erection of guard wires by the Shanghai Electric Construction Co. Ltd, in accordance with the Board of Trade Regulations, and to the opinion expressed by the Electrical Engineer that insulated connecting wires with cradles where necessary would be a preferable substitute, the suggestion is adopted that this technical point be referred for settlement if possible by the Engineers concerned, and that the matter be referred to

the Council again only if no satisfactory solution is attained.

Public School, French Master. Mr Addis forwards a copy of certain correspondence between himself and a firm of scholastic agents in England from which it appears that an assistant master cannot be engaged for so low a salary as that offered, viz. £150 per mensem. His suggestion to increase this rate by £25 is approved, and it is decided to communicate with Mr Addis by telegraph to this effect, with a view to making the appointment so soon as is possible.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.



Chairman.

  
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 9, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 J. Prentice and  
 The Secretary

Absent:  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 R.S.F. MoBain  
 W.A.C. 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. Inclusion of the Council's two letters to the Consular Body on the subject of the "Alhambra" is, at Mr Prentice's suggestion, deferred until next week, so that there may be ample opportunity for reply if desired.

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Departmental Reports.- The following are submitted:-

- General Municipal Rate, Native, for June Quarter.
- Electrical Engineer's Report for June and July.
- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of September 4 are read and confirmed. In regard to the:-

Bubbling Well Road. Considerable discussion takes place as to the project for culverting the creek at the western end of the road, and in confirming the Committee's decision the Council records the decision that this work, together with the larger scheme for acquiring the scheduled corner of the Bubbling Well Cemetery, is thereby deferred only.

Tramway Track. The Chairman alludes to the advisability of concluding the arrangement with the Tramway Company whereby the maintenance of the macadamed portion of the track shall be in the Council's hands, and it is decided to obtain a counter-proposal from the Manager on the subject of the price at which this work may be performed.

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Staff. On the subject of engineering pupils in the Public Works Office and the payment of premium in connexion therewith, the sense of the Council is generally adverse to the proposal.



Japanese Sailors. With reference to a Police report on the subject of the disturbance which took place on September 3, in which it is stated that the civilian sentenced to 5 days imprisonment was found at large in the Woosung Road on the day succeeding his sentence, a letter has been addressed to the Japanese Consul General in allusion to this apparent irregularity.

Accident to Mrs Butler. The award of H.M. Acting Assistant Judge in this arbitration suit is submitted, and order for special immediate publication, together with the correspondence and other documents which preceded the reference. It is decided, in accordance with Clause 4 of the agreement with the Horse Bazaar, to request the reimbursement by the Company of the damages and costs involved, with ¥150 added to represent the Council's costs.

Myburgh Road Extension. Letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, forwarding a statement by the Taotai on the subject of the strip of the cemetery of the Guild of Hot Water Shops required for road purposes. From the Engineer's report in re it appears that doubt exists as to the proper recipient of the compensation money in this case, and it is decided to reply, while furnishing the papers of title for record in the native Land Office, to state that the sum of ¥2220, the agreed amount, is held pending the determination of this point by the Native Authorities.

Municipal Gazette. A second communication from the North China Daily News quotes ¥1.50 per page for the supply of 1,000 copies of the Gazette for distribution with the Shanghai Times, and the Council directs an offer to supply the same at ¥4 per page, thus effecting a reduction of ¥2.50 on the present cost of ¥10 per page.

Tramways, Season Tickets. Letter from the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. is submitted, on the subject of the delay in the issue of season tickets, and the Council's responsibility therefor. Therein it is stated that these tickets at \$8 per mensem are an essential portion of the new scheme of fares and sections, while it is noted that the Company is prepared to sell them at \$10 per mensem from October 1. In reply it is decided to set out the Council's views in this matter at some length, so that the public may be in a position to judge whether the Company's request for a reduction in the length of the sections is justifiable or the reverse.

Water Mains. The Engineer applies for instructions in regard to the extra cost of laying a water main in the Gordon Road, due to the fact that it will be necessary to cross the tramway at the Avenue Road. It is decided in the first place to address the Waterworks Company on the subject, enquiring whether they will defray the small additional sum in question.

In this connexion the Council now assents to the proposal that the cost of the subway in the North Soochow Road for the protection of the water main

there situated, shall be borne in equal shares by the Company and the Council.

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Volunteers, Commandant. The Chairman states that it now appears from the attitude of General Broadwood that the services of Colonel Watson might have been retained for a further period of four years, under certain conditions connected with his promotion and pension; further that it may be, in fact has been, said that the Community is losing the services of an efficient officer owing to trifling financial considerations. Mr Little points out that the decision of the Council on this subject was based on sound principles apart from what may at present be convenient. The members are unanimously of the opinion, as formerly recorded, that any such extension of Colonel Watson's period of service would not be preferable to following out the arrangement made at the time of his appointment, whereby the command of the Corps is in the hands of a succession of officers appointed by the Army Council for a limited term of years. Apart from this, it is decided to enquire by telegram whether any appointment has yet been made in compliance with the Council's request of July 21.

Messrs Burkill and Little then withdraw.

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Water Supply to Chinese Houses. The opinion of the Legal Adviser on the point raised in the minute under this heading is submitted, generally to the effect that the notice issued by the Waterworks Company is justifiable under the circumstances. The Chairman points out that the figure named in the notice is one which must be affected by the trend of native house rents, and, after some discussion, it is decided to obtain the opinion of the Overseer of Taxes and of the Engineer as to what that trend has been since December 1906, the date when the notice was first issued.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David Dandale*

Chairman.

*W. Curson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 16, 1908, at 4.30 p.m

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 R.S.F. McBain  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 J. Prentice  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.A.J. Maoray  
 W.A.C. 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:-

Health Officer )  
 Engineer ) for August.  
 Superintendent of Parks )  
 Cash Statement for the past week.  
 Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of September 14 are read and confirmed. In respect to the vacancy in the:-

Committee, the Chairman expresses the opinion that it would be advisable to secure the services of a temporary member who would again give place to Mr Pearce on the return of the latter from England. The question will have the attention of the members during the ensuing week, and, in the meanwhile it is decided to request Mr Pearce to remain in office for the present.

Electricity Department, Land. Mr Burkill reports having settled with Mr Tam Wa for the purchase of Cadastral lot 6054 for the sum of £75,000 net.

Municipal Laboratory. In regard to the scale of charges made by Dr Silva for analyses, and to the revised Municipal scale for similar work, both submitted, the Council is of opinion that some further reduction in the fees relating to food stuffs should be made, while that for minerals, etc, might reasonably be raised, so as to emphasise the fact that the cost of purely Public Health analyses is in a sense nominal, while that of analyses of commercial products is fixed with a view to non-competition with the tariff of private analysts.

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✓ "Alhambra" Correspondence with the officers in charge of the Spanish and American Consulates is submitted and ordered for publication. The former presented the entrance of the Police into the building under American warrant, and the latter made enquiries as to the procedure for the execution of warrants in places of public entertainment.

✓ Importation of Arms. The Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai, notifying special regulations issued by the Chinese Government and approved by the Diplomatic Body, as to the importation of arms and ammunition by Police Forces and Volunteer Corps.

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✓ Gas Company Arbitration. Letter from Messrs Stokes Platt and Teesdale is read, suggesting an interview with the Municipal Engineer as to what should now be actually done in the matter of the main in the Canton Road. The Chairman is aware that Mr Macleod has been authorised to settle this matter on behalf of the Company, and he is of opinion that the speediest and most satisfactory way out of the difficulty will be to conduct the ensuing negotiations with him. It is understood that the Engineer has, by trial openings of the road, ascertained the position of the existing pipes and mains therein, and, with an expression of regret that such particulars are not on record in the Public Works Office, it is decided, in reply to the letter under discussion, to state that Mr Mayne is authorised to furnish all available information on this point. Thereafter it may be expected that Mr Macleod will in the Company's name make a proposition as to what should be done.

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✓ Accident to Mrs Butler. Reply from the Horse Bazaar is submitted to the Council's request for indemnification for the damages and costs payable in this connexion. The letter is regarded by the members as in many respects injudicious, and after some discussion as to the attitude which the directors of the Company may take in the matter, the Secretary is directed to point out that no definite answer to the Council's question has been given, and to ask that the Company will state whether or no they will pay the amount involved.

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✓ Road Extensions beyond Limits. The Engineer reports as to a project of the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. to construct a road from the present termination of the Dixwell Road in a north-westerly direction to meet the North Szechuen Road in the neighbourhood of the Rifle Range. Mr Prentice records the view that the Council should not co-operate in a proposal of this magnitude which will result in increasing the number of residents beyond limits. On the other hand it appears clear that the road will be laid out either as a private or public thoroughfare, and under the circumstances the Council considers that it is of importance to secure that it be the latter. Mr Meuser points out the advisability of increasing

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the width suggested to 50 feet, and it is recognised that compensation should be paid to the Company for the additional 10 feet, at a rate which, it is suggested, should not exceed £1,500 per mow. With regard to the work of construction, the Council is prepared to defray one-third of the cost provided the whole be spread over a number of years in such a manner that the expenditure during any one year shall not exceed £10/15,000. Upon this basis the Engineer is authorised to negotiate with the representative of the Company, reporting again later if the above terms are not acceptable.

Recreation Ground for Yangtzeepoo. Mr Meuser reports having had an interview with the Rev. Dr Bryan on the subject of his land on the Wayside Road Extension. He finds this owner unshaken in his demand for not less than \$30,000 for the two lots in question, and, after some discussion, it is decided to effect the purchase at this price, Messrs Burkill and Prentice dissenting.

Water Supply to Chinese Houses. Reports by the Engineer and Overseer of Taxes on this subject are submitted, which, while setting out at some length the present position, add little to the Council's knowledge of the facts. Considerable discussion ensues, at the termination of which it is decided to address the Waterworks Company in the matter, pointing out that the number of houses excluded from the privilege of separate water supply in 1906 has been greatly increased owing to the present depression in native rentals, and expressing the hope that some concession in the matter may be made.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

*David L. D. D.*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 23, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	A.W. Burkill	
	W.D. Little	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	J.H. McMichael	
	O. Meuser	
	The Secretary	and
	Assistant Secretary	

Absent:

H.A.J. Macray
W.A.C. Platt
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:-

- Police Report for August.
- Summary of Revenue do.
- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

Volunteers, Maxim Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant Wheen, forwarded by the Commandant, is received and recorded.

A commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Sergeant A.M. Lester, to enable him to attend the School of Instruction at Chelsea whilst on leave.

"Alhambra". The reply of the Chancellor-in-charge of the Spanish Consulate is submitted, in which he declines to accept the Council's assurance on the subject of the consular jurisdiction exercised over the "Alhambra" since May last. The discourtesy of this communication is self-evident, and the Council is unanimous in declining to receive it; on the other hand the Chairman undertakes in the first place to see the Senior Consul in the matter, and endeavour by his good offices to secure its withdrawal.

Tramways.

Season Tickets. Letter from the Company is read, informing the Council of the decision to introduce season tickets at \$8 per mensem from October 1, a course of action which the members regard with satisfaction.

Maintenance of Track. A further report by the Engineer is read, generally to the effect that in quoting a price at which the Council might undertake the up-keep of the macadam portion of the track, he was actuated by considerations of public convenience, and without regard to making any

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profit on the work; on the other hand the rates he has recommended are calculated to cover the cost involved, and, under these circumstances, the Council directs an offer in the terms stated. If the Company is unwilling to pay more than \$1.30 per fong, directions are given that the contract be for one year only.

Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges. Among matters calling for settlement before the present negotiations with the Company are concluded, is that relating to the Company's threatened claim for compensation for deferred opening of the system due to the delay in the supply of power and to the non-completion of the Garden and Chekiang Road Bridges, and it is decided to address Messrs Alfred Dent & Co. ~~in the matter~~, desiring a definite statement as to the course which they propose to take in the matter.

Recreation Ground for Yangtzepoo. With regard to the three lots in the registered ownership of Mr H.J. Roope, for which the sum of \$21,000 has been offered, his reply is submitted containing a counter-offer of \$21,700, and after some consideration it is decided to accept.

Municipal Gazette. Further communications as to the distribution of copies of the Municipal Gazette are read, from the China Gazette and Shanghai Mercury, who desire identical privileges to those recently accorded to the Shanghai Times. It is pointed out that, in the case of the evening papers, there is not the same reason for these facilities, since there is a full day wherein the contents may be transcribed. On the other hand, the Chairman is of opinion that it is advisable to issue as many copies of the official publication as the newspapers in question will pay for, and, provided financial arrangements can be made with the North China Daily News in the matter, it is decided to offer the same terms as were quoted to the Shanghai Times.

Myburgh Road Extension. The Engineer forwards a communication from the two members of the Guild of Hot Water Shops with whom the negotiations for the grave-land required for this road were conducted. Therein it is pointed out that the exposed condition of the exhumed coffins is unsatisfactory, and calculated possibly to offend local native public opinion. The Council is in sympathy with this view, and authorises payment of the sum of \$1,000 from the compensation money, for the purpose of purchasing an alternative piece of ground wherein the coffins may be interred. It is decided further to inform the Taotai, through the usual channel, of what has been done in the matter.

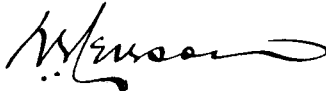
Reserve Garden. After re-consideration of the whole of the facts in respect to the contention of H.M. Office of Works as to the strip of land adjoining the Shanghai Rowing Club premises, and in reference to the recent intervention of the Crown Advocate in the matter, the Chairman recommends

acquiescence in whatever solution is considered by H.M. Consul General best in the public interest, and it is decided to address a communication to Sir Pelham Warren in this sense upon his return to Shanghai.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.



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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 30, 1908, at 4.30 p.m

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary.

Absent:

W.D. Little  
H.A.J. Macray  
R.S.F. McBain  
W.A.C. Platt  
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.  
Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of September 25 are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of September 29 are read and confirmed. In respect to

Public Lighting, the Chairman points out that the present is an unsuitable time at which to authorise an innovation in or extension of street gas lighting, and the suggested re-arrangement of lamps at the southern approach to the Chapoo Road Bridge is deferred for further consideration, when the question of the traffic-island is settled by the Watch Committee.

North Honan Road Sewer. Mr Burkill recalls the fact that the alleged scarcity of coolie labour has in the past been found to be due to the action of the foreman concerned, and it appears to the Council probable that a change of foremen in a case such as that in question, would go far towards overcoming the coolie difficulty.

Shanghai Club Hoarding. The members are unanimously of opinion that a grant of the use of the whole of the foot-way for purposes of advertisement should not be given except on the terms suggested, and it is pointed out that, since an extension of the customary projection of scaffolding to 10 feet will have this effect at one point, it may suitably be granted throughout the frontage.

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 / "Alhambra" The Chairman states that the Senior Consul has called upon the Spanish Consul, who has recently returned to Shanghai, and arranged with him for the withdrawal of the letter of the Chancellor-in-charge on this subject last received. Mr Arias has given assurance leading to the hope that he will be successful in effectually and permanently preventing public gambling at the Alhambra.

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 / Municipal Grants. An application by Dr Boone, on behalf of St. Luke's Hospital, for an additional special grant of \$5,000 for purposes of extension, is deferred for consideration by a full meeting of the Council.

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 / "Kalee" The Overseer of Taxes draws attention in a report to the recent notices in the press of an extension of the scope of this institution, and the opinion is general that its status differs so little from that of a 1st Class hotel that in fairness to its competitors the usual licence should be taken out. An intimation to this effect is authorised.

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 / Accident to Mrs Butler. Further letter from the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co.Ld. is read, expressing willingness, without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Company, to reimburse the Council one-half of the damages and costs incurred in this arbitration case. As a settlement of the question at issue, and without any admission as to the Council's rights under Clause 5 of the agreement with the Bazaar, the members are in favour of acceptance of this offer.

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 / Electricity Committee. With regard to filling the vacancy in this Committee in such a manner as will admit of Mr Pearce's resumption of his seat upon his return to Shanghai, the Chairman understands that Mr F. Anderson is willing to serve under these conditions, and after some discussion his nomination is approved.

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 / Native Escorts. A Police report is read in allusion to the arrangements sanctioned by the Consular Body for the native escort for H.E. Tong Shao Yi. The shortness of the notice given in this case was such that the first party of 26 men were arrested and taken to the Central Station. On this point it appears to the members improbable that protest would avail in any way, but that the escort should consist of native police from beyond the northern boundary is regarded by the Watch Committee as in the highest degree objectionable. High Chinese officials are customarily furnished with a native military guard of honour, and under ordinary conditions no objection can be raised thereto, but the drafting into the Settlement of a number of these so-called police is regarded as evidence of a desire to assert native influence within foreign limits, and as such to be open to grave objection. The Chairman undertakes to see the Senior Consul in this matter in the first place.

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The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

*David Randall*

Chairman.

*W. Curson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 7, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Mesars D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
H.A.J. Maoray  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
W.A.C. Platt  
J. Prentice  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

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 September.

Chung Pao Sha Sanitary Station for September Quarter.

General Municipal Rate, Native, for June Quarter.

Cash Statement for the past week.

Police Daily Reports.

Public Lighting. The Chairman desires to record the fact that in making recent lighting arrangements the Council has been actuated by no motives of opposition to the Gas Company. The decision to light the principal streets of the Settlement by electricity is of old standing, and the experimental introduction of metallic filament lamps for side streets is with a view to comparison of their efficiency, and cost with that of incandescent gas. He alludes again to the point of view that so long as the Electricity Works are under the Council's control it becomes the Council's duty to introduce electricity for public purposes wherever possible, provided the difference in cost is not appreciable. The conclusion of the Canton Road Main incident will doubtless facilitate settlement of outstanding matters of public lighting, and Mr Platt undertakes to do everything in his power to this end.

Municipal Gazette. Letter from the Shanghai Times is read, requesting that the footnote as to the publishers, introduced since negotiations for the distribution of the Gazette by the Shanghai Times were begun, be now omitted. Since informal application to the North China Daily News in this respect has proved unsuccessful, it is decided to request them officially to omit the notice, the advantage of which is considered imperceptible.

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Native Escorts. In an interview with the Chairman the Senior Consul has stated that the permit given for native police to enter the Settlement in connexion with the arrival of H.E. Tong Shao Yi, was the result of a misunderstanding, and he has expressed concurrence in the view that escorts of this character should consist of soldiers as heretofore. It is decided, however, to address a letter to the Consular Body on the subject for purposes of record.

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Salt Smuggling. A letter from Mr Mordhorst indicates a request by certain Chinese officials for an interview on the subject of the co-operation of the Council in putting down the existing extensive smuggling of salt into the Settlement. It is understood that the Governor of Chekiang is prepared to pay for a large increase in the Police Force with this end in view, but, noting the consistent attitude maintained by the Council in the past against any attempt on the part of the Chinese Government to enforce its monopoly within Settlement limits, the Council decides in the first place to request that some outline of the proposal be forwarded in writing for members' consideration.

Brothels in the Szeohuen Road. Correspondence with Messrs David Sassoon & Co. Ltd. is submitted, on the subject of the complaints of foreign residents in this neighbourhood and the action taken by the Police in the matter. It is decided to inform the firm verbally that unless more desirable tenants are found for the houses in question within a reasonable time, it will be necessary to resort to stronger measures.

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Municipal Grants. On the subject of the request of St. Luke's Hospital for a special grant towards the scheme for extending the hospital premises, Mr Prentice certifies to the excellent work performed by this institution, much of which is of a charitable nature. It is decided, in reply, to state that an appropriation of the amount suggested, \$5000, will be inserted in the Budget for 1909 as presented for the Ratepayers' approval in March next.

Fire Brigade. A letter from Mr W.R. Kahler is read, referring to the decision of the Council for 1904 in respect to the issue retrospectively of medals for long service in the Brigade. While unwilling to rescind its former decision the Council is prepared, now as then, to issue the medal for which Mr Kahler qualified himself whilst a member of the Brigade.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.

W. Benson  
 Secretary.

David Dundale  
 Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 14, 1908, at 4.30 p.m

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 H.A.J. Maoray  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.U. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: W.D. Little  
 R.S.F. McBain

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:-

Captain Superintendent of Police' for September  
 Health Officer's do.  
 Superintendent of Parks' do.  
 Convict Labour do.

Wharfage Dues Return for September Quarter.  
 Cash Statement for the past week.  
 Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of October 9 are read and confirmed. In regard to the Committee's treatment of

House Assessment appeals, the impression prevails that the decisions are lenient rather than otherwise.

Settlement Extension. In explanation of the outer line shewn on the map prepared for transmission to the China Association, the Chairman states that its inclusion in no sense constitutes an official application by the Council for an extension of the Settlement to the limit shewn, but is rather a confidential indication of the limits to which foreign expansion is trending. The paragraph in relation to the French Settlement does not imply adverse criticism of the existing French Local administration, but indicates that, although the official extension of the exclusive French Settlement cannot be justified under present conditions, the districts on its south-west border are rapidly coming under foreign influence and occupation.

New Road to the Hongkew Recreation Ground. The Chairman has seen Mr Kinnear in this matter, and learnt that, while it is not improbable that the Company would agree to share the cost of construction of this projected road with the Council in equal parts, there is no immediate intention to develop the estates which it is designed to feed. Mr Meuser

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considers that an increase of the Council's offer to pay one-third of such cost, would be unjustifiable, and the Engineer's report on the subject is recorded for circulation to the whole of the Council.

Secretariat Staff. In respect to this minute, the Chairman points out that the emoluments of the present Captain Superintendent of Police are regarded by the Committee as of an exceptional character, his pay in sterling having been fixed in accordance with a Resolution of the Ratepayers. In the discussion which ensues, mention is made of the fact that the agreement of the Health Officer expires at the end of the year, and, after an allusion by the Chairman to the importance of Dr Stanley's work and to the exhaustive manner in which it is performed, it is decided to renew his agreement with pay at the rate of ₹800 per mensem; while that of Mr Pond, the Accountant, also about to terminate, will be renewed upon its existing terms.

Volunteers.

Staff. A telegram from the London Agents announces the appointment by the Army Council of Major A.A.S. Barnes, Wiltshire Regiment, to the post of Commandant. He will leave London for Shanghai via America on October 17.

Quarters at the Range. The Engineer's report on the proposal to erect Municipal quarters adjoining the Hongkew Recreation Ground is submitted, and the subject will have attention in the compilation of the Budget for 1909. In the meanwhile the Commandant is authorised, if necessary, to lease premises near the Range for the third Sergeant Instructor.

Police Prosecutions of Municipal Employees. A report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted on the subject of the Council's instructions in this matter, pointing out the inadvisability of allowing lower class Chinese employees differential treatment. It appears that, though not specifically stated, former instructions bore reference to foreign employes alone, and this view is unanimously confirmed. At the same time the early notification of the Committee concerned is in all cases considered desirable.

Policing beyond Limits. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a further communication from the Taotai on the subject of the incident in the North Soohow Road in May last. The whole of the facts having already been communicated, the Council considers that no further action is called for, the suggestion for a joint survey of the spot being regarded as unnecessary.

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Myburgh Road Extension. A second letter from the Senior Consul states that the Council's letters on the subject of the land of the Guild of Hot Water Shops have not been transmitted to the Native Authorities; the result is that the Taotai has formed the impression that the acquisition of the strip of land in question has the nature of an illegal seizure. It is decided to request that these letters be transmitted without further delay, and in reference to an application by Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper and Phillips, the Council is averse to affording this firm any information beyond that already made public.

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Shanghai Club Hoarding. Letter from the Shanghai Club is read, pointing out that the receipts from advertisements on the suggested hoarding will amount to no more than ¥1000 per annum, and the Works Committee, whose modified proposal as to the footpath is adopted, considers that no more than half of the amount so received should be claimed by the Council. Before replying to this communication, Mr Platt will ascertain the views of the Club Committee.

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Ricsha Tickets. From accounts furnished of the transactions of the Ricsha Ticket Office to September 30, it appears that the recent arrangements for discounts, and repayment to the coolies at rates higher than face value, have resulted in the office being worked with neither loss or profit to the Public Funds, a result which the members regard as satisfactory.

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Tramway Fares. The General Manager forwards the Company's returns up to the end of the September Quarter, and reports at some length in regard to the continued low car-mileage results. The document will have further consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

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Wayside Park. The Engineer reports substantially to the effect that, owing to the action of certain speculative buyers, the remaining land for this property can improbably be obtained for less than ¥1,500 per mow, and authority is given to make the necessary purchases at this rate with as little delay as possible.

Mr Burkill then withdraws.

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Water Supply to Chinese Houses. The reply of the Waterworks Company to the Council's communication on this subject is read, wherein is contained no reference to the Council's contention that the reasonableness of the Company's Regulation of 1906 has been impaired by the fall in rentals since its issue. The Chairman understands that the Regulation is not intended to do more than fix a minimum monthly payment of 50 cents for

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water supplied by tap to Chinese houses, and the members are unanimously of opinion that such a rule would be reasonable. It is decided to request that the text of the Regulation be amended in this sense, and thereafter to communicate to the Anglo-French Land Investment Co.Ld. the Council's views in the matter and the action which has been taken.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

*David Laidale*

Chairman.

*M. Musson*

Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 21, 1908,  
at 5 o'clock p.m., there are present:

Messrs        D. Landale                    (Chairman)  
                  A.W. Burkill  
                  W.D. Little  
                  H.A.J. Macray  
                  R.S.F. McBain  
                  J.H. McMichael  
                  O. Meuser  
                  W.A.C. Platt  
                  J. Prentice  
                  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:-

Summary of Revenue for September.  
Cash Statement for the past week.  
Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of October 13 are read and confirmed. The Committee's recommendations in regard to the use of the Town Hall for holding the Cambridge Local Examination, and the erection of a pavilion in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, are especially considered and adopted.

Stud Contract.        Noting the expiry of the agreement with the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co.Ld. on December 31, it is decided to address a letter to the Company desiring that they will make suggestions as to its renewal. A schedule of the Council's requirements, so far as they can be foreseen, will accompany this letter.

Volunteers, Headquarters and Drill Hall.        The Commandant renews his request for a separate drill hall for the Corps, to be erected if possible in the Lloyd Road. Reference is made to the minutes published on this subject on January 30 and February 27, and the matter will be presented for the Watch Committee's attention with the Budget proposals for 1909. In the meanwhile the Chairman expresses the view that the present facilities and accommodation afforded to the Corps are sufficient, having regard to the many more pressing calls upon the public funds.

Japanese Cotton Yarn Lottery. With reference to certain information furnished by Mr F. Anderson, including specimens of lottery tickets sold with the bales of yarn, a letter has been addressed to the Japanese Consul General enquiring whether these operations have his sanction, and otherwise desiring an expression of his opinion as to their legality. The members are unanimous in the view that every effort should be made to suppress this lottery by the prosecution of the concerned or otherwise, and the matter will have the Watch Committee's attention upon receipt of Mr Eitaki's reply.

Mixed Court.

Native Inquests. A translation from the Sin Wan Pao of October 18 is submitted, with text of the letter from the Taotai on this subject dated September 27. Therefrom it is inferred that these formal enquiries will be held in the future without exception.

House of Detention. The reply of the American Consular Assessor to the Council's letter on the subject of certain inmates of this building whose detention has resulted from hearings before an American Assessor, is read and ordered for publication.

Female Cells. From the Police returns of October 19, it is noted that the enquiries as to an accusation of extortion against a wardress, made in the native press during July last, have resulted in her conviction and sentence to two months imprisonment and dismissal.

French Consular Land Office. A report by the Engineer is submitted, in relation to a property on the line of the West Soochow Road which was registered at the French Consulate in August 1905. In the absence of notification by the Consulate the strip required for road purposes, though liable to free surrender, has been purchased and paid for as unregistered land through the usual sources, while the lot has for three years escaped taxation. Allusion is made to the letters written to the French Consul General in 1906, and to his verbal promise to observe the rules of the Cadastral Office with regularity, and it is decided to address a further letter to Mr Ratard expressing the hope that this course will be followed.

New Road to Hongkew Recreation Ground. As the result of a conversation between the Chairman of the Works Committee and Mr Kinnear, one of the directors of the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld., it is understood that the latter is now unwilling to take any step towards constituting this projected road as a public thoroughfare, except upon payment by the Council of one-half of its total cost in land and construction, or approximately ¥50,000. Under these circumstances the matter will remain in abeyance for the present.

Wayside Park. From information furnished through Mr A.E. Algar it appears that the sum received by Mr A.A. May for the three lots purchased through Mr Roope was very considerably less than that paid by the Council; the inference from this is that the function performed by Mr Roope was not wholly that of a broker, and after some discussion it is decided to request Mr Algar to ascertain by telegram from Mrs May, now in Canton, what exact amount she received. The Chairman regards it as improbable that any successful steps can be taken for the recovery of the difference, if any, on the other hand it is considered advisable to make an investigation into the facts.


Ying Hsiang Kong. The Council is informed that certain residents in this village have protested against the levy of General Municipal Rate on such of the houses as are inside the Settlement. Further Police enquiries are directed as to the instigators of this refusal, and, in the meanwhile, in reply to a petition from representatives of the concerned, it is decided to state that the small sum demanded must be regularly paid in recognition of the Police protection and other advantages which residence within the Settlement entails.

Land Commission. The Council is informed that the hearing of Case No. LXI, North Fokien Road Widening, was deferred pending consideration of the demand of Mr E.J. Hogg to be represented by counsel. Allusion is made to the consistent attitude maintained by both the Council and the Commission since the constitution of the latter, that such representation would be inadvisable, Mr Prentice pointing out that the Commission was established with a view to avoiding legal proceedings. The Chairman considers that the matter is one solely within the competence of the Commissioners, and that the Council's intervention therein would be undesirable.

Electricity Department.

Extension to Jessfield. The proposal of the Electricity Committee is endorsed that this extension be carried out, upon the undertaking of St. John's College to take the whole of their supply from the Municipal mains during a period of 3 years, instead of 5 as formerly stipulated.

Plant. Upon the recommendation of this Committee, the tender of the Patterson Engineering Co., received by telegram through Messrs Preece & Cardew, for the supply of certain Grease Extracting Plant at a cost of £375, with £15 added for chemicals, is authorised for acceptance.



Native Escorts. With regard to the permits recently issued by the Senior Consul for the passage through the Settlement of certain of the newly established Chapel Constabulary, Mr Siffert has stated to the Chairman and Mr Burkill that his colleagues of the Consular Body will improbably assent to an undertaking to refuse applications in this sense by the native authorities in the future, and, after some discussion, it is unanimously decided to cancel the Council's letter of request on the subject.

Messrs Burkill, Little and Platt then withdraw.

Water Supply to Chinese Houses. A further letter from the Waterworks Company is read, to the effect that, while willing to supply water by tap to the houses of the Anglo-French Land Investment <sup>Company</sup> at present in question, they are not prepared to make any alteration in the published Regulation of 1906. This arrangement is not regarded as wholly satisfactory; it, however, disposes of the present instance, and leaves the Council free on application to take up any future similar case.

With regard to the method of collection, it is understood that the practice with blocks of native houses is for the landlord to collect the water rate and hand the proceeds to the Company in one amount, and the Council would regard a refusal to do so at this juncture as unreasonable. Sufficient information has now been obtained to enable a reply to be sent to the Anglo-French Company's letter of August 27, whereupon all the correspondence on the subject is ordered for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*W. Munson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 1908,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	A.W. Burkill	
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	The Secretary	and
	Assistant Secretary	

Absent: 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:-

Electrical Engineer's for August and September.

Cash Statement for the past week.

Police Daily Reports.

Mixed Court. The Chairman states that the publication of the list of inmates of the House of Detention has given considerable offence to the British Assessor, so far as the British cases are concerned, the notes of which he declares to be inaccurate. The Chairman of the Watch Committee has assured Mr Barton that if any specific cases of inaccuracy are pointed out, they will receive careful enquiry and correction, and it is understood that Sir Pelham Warren will forward a statement in relation to the matter.

Wayside Park. The Chairman has seen Mr H.J. Roope in regard to his sale to the Council of land for this purpose, and evidence is adduced showing that the sale by Mrs May of the lots concerned took place in June last, that is to say before the Council's intention to purchase a recreation ground in the eastern district was announced. Under these circumstances it appears clear that there is no ground for complaint in regard to <sup>Mr</sup> Roope's action.

Tramway Fares. With regard to the General Manager's report accompanying the traffic returns for September, the Council sanctions the publication of the figures in the Municipal Gazette. The report itself is considered to be of insufficient public interest for inclusion, and the view is expressed that until the result of the working up to the end of the year is ascertained, there is no basis for discussion of the

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question of fares. The absence of any clear statement of expenditure is noted, and Mr Burkill points out that an undertaking of this kind which at least pays its way during the first year's working cannot be considered to be upon an unsound financial basis.

Volunteers, Light Horse. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a temporary commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Sergeant E.U. Reid, to enable him to undergo a course of instruction at home while on leave.

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Japanese Cotton Yarn Lottery. The reply of the Japanese Consul General to the Council's letter on this subject is regarded as unsatisfactory, and it is decided to take legal proceedings in form against the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, who are understood to be the leading importers and sellers of the yarn. In the not improbable event of failure, appeal will be made to Tokio, in which Sir Pelham Warren has stated the Council will have the support of the British Authorities. From Police reports it appears that much of the yarn is sold through the agency of Messrs Tata Sons & Co, but the opinion is general that it would be preferable that the Council's action be directed against the principals. A letter from the Chamber of Commerce is read forwarding a copy of a petition by certain yarn firms concerned, and alluding to the injury to the trade which the lottery constitutes.

Accident to Mrs Denby. A letter from the American Consul General is read, complaining of the failure of Municipal Watercart No.11 to observe the usual traffic precautions in the Nanking Road on October 22. From reports submitted it appears that the mafoo failed to make the usual signal before turning, with the result that Mrs Denby's horse fell. In reply to this complaint it is decided to state that the mafoo concerned has been reprimanded and fined, while a special warning will be given on the subject to all watercart mafoos in the future, a precaution which Mr Prentice regards as very necessary.

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Pig Slaughtering. A letter from Mr Bodemeyer is read, expressing a desire for the Council's assistance in his present effort to re-establish the slaughter-house in the Kashing Road, formerly under the Council's notice. A reply is authorised based upon the reports of the Health Officer and Captain Superintendent of Police, pointing out that the use of the Council's name in affording this establishment even semi-official special protection cannot under any circumstances be permitted.

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Land Commission. The awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos LVIII, LIX and LXII are submitted, and ordered for transmission to the concerned and publication as usual.

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Museum Road Widening. With regard to Cadastral lot 15, which is under lease by the British Government to the Post Office and to the Royal Asiatic Society, and after reference to the unsuccessful negotiations for widening the road therefrom which have taken place, the Chairman states that the Consulate would be willing to lease the whole of the vacant frontage to the Council at a nominal rental of \$1 per annum, which arrangement the Works Committee would regard with satisfaction.

Salt Smuggling. The Council is informed of an interview which took place with the native official introduced by Mr Mordhorst, at which the Captain Superintendent of Police was present. The representative of the Governor of Chekiang expressed readiness to defray whatever additional Police expenditure would be involved in effectively preventing the smuggling of salt into the Settlement, and Colonel Bruce is preparing an estimate of what that expenditure per annum is likely to be. It appears to the members improbable that an arrangement which will involve the establishment of sub-stations on the Pootung side of the River, would receive the sanction of the local native authorities; on the other hand there appears to be little harm in forwarding a statement of terms for the information of the present applicant. Mr Prentice alludes to the consistent frustration by the Council for many years past of any attempt to introduce the Government monopoly within Settlement limits, and expresses the hope that such will not be the result of the present negotiations.

Mental Ward. An informal application for the admission of a native into the Mental Ward is negatived, and, in the discussion which ensues, the Council expresses readiness to provide for the accommodation of natives of unsound mind, in the event of the necessary outlay on land and buildings being defrayed by charitable or philanthropic Chinese.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

*David Davidson*

Chairman.

*W. Musson*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 11, 1908,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	A.W. Burkill	
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	O.Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	The Secretary	and
	Assistant Secretary	

Absent: 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:-

- Captain Superintendent of Police' for October.
- Health Officer's do.
- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 30 are read and confirmed. In regard to

Public Lighting, Mr Meuser expresses the view that it would be preferable to build up a small reserve fund rather than lower the rates at which current is sold to private consumers.

X The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 6 are read and confirmed with comment as follows:-

Dalny Road. The Council is informed that the area of Mr Brooks' lot, U.S. No. 1312, is Mow 8.838, and that the Committee's suggested offer therefore amounts to approximately £10,000. If purchase is arranged at this figure, it is decided to open negotiations forthwith with the owners of the lots east and west for the re-sale of the surplus strips in such a manner as to secure the road-land without payment.

Central Offices. A further note from the Engineer states that the net return, which may be expected to be received from Cadastral lot 167, is £6144, and he therefore suggests an offer of £110,000 for the property. After some discussion it is decided to make an offer of £100,000 in the first place.

Public Lighting, Seymour Road. The Council decides in regard to this item of public lighting to obtain an alternative estimate from the Electricity Department, in the view that the sections in question may

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readily be attached to the existing incandescent electrical circuit.

Tramways, Guard Wires. Referring to the accident reported under this heading, a petition from the relatives of the deceased hawker is submitted, and after some discussion it is decided to communicate the contents to both the Tramway and Telephone Companies with a view to payment of some compensation.

Volunteers.

Commandant. A formal communication from the War Office is read, on the subject of the relinquishment of his appointment as Commandant by Major (local Lieutenant-Colonel) Watson, and the selection of Major A.A.S. Barnes in his stead, and in reply thereto it is decided to state that Colonel Watson will be ready to embark on December 22, after handing over command to his successor. His request to be permitted to join the 1st Battalion of his Regiment, the Wiltshire Regiment, will be transmitted to the Army Council.

Customs Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions are authorised for issue to Mr W.G. Lay as Lieutenant, and to Sergeant J. de W. Jansen as 2nd Lieutenant.

Salt Smuggling. Report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted, containing his scheme for the prevention of salt smuggling into the Settlement. The first proposal to hinder the importation of smuggled salt by preventive measures confined in scope to Settlement limits, is regarded as unfeasible nor does it present any advantage to the Settlement in return for the assistance which would thereby be given to the Chinese Government. The second proposal is considered by the Watch Committee to be comprehensive, and it is noted that it involves the erection of a preventive station in Pootung, the purchase of one motor launch and two steam launches for patrolling the River, initial expenditure on personnel ¥10800, and recurring monthly outlay amounting to ¥6000. The whole of the cost is to be at the charge of the Chinese Government, and the necessary authority is requisite to patrol the River and the country within one mile of the Settlement boundary. In communicating on the subject the details of method and numbers of men will not be set out, and the letter will be marked private and confidential; for if the scheme is to take practical shape it must necessarily be presented by the local Chinese officials through the Consular Body.

Mixed Court. Letter from H.M. Consul General is read, enclosing the Assessor's memorandum on the subject of the inmates of the House of Detention enumerated in the list recently published. Sir Pelham Warren repeats the accusation that the Police return is inaccurate, and the document has been transmitted to the Captain Superintendent for comment and report.

Gas Company Arbitration. Messrs Stokes, Platt & Teesdale have submitted their proposition in respect to the gas main in the Canton Road, and added ~~these~~ further proposals in regard to similar conditions which obtain in the North Chekiang and Nanking Roads. These involve in the aggregate a demand on the public funds of £690 plus ¥5928. Before considering the financial aspect of this matter, the Engineer will report on the practicability of the Company's suggestions.

Electricity Department, Land Purchase. The Engineer's report on Mr Algar's claim for brokerage on this transaction has been submitted, generally to the effect that the Council is not liable for payment. A letter from Mr Algar is read, setting out the facts at some length, and asking that his demand note may have further consideration. The Council records the fact that brokerage on land transactions is by the custom of the Settlement paid by the seller, and that, in this instance Mr Algar did not introduce the land to the Council but was directed to ascertain for what price the particular lot could be obtained, and the members generally endorse the views expressed by the Engineer. It is decided in the first place to obtain a legal opinion on the actual rights involved.

Land Commission. Letter from the Commission is read, forwarding for the Council's opinion, a copy of Mr Hogg's request to be represented by counsel in two forthcoming cases relating to properties of which he is the agent. The Council directs the preparation of a memorandum enumerating the reasons which render compliance with this request undesirable in the public interest.

Tramways.

Local Board. Messrs Alfred Dent & Co., the Agents of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld., announce the appointment by their Company of a local board to attend to its affairs in Shanghai.

Traffic Returns. These for October are submitted with a comparative table covering the period since June 1. It is decided to enquire upon what basis the number of passengers availing themselves of season tickets has been computed, since the Company's estimate is used in compiling the figures relating to car mileage. It is noted that the establishment of season tickets has had the effect for which their inauguration was urged, viz., to attract foreigners from the 2nd to the 1st Class compartments; the net receipts from the 1st Class during October show an increase of 30 o/o over those for the preceding month.

Coal Supply. Letter from Messrs Hopkins, Dunn & Co., is read, offering to continue the supply of coal for the Municipal offices and buildings at certain rates during 1909. Before accepting this offer, it is decided,

at Mr Burkill's suggestion, to call for public tenders for such supply.

Educational Grants.

Shanghai Museum. Letter from the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society is read, in allusion to the increased cost in the maintenance of the Shanghai Museum, and desiring that the annual grant be raised from ¥500 to ¥1,000. While unwilling to make any alteration in the current year's grant, the Council, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, is prepared to insert the higher figure in the Budget for next year. The Society's request for payment of the cost of repairing their existing building is deferred for consideration when the Engineer shall have reported on the work involved, and it is noted that the proposal, which has been under discussion since January 1906, for building a larger Public Library and Museum has been abandoned for the present.

Public Band. Mr Meuser, on behalf of the Band Committee, refers to complaints which have been received as to the noise and other disturbance created by children at performances of the Band in the Town Hall, and, after some discussion, it is decided, in accordance with the practice obtaining in Europe, to exclude children under ten years of age. This restriction will apply to the Sunday orchestral concerts only, and not to the performances of the Band on Wednesdays and Fridays, and the rule will be introduced with effect from and after Sunday, November 22.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 18, 1908,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	A.W. Burkill	
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	O.Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	The Secretary	and
	Assistant Secretary	

Absent: 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.

Death of the Emperor of China and of the Empress Dowager. Upon the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman, the Council records with all respect a resolution of deep regret at the recent lamented death of Their Majesties the Emperor of China and the Empress Dowager; it is decided to communicate this resolution to the local Chinese Authorities through the Senior Consul.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted:-

Engineer's	)	for October.
Superintendent of Parks'		
Convict Labour	)	
Cash Statement for the past week.		
Police Daily Reports.		

Police, Foreign Recruiting. A letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A.W.A. Pollock is read, accepting the Council's proposal that he scrutinize the papers of, and personally interview, all candidates for enlistment in the Police Force before their appointment.

Mixed Court.

House of Detention. The Police Daily Report of November 14 draws attention to the cases of 5 boys and 2 adults who have repeated the experiment of shouting in order to draw the attention of the Magistrate to their unfortunate and irregular condition. Mr Burkill points out that these are no more than specimen cases illustrating the necessity for real reform in Mixed Court procedure. Noting, however, that the Magistrate is undertaking to do what he can in these instances, the Chairman considers that no good purpose would be served by drawing public attention to them.

Case of Detention in the City. A report by the Captain Superintendent alludes to the arrest of Chiu Shun-oho, who appears to have been decoyed into the City and there detained for debt. Colonel Bruce considers that this case is one calling for protest, the concerned being a resident in the Settlement; on the other hand the fact that he

voluntarily placed himself beyond the limits of Municipal supervision cuts the ground from under an official complaint. It is therefore decided, in communicating the facts for the information of the Consular Body, to do no more than point out how impossible co-operation with the native Authorities for Police purposes must remain so long as tactics of this description are adopted.

Opium. A note from Mr Denby, American Consul General, forwards for the usual seals a proclamation with regard to Dr Towns' anti-opium cure. Therein are certain passages stronger in tenour than mere exhortation, and Mr Maoray is averse to the appearance of the Municipal seal on a document which purports to be an official order to adopt the treatment in question. It is therefore decided to suggest that the document, by the alteration of a few of the characters, be amended in the sense desired.

Fire Brigade, Quarters. A letter from the Chief Engineer alludes to the fact that the members of the Victoria Company are not at present provided with quarters, and to the increased efficiency which would result from the residence of a number of the men near the Station. Mr Bidwell suggests leasing a flat at No. 17 Museum Road, for a rental of £160 per mensem. The rent demanded is considered high under the circumstances, and, in approving the recommendation, it is decided to make an offer for a lease for one year at £120.

Land Commission. A memorandum on the subject of representation by counsel is submitted, together with a further report in re by the Engineer, setting out reasons for non-compliance with Mr Hogg's request. Mr Meuser emphasises the attitude hitherto consistently maintained that the presence of lawyers would not add to the efficiency of the Commission's work; on the other hand Mr Platt takes the view that in cases where landowners prefer to be so represented, there is no adequate reason for a contrary decision. After some discussion it is decided to embody the arguments adduced in a letter to the Commission, to be circulated in draft for members' approval.

Shanghai Club, Drainage. Before reporting on the Club's application for the installation of a system of water closets the Engineer and Health Officer are desirous of ascertaining whether the Council will sanction exceptional treatment of the case in recognition of the fact that the old building has been so equipped for many years. Opinion on the point is divided and considerable debate ensues, at the conclusion of which the Council records willingness to consider a proposal for water carriage of ordure confined to the ground and first floors and not applicable to bedrooms.

Electricity Department.

Land Purchase. The opinion of the Legal Adviser on Mr Algar's application for brokerage is read, to the effect that the claim is not tenable, and a discussion ensues on the point as to whether or no the property in question was introduced to the Council by the broker or whether he was definitely instructed to ascertain upon what terms the particular lot could be acquired. Mr Algar's letter of November 11, states definitely that the latter was the case; on the other hand he has made verbal representations to the contrary. The Chairman is of opinion that in either case he is not entitled to brokerage and the consensus of opinion is to the same effect. It is, however, finally decided to offer a honorarium of \$500 in recognition of the work he performed, and Mr Platt undertakes to make this offer without prejudice.

Gratuity to the family of the late J.B. Roach. Upon the recommendation of the Electricity and Finance Committees, the amount of this special gratuity in recognition of long service is fixed at \$2,000.

National Mourning. In regard to the death of the Emperor of China, and as a mark of respect, the Council directs that the uniform tassels of the native Police shall be blue during the time of national mourning.

Considerable correspondence has taken place during the day in regard to the Tao tai's directions for the closing of theatres and other places of native entertainment. The tone of the Mixed Court Magistrate's letter to the Captain Superintendent is adversely criticised, and his frank attempt to put in force regulations without the Council's knowledge is considered most unsatisfactory. The members are of opinion that it would be seemly and wise to direct that licensed theatres close for 3 days but that further restriction of their freedom of action would be unreasonable; a notification in this sense is therefore directed. The Senior Consul telephones to say that if the Council authorises this step he will probably be able to arrange that the period of closing of the Mixed Court shall be similarly limited.

Rice Money. Noting that the price of rice has fallen to \$6.50 per picoul it is decided to discontinue the issue of rice money with effect from December 15.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

*David Handale*

Chairman.

*W. Messersmith*

Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 25, 1908,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- A.W. Burkill
- W.D. Little
- H.A.J. Macray
- R.S.F. McBain
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- 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:-

- Cash Statement for the past week.
- Police Daily Reports.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 20 are read and confirmed. With reference to the Soochow Road, the Council is informed that the foreshore opposite Lot 296 is already used as a station for the loading of ordure, and the owner's condition of surrender in this respect cannot, therefore, be accepted.

East Yalu and Urga Roads. It is noted that although Lot 381 is registered at the American Consulate, the owner, Mr Gillespie, is a British subject, and the enforcement of Article VI of the Land Regulations will therefore proceed as usual.

Canton Road Gas Main. The formal presentation of the Gas Company's proposals in this case for the consideration of the Shanghai Electric <sup>Construction</sup> Co.Ld. has been approved by the Legal Adviser, and it is noted that a letter on the subject has been despatched.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. At Mr Meuser's suggestion an enquiry is directed as to whether all the graves have been removed from the part of B.C. lot 201 Pao., purchased last year from the Range Property Syndicate.

Chang-pang Culvert. The Council awaits the formal reply of the French Council on this subject, and it is decided, in reply thereto when received, to suggest a railing or other device for marking the boundary between the Settlements for Police purposes.

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Volunteers, Mounted Infantry. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission is authorised for issue to Mr C.E. Copplestone as Lieutenant to command the Company.

The Native Theatres. The Senior Consul has forwarded a proclamation by the Mixed Court Magistrate relating to the national mourning, and, with the approval of the Watch Committee, the document has been stamped and posted. Therein, it is noted, that the closing of the theatres is described as temporary and not definitely limited.

The Chairman describes at some length the negotiations during the week on this subject, including the efforts of the Taotai, through Mr Drummond, to prolong the period of closing to 27 days. The Magistrate, continuing the correspondence, makes many mis-statements as to his own action.

Tramways. A letter from the Shanghai Electric Construction Company forwards their claim for alleged delay in supplying power on the part of the Council amounting to ¥200232, and, after some discussion, it is decided to obtain brief reports from the Engineer and Electrical Engineer thereon. The opinion is not lacking that this claim has been presented with a view to forcing the Council's hand in the matter of the suggested new tariff of fares and sections, and, since the members are still unwilling to consider this question until an intelligible statement of income and expenditure is received, the prospect of settling with the Company these and other outstanding questions appears remote.

Shanghai Club Drainage. In continuation of the minute on this subject of November 18, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Health Officer and Engineer, it is decided to permit the connexion of the drainage of the new club building, including water closets on the ground and first floors, directly with the River as heretofore.

French Council and Consulate. Apart from the question of the Chang-pang culvert, to which allusion is made above, no reply has been received and no steps taken in regard to the Council's letters as to French registered land lots and the Telephone Agreement. The Chairman undertakes to see the French Consul General in these matters with a view to their settlement before the end of the year.

Japanese Cotton Yarn Lottery. The Legal Adviser submits copies of letters between his firm and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, from which it appears that the Company is itself opposed to the lottery ticket system inaugurated by the Japanese Cotton Spinners Association. Inasmuch as there is stated to be strong probability that the system will be discontinued at the end of the year, the Council decides to take no further action in the matter at present.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

*David Daudale*

Chairman.

*W. Curson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 2, 1908, at 4.30 p.m  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 R.S.F. McBain  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 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:-

Cash Statement for the past week.  
 Police Daily Reports.

Chang-pang Culvert. The Engineer reports on this subject, suggesting that the roads on each side of ~~the~~ culvert when completed, which will form an open space 100 feet in width, be divided in the middle by grass plots with posts and chains, so that the policing and other matters of administration may be clearly defined between the French and Foreign Settlements. This proposal meets with the Council's approval.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 27 are read and confirmed. With regard to the Proposed New Drill Hall, the Council decides that the Volunteer Officers' scheme shall be the subject of a Special Resolution at the Ratepayers' Meeting, to contain provision for the necessary addition to the year's loan. In the meanwhile, it is considered advisable that the Council should be in a position to state that the land to be purchased is available for a certain named sum, and it is decided to enquire informally from Mr Anderson whether a refusal of the property may be obtained from the owners.

Foreign Prostitutes. The Council's endorsement of this minute is unanimous, and, with regard to certain establishments in the North Soochow Road, which are practically brothels, it is decided if possible to obtain their transfer to this side of the Soochow Creek by bringing pressure to bear upon the landlords concerned.

Study of Chinese. The Council is informed that Dr Ferguson is willing to act as one of the three examiners at the forthcoming examination, and his suggestion that the name of the Chinese teacher Yao be substituted for the Director of Studies, is approved.

China Gazette. Mr Prentice alludes to the fact that certain matters purporting to be what transpired at the above meeting of the Watch Committee, appeared in the China Gazette on the evening of the date of the meeting, and the members record a direction that the closest reticence be observed as to all matters of this description, with a view to preventing mistaken statements from appearing in the public press.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee for the Public School for Chinese of November 23 are read and confirmed. The proposal of Mr Ellis Kadoorie is not wholly endorsed, the members being of opinion (i) that the competition for entry into the present school is not sufficiently acute wholly to warrant the establishment of another school, and (ii) that for so small a personal donation as £12,500 the permanent association of Mr Kadoorie's name with the proposed second public school is not wholly justified. The matter will therefore remain in abeyance for the present.

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Public School. Letter from Mr White-Cooper is read, containing the resignation of his seat on the Public School Committee owing to his approaching departure for England, and, in expressing regret at the loss of Mr White-Cooper's services, it is decided to invite Mr de Gray to resume his seat on the Committee.

Volunteers, Gun Club 12-Bore Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Lieutenant to command the Company, is authorised for re-issue to Mr D. McNeill.

Mokanshan Sanatorium. A report by the Health Officer is submitted, upon the function performed by the Sanatorium during the year, the substance of which is of a satisfactory character. The whole cost of the institution for the year has amounted to about \$4000, and, from letters submitted, it appears that the periods of residence during convalescence have proved beneficial to, and been appreciated by, the members of the staff concerned.

Endorsing Dr Stanley's recommendation to purchase the adjoining estate of Dr Main, and the intervening land in the ownership of Mr Phelps, with a view to extending the scope of the institution, the Council directs in the first place that a report by the Engineer be submitted on the condition and value of the estates in question.

In view of the difficulties which are being raised in the matter of title to properties at Mokanshan in other than missionary ownership, the

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Council would approve holding these properties, if purchased, by formal deeds of trust signed on the part of their present owners.

Central Offices. Letter from Mr Dowdall is read, refusing the Council's offer of £100000 for Cadastral lot 167, and therewith is submitted a report by the Engineer on the methods to be adopted in the acquisition of scheduled lots of this description. His conclusions are, generally speaking, endorsed, and the fact is recognised that the property at present in question cannot be obtained for a less sum than £110000. Before making an offer to the registered owners in this sense, it is decided to obtain an official valuation for purchase from Mr W. Scott, provided that his fee for the work does not exceed £300.

Tramways. With regard to the various matters outstanding between the Tramway Company and the Council, a proposal by the Company is read that a special joint meeting be held of Committees of the Council and of its local Board at an early date. After some discussion, and upon the proposal of Mr Prentice, Messrs Landale, Meuser, and Burkill, are appointed for this work. It is understood that the Council authorises this Committee to settle the various questions at stake, and it is recorded as essential that the Tramway delegates be similarly authorised to act without reference to their London Board. In the matter of officers attending the meeting the Council is unwilling to assent to any restriction.

Land Commission. Copies of two letters from Mr Hogg to the Commission are read, dissenting from the Council's conclusions in the matter of representation by counsel, and forwarding a communication from 4 firms of leading land owners in support of his contention.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 9, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	A.W. Burkill	
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Maoray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	J.H. McMichael	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	The Secretary	and
	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.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 4 are read and confirmed. In reference to the

Lighting of the Bubbling Well Road, Mr Meuser states that the view which he took of this question has been modified by the reflection that the Council's action may be construed as reprisals upon the Gas Company, due to the dispute as to the main in the Canton Road. This view is shared by Mr Burkill, and some discussion ensues. The members are unanimously of opinion that the lighting of the road in the section in question is in need of improvement, and that the change to incandescent electricity is necessary. At the same time it is considered undesirable to take any step which may prejudice an early settlement of the tramway track incident, and the work, so far as the conversion of the 27 gas lamps <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ concerned, will therefore be deferred for a month or more as circumstances may direct.

Volunteers.

Commandant. The arrival on December 8 is noted of Major A.A.S. Barnes, the new Commandant of Volunteers appointed by the War Office. Major Barnes will spend the interval between now and December 22, the date of Colonel Watson's departure, in taking over the duties of his post.

Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to Mr C. Selby Moore as 2nd Lieutenant.

Policing of Waterways. From a paragraph in the Police monthly report for November, it appears that considerable difficulty is being experienced owing to the lack of adequate control of the various waterways traversing the Settlement. The Watch Committee approves the proposal that the

organisation of the policing of the Defence, Hongkew and Yangtzepoo Creeks, and of the Yangkingpang in co-operation with the French Chief of Police, be undertaken at as early a date as possible. In regard to the Soochow Creek, the policing of which so far as it exists at all is in the hands of the River Police, the Council authorises informal negotiations with the Commissioner of Customs with a view to the transfer of this work to the Municipal Police, or to their participation therein, to an extent sufficient to meet the objects which Colonel Bruce has in view.

Municipal Loans. With the sale of debentures to the extent of £46500 at 105, and the transfer of Trust Funds, £12300 at par, the General Loan of 1908 is complete, and the average rate of issue for the whole amount of £400000, including brokerage, is £100.773.

Mixed Court, Case of Detention in the City. With regard to the incident referred to in the minutes of November 18, the Captain Superintendent reports the issue by the Magistrate of an order for the search of the prisoner's hong in the Canton Road, and it is pointed out that, since there has been no hearing of the case in the Court, this procedure is irregular. In bringing this further development of the case to the notice of the Consular Body, it is decided to point out that the order in question does not contain provision for the co-operation of the Police, as decided by the Consular Body in May, 1906.

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

*David Davidson*  
Chairman.

*W. Merson*  
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 16, 1908, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	A.W. Burkill	
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	J.H. McMichael	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	The Secretary	and
	Assistant Secretary	

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 11 are read and confirmed, and the new Public Lighting schedule of prices is approved for use in the compilation of the Budget for 1909.

The new arrangements for the Collection of Debit Notes give rise to some discussion, and it is pointed out that the delegation of this work though probably conducive to smooth working at present, is, from a certain standpoint, not wholly satisfactory, inasmuch as it is calculated to impair the responsibility of the Central Office. The Council is unanimously of opinion that the procedure recommended by the Committee should be given a trial.

Settlement Extension. A letter from H.M. Consul General communicates the Minister's desire for information as to the present condition of the district beyond the northern boundary, and it is decided, in reply, to forward specific reports on the subject, from the standpoint of the Police, Public Health, and Public Works Departments respectively.

Plague. A report by the Health Officer is read on the subject of rat plague, which, from examinations conducted during the past week, is found to have made its appearance in the neighbourhood of the wharves. Dr Stanley's proposals for immediate action in this matter are adopted, and it is decided to publish his report with a view to securing the co-operation of the public in the destruction of rats so far as may be possible.



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Central Offices. Mr Scott's valuation of Cadastral lot 167 is submitted, amounting to £90,345 for the land and buildings. The Engineer recommends that a further valuation be obtained from Mr Ambrose, and after some discussion his proposal is adopted. Mr Meuser is of opinion that discretionary authority should be given to close with the owner if he will sell at £110,000, but it is decided in the first place to make the offer of £100,000 to the registered owners.

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Coal Supply. Tenders received in response to Notification No. 1933 are submitted and considered. The lowest, that of Messrs A.M. Currie & Co. is for Weihsien coal, the tests of which have proved unsatisfactory, and it is decided to accept that of Messrs Hopkins Dunn & Co. for House Coal at £9.25 per ton, and for Anthracite at £14.50.

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Fire Brigade Quarters. The Council is informed that the alterations required to render the flat in the Museum Road suitable for use by the Victoria Company, are estimated to cost £900, and since accommodation is needed for 15 months only, this heavy charge, the equivalent of an addition of £60 per mensem to the rent, is considered prohibitive. Enquiries are therefore directed as to other suitable premises in the neighbourhood of the Station.

Police Force. A letter from the Japanese Consul General renews his proposal that a certain number of Japanese be enlisted in the Force, with a view to controlling the growing Japanese population. The matter will have the attention of the Watch Committee at an early date.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

*David Laidlaw*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 23, 1908, at 4.30 p.m

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 A.W. Burkill  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Maoray  
 R.S.F. McBain  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 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.

Fire Brigade, Quarters. With the permission of the Watch Committee, arrangements have been concluded for the reduction of the cost of the alterations necessary in the new quarters in the Museum Road to £600, the work to be arranged by the members of the Company themselves, and it is noted that they have agreed to pay £15 per man per mensem as rent instead of the usual £10.

Plague. The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of December 21 are read and confirmed. Some further discussion ensues as to the desirability of publishing all or a part of the Health Officer's report on the position as regards rat destruction, and the opinion prevails that, since by this step alone can the serious co-operation of the public be secured in the proposed measures, such publication is desirable; on the other hand certain paragraphs of the report are omitted which are considered calculated to cause unnecessary alarm.

Passenger Pontoons, Handling of Luggage. A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police gives the result of his negotiations on this subject up to the present, and his proposals aiming at the mitigation of the nuisance caused by coolies and others on these pontoons are approved. Upon the receipt of a reply to the suggested letter to the Commissioner of Customs, a meeting of the leading shipping agents will be held, and it is hoped that arrangements will be made to the satisfaction of the various Companies concerned and of the public.

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Land Commission. A letter from the Commission forwards a copy of the reply sent to Mr E.J. Hogg on the subject of the representation of owners by counsel. This letter and the Rules of Procedure therein enclosed, will be included in the minutes for general information.

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Tramways. The Company's reply to the Council's letter on the subject of the various matters outstanding is read, and it is noted that the Special Committee of their Local Board is fully empowered to settle all of the questions enumerated. The meeting with the Special Committee of the Council will therefore, be arranged so soon as is convenient after the New Year holidays.

In regard to the Company's request for permission for a staff car to remain in the North Soochow Road during the night, there is considerable difference of opinion. The Engineer and Captain Superintendent report adversely upon the suggestion, but upon a show of hands it is decided to grant the necessary permission as a temporary measure, the arrangement to terminate at the Council's option at any time, and to provide that the Company shall accept responsibility for any accident which may result therefrom. The least inconvenient position for the car in the road will be a matter for arrangement between the Company and the Police.

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Japanese Cotton Yarn Lottery. A communication from the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha informs the Council that the Japan Cotton Spinners Association has decided to discontinue the issue of lottery tickets with bales of yarn from and after December 31, a conclusion which is regarded as satisfactory

History of Shanghai. A letter from Messrs J.D. Clark and T.W. Kingsmill is submitted, desiring the Council's support for a publication by Mr Montalc de Jesus, comprising the history of the Settlement since its establishment. The opinion which these gentlemen have formed of the work goes some way towards showing that its publication will have good results, and it is further noted that the French Council has extended assistance by what is practically a donation of \$500: on the other hand the consensus of opinion amongst the members is that the fact that the Council is paying the salary of Mr Lanning while he is engaged on a more thorough and exhaustive work of the same character, precludes drawing on the public funds for the purpose in question. A reply expressing the Council's regret is therefore authorised.

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Telephone Service. As a result of an interview between the Chairman and the French Consul General, it has been arranged that the two Councils shall make separate agreements with the Mutual Telephone Co.Ld. for the maintenance of the telephone service of each Settlement. The draft agreement will therefore be re-printed with the modifications necessary in the above sense, and forwarded for signature by the Company.

Land Registration. The French Consul General has also expressed his intention of doing what is possible to enable the Council to maintain the land schedules and other records of the Municipal Cadastral Office with accuracy so far as French registered lots are concerned, but, owing to the alleged restrictions of French law, and to Mr Ratarad's refusal to admit the obligations of the Land Regulations, the Council is not hopeful of any improvement in this respect.

Volunteers and Police. A joint report by the Commandant (Colonel Watson) and the Captain Superintendent is read, containing proposals as to the relative rank of officers, and their suggestions, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, are adopted.

Public Works Department. Staff. A report by the Engineer is read, stating that Superintendent Stuart will probably retire from the service at the end of next year, and in view of the importance of his work in the Department and in connexion with the organisation of convict labour Mr Mayne suggests the engagement of a Mr C. Luthy at a salary of £400 per mensem. Mr Luthy has experience in native labour and is an expert in the use of reinforced concrete, he is prepared to enter the service in May next. The Council is not unanimous as to this proposal, Mr Prentice considering that the pay is high having regard to that drawn by the present chief assistants in the Department, and that for the management of convict labour a man of another stamp is required. After considerable discussion Mr Meuser undertakes to see Mr Luthy before December 26, on which date he is leaving for Europe, and the matter is left in his hands for settlement.

Unemployed Foreigners. Mr Meuser refers in warm tones to the increasing nuisance and danger due to the large number of destitute foreigners at present in the Settlement. Without making any specific suggestion in the matter, he considers that it is one calling for the very serious attention of the Watch Committee for whose information a report by the Captain Superintendent will be submitted at an early date.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

*W. Meuser*  
Secretary.

*David Landale*  
Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 6, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	A.W. Burkill	
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	J.H. McMichael	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	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.

Passenger Pontoons, Handling of Luggage. As the result of a conversation with the Commissioner of Customs, it is pointed out that the suggestion that all passengers' baggage be taken to the Customs shed would be considered by the public a vexatious innovation. Mr Hobson has further stated that, in his opinion, the recent improvements brought about by policing have met the objections and complaints formerly made. The Captain Superintendent is, however, endeavouring to make arrangements with a coolie hong for gangs of uniformed coolies to handle passengers' luggage under a fixed tariff.

Public Works Department Staff. Under Mr Meuser's directions a memorandum has been signed to the effect that Mr Luthy will join the Department in May, under a three years' agreement, terminable in the Council's option after one year.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 30 are read and confirmed, and the Official Plan of the Eastern District, Section A, is signed by the Chairman and authorised for publication in the usual way.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of January 4 are read and confirmed. In regard to the Licence Schedule, a further amendment is approved by which motor lorries and waggons will be classified separately and charged at the rate of £12 per quarter.

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Industrial Undertakings. Upon further consideration, and noting that the book-keeping of the three Industrial Undertakings is in a transitional state, it is decided to make no change in the method of showing the profit for the present.

Case of Irregular Arrest. The reply of the American Consul General is submitted to the Council's communication on the subject of certain detective investigations conducted in the Settlement by an emissary of the Viceroy. Mr Denby, while in sympathy with the view which the Council takes of this matter, considers that an attempt at least should be made by the Police to have the offender brought before the Mixed Court, whereafter his support will be accorded either in securing punishment, or in protest if the attempt fails. This course will, therefore, be followed.

Plague. The Council approves a suggestion to communicate officially with the French Council, desiring co-operation in the campaign against plague among rats, and requesting that the French Officer of Health will conduct operations in collaboration with Dr Stanley. In approaching the Chinese Authorities on the same subject with respect to the Native City, it is decided to do no more than express the hope that means may be taken to catch and kill rats to the utmost extent possible.

A report by the Engineer is read, as to the amendment of the Rules with respect to Chinese Buildings proposed by the Health Officer. Messrs Meuser and Burkill hold the view that the effect which the changes will have on the cost of native house construction renders their adoption undesirable, and the Council is reluctant to take any step in the matter before some expression of opinion on the part of the owners and agents concerned has been obtained. It is decided therefore to publish a minute with this object in view, attributing the suggestions to the Health Officer and expressing no official opinion as to the desirability of their adoption or the reverse.

The special instructions to the Health Department Staff, and the notices to owners and occupants, on the subject of the rat-proofing of houses, already approved by the Watch Committee, are ordered for inclusion in this minute.

*MM*  
Convict Labour. The suggestion contained in a report by Superintendent Stuart to work the Concreteware Manufactory with convict labour on the spot is formally adopted, the Council noting that for reasons stated the brickmaking project is for the present abandoned.

*MM*  
Central Offices. Mr Ambrose's valuation of Cadastral lot 167 is submitted, amounting to \$90513 for the property, and, in accordance with the decision already recorded, it is decided to make an official offer to

the registered owners of \$100,000. This offer will be without prejudice, in case it is necessary to submit the matter for settlement by the Land Commissioners, to whom the two expert valuations will be submitted.

New Roads in Western District. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, forwarding a communication from the Taotai on the subject of a road already stoned-out between the Soochow Creek and the Hungjao Road, and from a report by the Engineer it appears that the negotiations for the acquisition of this road together with extensions of the Penang and Singapore Roads beyond Settlement limits, have proceeded further than is usual without specific authority. The Chairman is of opinion that this action on the part of the Public Works Department is open to severe strictures, and the Council's disapproval is recorded; on the other hand it appears that the control of the district in question by the Native Authorities is being organised in a manner similar to that in the district known as Chapei; it therefore appeared necessary to press forward the negotiations for the roads, or to abandon their construction. After consideration the Council is of opinion that the low rate at which the 77 mow of land in question can be obtained, \$100 per mow, and the undesirability of receding after Municipal stones have been erected, constitute important factors in arriving at a decision on the subject. Inasmuch therefore as the procedure has been in accordance with the Land Regulations, and since the roads will be of service to both the foreign and native sections of the community, their purchase is authorised. It is decided to expend no further sum beyond the bare cost of the land, \$7700, that is to say the levelling, ditching, culverts, etc., will be deferred for the present.

Municipal Gazette. The Council is informed that it is probable that the arrangement by which distribution through the medium of the Shanghai Times is secured, will probably be terminated at an early date.

The issue of a reference index for the annual volume now completed is authorised.

Foreign Arson Case. Two letters are read, addressed under the directions of the Watch Committee to the Belgian Consul General with regard to the case of Mrs van Herpe, accused of complicity in a case of arson, and the dissatisfaction expressed by the Captain Superintendent of Police at the permission granted to her to leave Shanghai without trial, is unanimously endorsed. The Chairman states that Mr Siffert has made an appointment with himself for the discussion of this subject, and in the meanwhile the Council is in favour of giving publicity to the correspondence as a measure of justice to the Police.

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Council for 1909. Noting the retirement of Messrs Burkill, McBain and McMichael at or before the end of the current Municipal year, it is decided to invite Messrs De Gray, Heffer and Trueman to accept nomination by the Chairman for the new Council.

Chairman. At the suggestion of Mr Prentice it is unanimously decided to commemorate the birth today of a daughter to Mr and Mrs Landale by recording the members' congratulations and by the donation of a suitable silver souvenir.

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

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*M. G. ...*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 13, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	A.W. Burkill	
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	J.H. McMichael	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	The Secretary	and
	Assistant Secretary	

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

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.

Foreign Arson Case. Over and above the statement contained in the reply of the Belgian Consul General submitted for publication, Mr Siffert has informed the Chairman that, in holding a private consular enquiry into the case of Mrs Van Herpe, and deciding not to issue a warrant for her arrest, he has complied with the requirements of Belgian law. He further added that her departure from Shanghai was without his permission.

New Roads in the Western District. A note from the Engineer suggests the addition of a fourth road to those authorised at last meeting, viz. the continuation of the Kiaochow Road northward to the Soochow Creek. He considers it possible that the land for these roads may be secured before China New Year, but that, if this is not so, their ultimate acquisition is very problematical. The approximate area involved is Now 8.5, which at £100 per mow is considered by the Council to be a desirable acquisition. The purchase is therefore authorised.

Wharfage Dues. Returns for the December quarter are submitted, showing an out-return of £36707.63 and thus completing £157957.04 as the year's collection, £17000 less than the estimate. In view of this shrinkage, the Finance Committee considers that not more than £160,000 should be inserted in the Budget for 1909.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of January 5 are read and confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of January 8 and 12 are read, and the following is recorded in reference thereto:-

✓ Volunteers, Ammunition. A report from the Commandant sets down the reserve requirements of the Corps and of the Police at 63500 rounds of small arm, and 21000 rounds of revolver, ammunition. In communicating with Hongkong on this subject, it is decided to ask for an official opinion as to whether the retention of ammunition for three years before use, which would result from the maintenance of this reserve, would have any effect upon its efficiency.

✓ Plague Prevention. Considerable discussion takes place as to the advisability of drastic change in the rules with respect to Chinese houses, or of the rat-proofing measures which the Health Officer is advocating, Mr Meuser expressing the view that, since there is no evidence that plague rats have not been in the Settlement for many years, the excessive expenditure recommended is unwarranted. The Council approves the proposal to convene a meeting of the principal property owners with a view to the general ventilation of the subject.

✓ Victoria Nursing Home Staff. With regard to the Committee's decision in the case of Mrs Woodhead, Mr Burkill points out the necessity for rigorous adherence to the terms of service for Municipal nurses, inasmuch as exceptional treatment in any one case invariably gives rise to ill-feeling if not made generally applicable.

✓ Health Department Staff. The Council considers that the scale of pay and terms of service to be drawn up in this connexion should be comprehensive and final.

✓ Volunteers. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions as Lieutenant are authorised for issue to the following 2nd Lieutenants:-

G.M. Jameson,	"A" Company.
C. Koch,	German Company.
J.D.D. Gordon,	"B" Company.
L.E. Canning,	Artillery.

✓ Mixed Court.

✓ Case of Detention in the City. With regard to the case of Chiu Shun-cho, detained in the City for debt, a further communication from the Mixed Court Magistrate desires that the keys and safe now in Police custody, be handed over to the Native Authorities. In reply, it is decided to point out that such a course would be irregular until the man has had a hearing at the Court, and that the Council awaits the Taotai's reply to the communication addressed to him through the



medium of the Consular Body. Copies of the Magistrate's letter, and of the Council's reply, will be forwarded for the Senior Consul's information.

Case of Irregular Arrest. The Senior Consul forwards the Taotai's reply to the Council's protest in the case of Yang Yung-ching, seized on the Settlement boundary and detained in a Paoshan police yamen. The incident appears to be one of many wherein redress is impossible unless the Police have made a capture of the runner or other person concerned in the irregularity. Reciprocity in matters connected with the Settlement boundary is regarded by the Watch Committee as impossible, having in view the unorganised methods which are the chief characteristic of purely native control.

Salt Smuggling. The reply of the representative of the Governor of Chekiang is read, generally to the effect that the Council's proposals under this heading are unacceptable, and repeating his request for police assistance within Settlement limits. This letter leaves the matter where it has stood for many years, and the Council is no more prepared than heretofore to relieve the Chinese Government of its obligations and preventive duties, without some substantial counter-advantage.

Opium Houses. A Police report on the subject of opium smoking in the French Settlement and Native City states, in regard to the former, that while the action of the French Council is less comprehensive than that taken on this side, there is no danger that houses closed in the Foreign Settlement will be re-opened elsewhere. In the Native City it appears that there are 7 establishments where opium may be bought and smoked surreptitiously, and it is decided to obtain the names and addresses of these houses and communicate them for the Taotai's information.

Woochang Road Jetty. A letter from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is read, <sup>assent</sup> ~~accord~~ ing to the conditions made by the Council in July last for the transfer of this jetty to the end of the Tsingpoo Road.

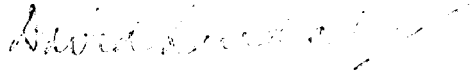
Road Extensions and Widening, Official Plans for 1909. The reply of the Harbourmaster is submitted, to the Council's letter on the subject of the projected road in the Eastern District, Section B, along the Conservancy Normal Line, and considerable discussion ensues as to the advisability of the step proposed. Mr Meuser considers that in the contemplation of the requirements of the distant future, such a road would be desirable, while the Chairman is of opinion that to show it in the official plans before an understanding is reached with the Conservancy Board on the subject, would be premature. Upon the proposal

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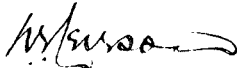
of Mr Prentice, seconded by Mr Platt, it is decided that the road in question shall not be scheduled for this year.

Tramways. The minutes of the recent meeting between the sub-committees of the Council and of the Local Board of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. of January 11, are read in draft, and confirmed, for communication to the Company in due course.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 20, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
A.W. Burkill  
W.D. Little  
H.A.J. Macray  
J.H. McMichael  
O. Meuser  
J. Prentice  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain  
W.A.C. 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.

Tramways. The minutes of the meeting of the representative Sub-Committees have been subject to certain amendments and additions at the hands of the Company, which, in a somewhat modified form, have been accepted by the Council. In final amendment, and in accordance with a report by the Engineer submitted, the reference to difficulty of access under the heading of Gas Main in the Canton Road has been omitted, and the words "in accordance with the principles laid down in Mr Bourne's award" have, with the assent of the General Manager, been substituted. In this form the minutes are authorised for publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of January 15 are read and confirmed. In reference to the French Council's Contribution, the decision of the Council on the point raised, as recorded in January 1907, is read and endorsed, that is to say the Council remains of opinion that since augmentation of the French contribution might involve a request for a greater share in the control of the Band, or demands upon the musicians' services, it is preferable to leave the amount at its present figure.

Private Services. Mr Meuser states that Mr Schulze-Reudnitz has given assurances to the Chairman of the Committee, which warrant the inference that complaints, such as those to which the minute under this heading refers, will not recur.

W.A.C.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of January 18 are read and confirmed. With respect to the endorsement of

✓ Motor Car Licences. Mr Burkill points out that it is the driver's certificate issued by the Police under Condition 6 of the licence, which is recommended be endorsed with the particulars of each conviction, and the Council is of opinion that this course should be followed with respect to all native chauffeurs, also that their photographs should be affixed to the certificate.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 19 are read and confirmed. In regard to the proposal to curtail the correspondence on the subject of

✓ Road Extensions and Widenings included in the Annual Report, the Chairman states that reference thereto is not infrequently convenient and necessary, he is, therefore, not in favour of exclusion. This section of the Report, therefore, will continue as heretofore.

✓ Encroachments. With regard to the question of Projecting Private Lamps, considerable discussion ensues. The Council is unanimous on the subject of the necessity for permits, and the imposition of the usual fee of \$0.50, while the consensus of opinion of members is against the proposal to charge an annual fee. Mr Burkill is strongly opposed to any alteration in the practice with regard to Signboards, the erection of which he considers will disfigure the public streets: on the other hand the arguments advanced by the Works Committee are considered pertinent, and it is decided to issue the necessary permit to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, upon the understanding that the signboard will not project more than 3 feet over the footway and be removable at the Council's option upon giving six months' notice.

✓ Staff. The Council endorses the view that the position of Park-keeper in the Hongkew Recreation Ground should be considered to be tenable by an employe approaching retirement as in this case, the work not being such as to occupy an active man fully.

✓ Stud Contract. The Council directs the circulation of all of the papers in this connexion to members, and defers decision on the subject until next meeting. In the meanwhile, enquiries will be made as to whether the number of ponies may not be considerably reduced by the use of wheelbarrows and otherwise.

✓ Volunteers. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions as 2nd Lieutenant are authorised for issue to Mr K.D. Stewart, "A" Company, and Mr H. Rix, Germany Company, the former to enable him to attend the School of Instruction at Chelsea.

Eight months leave of absence is granted to Major C. Lalaca, P.M.O. with effect from January 19.

Artillery Ponies. The Commandant reports that one of the ponies was found to be suffering from glanders, and has therefore been destroyed under the directions of Dr Pratt, Veterinary Surgeon. It is decided to obtain reports on this case, with special reference to the possibility of the spread of the disease, and to the condition of the stables wherein the ponies are at present housed.

Mixed Court.

Female Calls. A Police report forwards a statement by one of the women prisoners, who alleges that she has received 150 blows and been kept in chains for twelve hours; upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee it is decided to communicate the case for the information of the Consular Body, provided the evidence obtained by the Police is corroborated so far as is possible.

House of Detention. In regard to the second file of cases of irregularity of detention, to which attention was recently drawn, Mr Butler replies with respect to those originally presented to the American Assessor to the effect that he will bring them to the attention of the Magistrate.

Land Commission. Mr F. Anderson is unanimously re-elected to be the Council's representative on the Commission for the Municipal year 1909/10; and it is decided if, as is probable, he should leave for England during the year, to request Mr E.C. Pearce to take his place. The minute on this subject will, with the Council's permission, be published specially tomorrow.

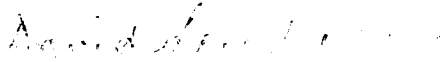
Gas Main in the Canton Road. A report by the Engineer is read to the effect that his negotiations with the Acting Engineer of the Gas Company indicate no prospect of a settlement of this case. It is decided, therefore, to make the counter-proposal as to re-laying a portion only of the main, upon the rejection of which it will be necessary to proceed with further formal arbitration; the letter in question will be written after consultation with the Legal Adviser, and will be without prejudice.

Election of Councillors for 1909. It is decided to request Messrs A.M. Marshall and W.S. Jackson to act as Scrutineers at the forthcoming election.

With regard to recent comment in the press on the list issued of persons eligible as councillors, the Chairman explains the action taken by the Finance Committee in the matter, and it is decided to include for publication an explanatory minute on the subject.

Resignation of member. Alluding to the fact that Mr Burkill is about to proceed to England, and to his consequent resignation of his seat on the Council, the Chairman expresses appreciation of the valuable services which Mr Burkill has rendered as Chairman of the Watch Committee during the year. The members' cordial endorsement is recorded.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 27, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Maoray  
 J.H. McMichael  
 O. Meuser  
 J. Prentice  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: R.S.F. McBain  
 W.A.C. 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.

Mokanshan Sanatorium. The Engineer's report on his survey of Dr Main's bungalow is read, in which, after pointing out the value of the site due to its commanding position and to the fact that it adjoins the Sanatorium, he gives the opinion that £5000 is not too high a price to pay for the estate, provided the intervening land, at present in the ownership of Mr Phelps, is also acquired. Mr McMichael considers that an offer of rather less than this sum would be accepted, but, after further discussion, the Council decides to offer Dr Main the sum he asks, to include the land, building and contents, and Mr Phelps' holding. Provision will therefore be made in the Budget for the purchase.

Gas Main in the Canton Road. Upon further consideration, and noting that the Company's claim is presented by their solicitors, it is decided that the Council's counter-proposal shall be made by the Legal Advisers. A memorandum of instructions on the subject is submitted and approved, it being decided that the concluding reference to further arbitration will for the present be omitted.

Stud Contract. The papers in this question have been circulated to the members, and the Chairman has learnt from the General Manager of the Horse Bazaar that the Company is willing to submit the figures upon which the proposed price for draught animals is based, to the Council's scrutiny. It is decided to avail of this offer, and a representative of the Accounts Office will attend at the Bazaar for the purpose, so soon as the pressure of annual work will admit.

It has been arranged that the supply of ponies shall continue as heretofore, the terms of the new contract being made retrospective

from January 1.

A note from the Engineer is read, generally to the effect that no reduction in the number of ponies called for can be made with due regard to efficient work.

Settlement Extension. A letter from H.M. Consul General is submitted, suggesting that the opportunity which the Viceroy's forthcoming visit to Shanghai to open the Opium Conference presents, should be taken to demonstrate to him, if possible, that the extension of the Settlement on the northern boundary is necessary for the prevention of friction in the relations between the local foreign and native authorities. The members concur in this proposal, and such steps as are possible will be taken to the end indicated.

In this connexion it is pointed out that the Viceroy's despatch in reply to the Council's representations made in May last, has not yet been transmitted by the Senior Consul, but it is not considered desirable to raise the point at the present juncture.

Mixed Court. Letter from the American Consul General is read, informing the Council of the nature of the admission by the Native Authorities of irregular procedure in the case of the revolutionary Chang Kung. The results of Mr Denby's action in this matter are regarded by the members as very satisfactory, and the correspondence is ordered for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

*David Denby*

Chairman.

*W. W. W. W.*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 3, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	J.H. McMichael	
	O. Mauser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	The Secretary	and
	Assistant Secretary	

Absent: R.S.F. McBain

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of January 28 are read and confirmed. With regard to the question of

Private Lighting and the sale of bulbs, the general impression of the members is that the Ratepayers' Resolution of 1904 was intended to be and remains prohibitive. Nor is the opinion unanimous that to resume the sale, even with the Ratepayers' sanction, will be as advantageous as is represented. On the other hand the Council is not averse to the proposed Special Resolution, which will therefore be included in the official list.

Public Lighting. This minute is referred for the consideration of the Works Committee, to whom the Engineer will report in due course.

Staff. In respect to the special recommendation that the pay of two of the foreign employes be raised before the termination of their agreements, considerable discussion takes place, and while there is no question that from the point of view of the finances of the Department the step would be unobjectionable, the Finance Committee is unanimous that as a matter of principle the agreements should stand until their expiry. The Chairman points out that the rule is one which affects too many members of the staff to admit of its breach in any instance, and mention is made, amongst others, of recent decisions of the Council in the case of the Bandmaster, the Headmaster of the Public School for Chinese, and the First Assistant in the Accounts Office. In each of these instances a plausible case has been made out for increased remuneration, while adherence to the respective agreements has been enforced.

Volunteers, Annual Inspection. The Commandant notifies the date fixed for the annual training of the Corps, from Saturday March 20 to Saturday April 24. It is decided to request the General Officer commanding H.M. Forces in South China to hold the usual Annual Inspection on the latter

date.

The training is three weeks later than has been customary during recent years, in accordance with the unanimous opinion expressed at a meeting of officers which took place in November last, and the change has been endorsed by both the present and former Commandants. It is not usually possible to go into the country after the first week in April, owing to the advanced state of the crops, and consequently the Inspection Parade will not take the form of a Field-day.

Policing Beyond Limits.

Alabaster Road Extension. Reports by the Engineer and Captain Superintendent of Police are read, on the subject of the interference of the Native Police with the road coolies at work on the section of the Alabaster Road beyond the Settlement boundary, and the removal of the Municipal road stones. The section in question is foreign-owned, and has recently been surrendered to the Council for road purposes; it is therefore decided to bring the facts to the notice of the Consular Body, with the request that the Native Authorities be instructed to desist from aggressive tactics of this character.

Woosung Road. The reply of the Taotai to the Council's letter of October 21 is submitted and referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

"Temple of Rewards". A Police report is read on the action of the Native Authorities in the so-called "Temple of Heaven" in the North Honan Road, which, under the Land Regulations of 1869, was exempted from Municipal control. The posting of a proclamation of doubtful importance, and the request for discontinuance of the policing of the Temple yard, which has been in force for many years, are evidence of an active spirit of opposition, but, upon consideration, it is decided not to raise objection unless grave abuses result. In the meanwhile the Police will be directed to keep a watch on the Temple at all points of ingress, and to report from time to time to what purposes the building is being devoted.

Mixed Court.

Death of the German Assessor. The Consul General for Germany notifies the Council of the death on January 31 of Herr MacLean, German Consular Assessor at the Mixed Court, and, in recording an expression of the Council's deep regret at this lamented occurrence, it is decided to convey an expression of the members' sincere condolences.

Case of Detention in the City. Letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the case of Chiu Shun-cho, from which it is noted with satisfaction that a prima facie hearing of the case in the Mixed Court is consistently being demanded.

Native Theatres. With reference to the question of the performances of female actors in the theatre at the corner of the Hankow and Hoopoh Roads, a letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate expresses the hope that the Council will not sanction the continuance of a practice which is contrary to native taste and prejudice. It appears that the Captain Superintendent has already addressed a communication to the Magistrate on the subject, to the effect that, so long as Police supervision is exercised, the practice presents no objectionable feature; and although it is held that this letter is not binding upon the Council, regret is expressed that Colonel Bruce should have communicated with the Native Authorities on even a minor question of policy such as has been raised. After recording the view that action in this matter should be guided by the views of the better class native residents, further discussion is postponed until next meeting.

General Hospital. A communication from the Consular Body informs the Council of the re-election of the Consuls General for Great Britain, France and Germany, as representatives on the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

Plague Prevention.

Native City. The reply of the Taotai to the Council's suggestions in reference to his co-operation in the work of rat-destruction in the Native City and suburbs is read and ordered for publication. From this despatch it is observed that the Taotai has received the impression that there are available other appliances than the simple and natural remedies which are being applied in the Settlement, and which were recommended to his notice. This is possibly due to the translation of the Council's despatch having been somewhat inaccurate, and the suggestion is approved to address the Senior Consul unofficially, desiring that the translations of the Council's letters intended for transmission to the Native Authorities be made in the Municipal Offices.

Special Number of the Municipal Gazette. A note from Dr Macleod to the Health Officer states that the recent special number of the Gazette is calculated to give an impression outside Shanghai that the disease, which is generally understood to refer to human beings, has broken out. In order to correct any misunderstanding on the subject, and at Dr Stanley's suggestion, a note is recorded that plague in Shanghai is at present limited to rats, that every possible effort is being made to prevent its spread to human beings, and that, so far, no human case of plague has been reported in the Settlement.

Yangkingpang. A letter from Messrs E.E. Porter and others announces that a resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Ratepayers, on the subject of culverting this creek, and expresses the desire that arrangements be made for it to be brought up for discussion at 5 p.m. In

reply, it is decided to state that as favourable a position as possible will be given to this resolution after the Budget is passed.

The Council's opinion on this question will apparently be divided, and directions are given that reports be furnished from the respective standpoints of Defence, Finance, and Sanitation.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Council is notified of the re-election of the representatives of Great Britain, Germany and Belgium, to constitute the Court for 1909, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Land Regulations.

Municipal Gazette. The Shanghai Times, after giving notice that the distribution of the Gazette through their medium will cease after No.56, add the request that it be forwarded to certain subscribers to the paper under provision of Municipal Notification No. 1914. The list of subscribers enclosed includes out-port residents, Chinese, Municipal employes, and other non-ratepayers, and it is decided to reply that those who are ratepayers should be requested to apply to the publishers, the North China Daily News and Herald, Ld., in accordance with the terms of the Notification.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*W. Messon*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 10, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	J.H. McMichael	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of January 29 are read and confirmed.

Mr Ellis Kadoorie's proposal does not appear to be in a sufficiently advanced state to warrant provision in the Budget for its inauguration this year, and the matter will await Mr Kadoorie's next visit to Shanghai. The members are informed that a project is on foot for handing over the Chinese Polytechnic Institution for administration by the Council, and it is not improbable that arrangements will result therefrom for very material enlargement of the existing facilities for Chinese education.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of February 1 are read and confirmed. In regard to the case of

Parkkeeper Curtis, a letter from the members of the Committee expresses resentment at the decision to transfer this employé to other work, and, under a mistaken impression of what has taken place, they complain of the action of the staff. The Chairman has explained the reasons which led to the Council's decision in the matter, and Mr Meuser undertakes to see the members of the Committee personally, final decision being postponed until the next meeting of Council.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 8 are read, and the recommendations with respect to the

Budget, therein contained, are adopted. A note from the Health Officer makes clear the possibility of reducing the Departmental estimates of Ordinary Expenditure by £26600, and a report by the Engineer explains that a reduction in the Extraordinary Expenditure may be effected amounting to £42000 for works which will improbably be

concluded during the year. Regarding the reference to the Fire Brigade, the Council is aware that the statement will not be a popular one, but, in the opinion that both for the more efficient handling of fires and for the reduction of expenditure, the abolition of the Volunteer Brigade is desirable, the paragraph is approved for inclusion in the Introduction to the Budget. As to whether a loan of ₹400000 will suffice in the event of a falling off in native rates on account of Plague, the Chairman has some doubt, but, after consideration, it is decided that the treatment of such an eventuality were better left for discussion when it arises.

Secretariat Staff. Upon learning the substance of Collector Roberty's statement as to his alleged offence in Rangoon, the Council decides that no adequate reason is shewn for interfering with his present appointment.

Volunteers.

Staff. The commission of Major B.A. Clarke<sup>is</sup> authorised for renewal with effect from the date of its expiry, December 30, 1908.

Ambulance Section. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Lieutenant H.C. Patrick, with effect from June 21, 1908. In regard to this step, the Council records an expression of appreciation of the work which Captain Patrick has performed, particularly in connexion with First Aid classes.

Police.

Recruits. With reference to the recent case of three recruits whose conduct on the voyage from England has necessitated their immediate return, a telegram from the London Agents is discussed stating that a further draft of 10 men has been engaged to leave England on March 13. In reply directions will be given that the number be divided into two drafts of 5, and that particular attention be paid to the previous character of the men enlisted.

Powers of Captain Superintendent. An informal note from Sir Havilland de Sausmarez to Colonel Bruce forwards the printed draft of some regulations<sup>s</sup> designed for issue by H.M. Minister under the Order in Council. Over and above the desired power to confine members of the Force being British subjects to "cells" for short terms, the regulations propose to give the Captain Superintendent authority over the men at variance with his and their agreements with the Council, and they will therefore be submitted for careful consideration by the Watch Committee at an early date.

Native Theatres. Further enquiries having been made as to the general view which the native community takes of the question of the performance of women together with men in native theatres, and the consensus of opinion being to the effect that such performances are offensive, the Secretary is directed to intimate to the proprietor of the theatre at present in question that they must cease.

Plague Prevention. With reference to the suggested alterations in the Rules with respect to New Chinese Buildings, and to other measures which may be necessary for structural alterations to existing buildings, in connexion with the anticipated spread of Plague from rats to man, it is decided to request Messrs H. Lester, P. Peebles, W. Scott, J. Ambrose and A. Dallas, to form a sub-committee for the consideration of the Health Officer's proposals as already published.

Legal Expenses. The accounts of the Legal Advisers to December 31, itemized in accordance with the Council's request, are re-submitted, and after some discussion passed for payment. Mr Platt considers that many of these bills are on a very full scale, that in respect to the suit against the Gas Company being particularly heavy. He is of opinion that as legal assistance continues to be required in an increasing number of Police cases, it will become necessary to engage a qualified man exclusively for the Council's legal work. This course, besides having the advantage of securing closer attention to the framing of all charges, the bulk of which work is at present performed by inspectors, will effect economy in expenditure.

Thomas Hanbury School and Children's Home. The Council is informed of the constitution of the General Committee of the School for the ensuing year as follows: Mesdames Hinekley, Hodges, Ivy, Rosenbaum, Smalley and Whittall, Revs. G.H. Bondfield and A.J. Walker, and Messrs J.C. Rosustow, H. Hanbury, H.E. Hobson and W.E. Leveson. In accordance with the terms of the School Deed of Trust, Mrs Smalley and Messrs Bondfield, Hobson and Walker are nominated as representing the Municipality.

Insurance of Motor Cars. A proposal of the Captain Superintendent is submitted to accept the offer of Messrs Samuel McGregor & Co. Ltd. to insure the Police cars against accident. It is noted that all Municipal cars are at present insured against fire, and the rates now quoted which include fire risk, are regarded as heavy. Since, however, a lower rate may be quoted for the 10 Municipal cars, exclusive of fire risk, an enquiry on these lines is directed.

Myburgh Road. With regard to the section of this road through the grave land of the Guild of Ho Water Shops, Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips, upon the grounds of the recent decision of the Mixed Court that no sale has taken place, are pressing for the removal of the sewer already laid through the property. Mr Chen She Kwang, the Taotai's Secretary, has stated that neither he nor Assistant Magistrate Li are able to do anything further in this matter at present, and, upon his advice, it is decided to request the City Magistrate to adjust this road question in any way which may seem fitting.

Gas Main in the Canton Road. A letter from the Legal Advisers encloses a draft communication to the Gas Company containing the Council's counter-proposals in regard to what should be done as a result of Mr Bourne's recent award. In view of the stipulation of the representatives of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. as to payment only for actual damage done, it is decided to obtain that Company's approval of the letter before despatch.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

*David Davidson*

Chairman.

*W. H. Lyson*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 17, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	J.H. McMichael	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	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.

Plague Prevention. Of the Ratepayers suggested as the sub-committee for the consideration of the amendment of the Rules with respect to Chinese Houses, all are willing to serve except Mr Scott, who is leaving for England. It is decided to request Mr C.G. Davies to fill the vacancy, and, since it has been ascertained unofficially that he would be willing to act, the minute for publication on the subject is authorised for amendment.

Insurance of Motor Cars. The representative of Messrs Samuel McGregor & Co. Ltd. has stated that he is unable to comply with the Council's request for a special rate except after reference home, and the matter will therefore remain in abeyance.

Myburgh Road. Mr Chen She Kwang has communicated a message from the Taotai, to the effect that the question of the graveland of the Guild of Hot Water Shops, can best be settled by Mr Yu Ya-ching, the newly appointed secretary or delegate of the Viceroy, who has promised to give the matter his early attention. A draft reply in this sense to Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips is read and approved, requesting in conclusion that they will use their influence with their clients in dissuading them from attempting to re-erect the wall crossing the road-line, which action may be likely to give rise to disturbance.

Gas Main in the Canton Road. A note from the General Manager of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld. expresses approval of the draft reply by the Legal Advisers to the Company's proposals, which has accordingly been despatched.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 12 are read and confirmed. In respect to the question of

• Convict Labour on public roads, a report by the Engineer is read giving as a reason for rolling the Whampoo Road by means of convicts, the efficient and economical manner in which work of this description can now be so performed. The Council is generally of opinion that convict labour of this form in any of the streets, is not open to objection from the standpoint of the public, and it will therefore be adopted wherever convenient.

• Park-keeper Curtis. In confirming the Committee's recommendation on this subject and after some discussion, it is decided that Mr Roberts' salary as Park-keeper shall be £165 per mensem, by which means he will be upon the same basis as the present occupant of the post of Custodian of the Town Hall.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 15 are read and confirmed. With regard to the question of

• Foreign Prostitutes, Mr Platt states that the Amateur Dramatic Club will co-operate in effecting the object which the Council has in view.

• Gaol. The Council directs that since the withdrawal of the notices already issued to convicts might convey an undesirable impression, they shall be marked "provisional" until the ticket-of-leave proposals are ratified.

• Powers of the Captain Superintendent. Considerable discussion takes place as to the method which should be adopted to secure the omission from Sir Havilland de Sausmarez' draft regulations of clauses which are irreconcilable with existing conditions. It is considered preferable to suggest modification of the rules as drawn, rather than to substitute the simpler and more explicit rule which the Council requires, and the matter is left in the hands of Mr Platt to make proposals in this sense.

• Volunteers, Annual Inspection. The reply of General Broadwood to the Council's application on this subject is read, to the effect that, being unable to hold the Inspection in person, he will appoint a Field Officer for this duty.

• Salt. From extracts from the native papers submitted, it appears that a native salt office is about to be, or has already been, established in the Settlement for the levy of the Chinese Government tax; and inasmuch as this will be contrary generally to the constitution of the Settlement, and in particular to the understanding between the Consular Body and the Viceroy in 1904, it is decided to enter a strong protest, and to take such further action as may be found necessary for its withdrawal. In the first place, however, careful detective investigation is directed, as to how far the scheme has progressed and how the

matter stands at present from the standpoint of the consumer.

Mokanshan Sanatorium. The reply of Dr Main is read, to the Council's offer for the purchase of his bungalow at Mokanshan, in which he attributes little importance to the question of the intervening land owned by Mr Phelps. The Council holds a different view on this point, and it is decided to make the purchase conditional upon the inclusion of Mr Phelps' land in the sale; reply in this sense is directed.

Stud Contract. Mr Goodale's report on the Horse Bazaar's offer of terms for the renewal of the contract is submitted, in which he justifies the figure quoted, \$30 per animal per month, provided it is assumed that the monthly cost of keeping a pony is \$24, and that 19 spare animals are necessary for horsing 63 carts. The whole of the premises upon which the Bazaar's offer is made are, in the opinion of the members, open to criticism, and, at the Chairman's suggestion, the matter will remain in abeyance pending the issue of the Company's annual report and accounts.

Yangkingpang. Letter from Messrs T. Morgan Phillips and H.P. Wilkinson is read, notifying the form of a Resolution which they will submit to the Ratepayers at the forthcoming Annual Meeting, in favour of culverting this creek.

Mr Meuser observes that the Council's views, or those at least of the majority of the members, should be made public, not however until the reports which have been called for are received. Those of the Commandant of Volunteers, and the Captain Superintendent of Police are submitted and will be prepared for publication in the Municipal Gazette with those of the Health Officer and Engineer in due course.

Municipal Gazette. A letter from the management of the Shanghai Times and of the Shanghai Mercury is read, requesting the free issue of a sufficient number of the Gazette weekly for distribution to subscribers to these papers, whether Ratepayers or not. Mr Little considers that no special privilege should be given to the North China Daily News in this matter, but it is the general opinion of the Council that the printing is satisfactory and that the method of publication (a) to ratepayers, who may obtain a copy upon application without charge, and (b) to the general public, locally, in China, and at home, is the best which any local newspaper or printing house could furnish. It is also held that the extra cost which compliance with the present request would involve, is not justified in the circumstances.

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Opium. A letter from the Senior Consul transmits the request of the International Opium Conference for all data concerning opium in the Settlement. The Chairman points out that no reason is given for making this request through the medium of the Consular Body, with whom it does not appear to have any connexion, and in reply it is decided to state that if the President will inform the Council upon what particular points information is desired, the Council will be happy to furnish it.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

*David L. ...*

Chairman.

*W. ...*  
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	J.H. McMichael	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	The Secretary	and
	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.

Financial Statement, 1908. The Financial Statement, prepared for issue in the Municipal Gazette in parallel columns with the estimates, is submitted, and after some consideration adopted for publication on Saturday, March 27.

Budget, 1909. Final proofs of the Budget together with the introduction in draft are submitted, and the latter is scrutinised in detail, and, with some amendment, approved. It is decided as usual to invite the incoming members of Council to the meeting next ensuing, for the discussion of the Budget previous to issue on Thursday, March 4.

Volunteers.

Badges of Rank. Upon the informal suggestion of the Commandant, it is decided to amend the Dress Regulation on this subject by the substitution of the word 'Commandant' for the word 'Lieut.-Colonel'. By this means the Commandant will wear a mark distinguishing him from the other Majors in the Corps.

Levee Dress. The Commandant recommends abolition of Ceremonial full dress for officers, and forwards in support of his proposal the comments thereon of the members of the Clothing Board, unanimously approving the course suggested, which accordingly receives the Council's sanction.

Ammunition. The request of the Shanghai Rifle Association is submitted, that their ammunition be stored in, and issued from, the S.V.C. Magazine to the extent of 20000 rounds. The Commandant's proposal to sanction this request upon the understanding that the ammunition is at the disposal of the Council in case of emergency, is adopted.

Mosquitoes. Letter from the French Council is read, on the subject of the steps which are being taken in that Settlement to rid the country districts of mosquitoes, and suggesting like action on this side. The

Health Officer, reporting on this subject, points out that this matter was one of the first to receive the attention of the Health Department, and has been attacked on fundamental lines by getting rid of stagnant water and recommending destruction of mosquito larvae by oil as an individual measure for house-holders. The Chairman is of opinion that some such action as the French Council is taking, after obtaining contributions from the public, might be adopted in this Settlement, and the matter will therefore have further attention as soon as possible.

Public Band. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the French Consul General has requisitioned for the services of the Band in his residence upon 5 occasions since January 1, and Mr Meuser states that the Band Committee, considering that such services are unconnected with the French Council's contribution towards the cost of the Band, inclines to the view that this contribution should be discontinued. He has learnt that it is anticipated that the Band will play weekly in the French Public Garden about to be opened, and, in view of the present numerous calls upon the musicians' services, it is improbable that such an arrangement would be satisfactory. Concurring in this opinion, the Council directs an informal enquiry as to what view the French Council takes of the matter.

Study of Chinese. The Examiners' Report on the half-yearly examination of the staff is submitted, and the recommendations therein contained are approved, the Council noting that the conditions of the test have been made somewhat harder than those previously obtaining.

Smallpox. A report by the Health Officer is read, relating to the recent inoculation of 50 children by a native doctor in the Eastern District, and, at his suggestion, a Notification will be published to the effect that inoculation is not permitted under penalty of police prosecution.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*W. Purson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 3, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Maoray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	The Secretary	and
	Assistant Secretary	

Absent: 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.

Mosquitoes. The Council is informed that it is the intention of the French Council to form a small committee, with a view to recommendations as to what practical steps are possible for the extermination of mosquitoes, and the suggestion is approved that the Health Officer co-operate with this committee. The Chairman is of opinion that the Council should take active steps for the filling of all existing ponds, notably those on private properties on the Bubbling Well Road, but discussion is deferred pending receipt of the above mentioned committee's report.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 26 are read and confirmed. In regard to the:-

↓ Ward Road Extension, a letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the villagers' petition for the deviation of this extension. The reply will be in the same terms as that to the petition received direct, with a further statement that compensation for the re-building of the houses affected will be upon a liberal scale.

↓ Dixwell Road beyond Limits, Mr Meuser has given this question further consideration in detail, and is now prepared to support the proposal that, provided the Land Investment Company will surrender the land for a 40 foot road without compensation, the Council shall pay one-half of the total cost of its construction, plus a sum of £11,800 for its widening to 50 feet, being at the rate of about ₹2120 per mow. Provided the members endorse this proposal after further scrutiny of the documents, an offer in these terms will be made.

✓ Wireless Telegraphy, Messrs Prentice and MoBain adhere to the view that it is possible for the Palace Hotel installation to be erected on the roof of the building without involving any encroachment over the side-walk. A report on this point is required from the Electrical Engineer.

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

✓ Budget for 1909. Messrs H. De Gray, F.C. Heffer and T.E. Trueman, members of the incoming Council, attend for the discussion of the Budget submitted in proof, and the Chairman briefly summarises the salient features for their information. Mr De Gray, while expressing astonishment at the magnitude of the figures, has no doubt of the necessity for the expenditure proposed, notably in regard to the Police Force, which has exactly doubled in cost since 1905. Mr Heffer points out that the division of items of drainage between Ordinary and Extraordinary Expenditure is to some extent misleading, and the Council concurs in the view that some definite ruling on the point should be adopted and published before next year. He also alludes to the fact that receipts for grave spaces are incorrectly shown in reduction of the Health Department estimates. It is explained that the amounts collected under this heading are inconsiderable, and that their separate appropriation in reimbursement of the original cost of the Cemeteries would scarcely repay the book-keeping involved.

With regard to the Budget generally, the Chairman states that if the Council's proposals meet with the same adverse vote as in 1908, the use of a poll would be considered by many representatives of absentee ratepayers to be undesirable, and his view is endorsed that, in such event, the present elected Council should decline to draw up an alternative Budget. He alludes to the fact that an invitation for fair criticism or amendment is contained in the draft notice of Resolutions. Mr De Gray is in some doubt as to the propriety of making any public announcement in this sense, and after some discussion it is decided that the Council's action shall be guided by the reception with which the Budget is met during the ensuing two weeks.

✓ Ratepayers' Meeting. The official Resolutions to be proposed by the Council at the forthcoming meeting are submitted in draft and approved. In regard to that relating to the extension of the Settlement, the Chairman points out that it has been drawn (i) with a view to showing the public that the difficulties at present experienced in regard to policing on the boundary are real, and (ii) to afford an opportunity for supporting with a public vote, the action which is being taken by the Diplomatic Body in Peking.



The Resolution relating to the proposed new Drill Hall for the Volunteer Corps is included in accordance with the Council's undertaking, given to the representative officers of the Corps; at the same time the members are not unanimous as to the advisability of the scheme, and Mr Trueman states that outside ratepayers are prepared with the Council's approval to propose and second it. After some discussion, this suggestion is accepted, and the words "By Ratepayers" will be inserted in the Notification, it being noted that there is ample time for any alteration which may be considered necessary.

The members of the incoming Council then withdraw.

Volunteers. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, nine months leave of absence is granted to Lieutenant G.G. Carlsen, commanding the Signallers.

Policing of Private Roads The request of the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd. is submitted, that the policing of the Jinkee and Yuen-ming-yuen Roads may be put upon a more satisfactory basis; and it is noted that the cost of this work, if carried out upon the lines usual in public streets, would amount to \$1,080 per annum, or, with certain similar private roads in the Northern District added, \$1500. In conveying an offer in these terms, allusion will be made to the annual payment at present made by the Company for the maintenance of the roads in question, and it is pointed out that their surrender for public use would absolve the Company from both sources of expenditure.

Native Restaurants and Theatres. A Police report refers to the presence of singing girls under the age of 15 in these establishments, and recommends the insertion of a prohibitive clause in the conditions of the respective licences. This recommendation is, with the approval of the Watch Committee, endorsed.

Chang Su-Ho's Garden. A letter from Pastor Kranz, the registered owner of this property, announces that it is to be re-opened for public use without entrance fee, and desires that the abatement of taxation formerly allowed, may be resumed. In accordance with the suggestion of the Overseer of Taxes, the same reduction of 30 per cent on the Land Tax payable is authorised, with effect so long as the Garden is open to the public.

Police Officers' Uniform. A report by the Captain Superintendent draws attention to the detriment to his work, and to that of the Deputy Superintendent, which the continuous wearing of uniform brings about. This matter had the attention of the Watch Committee in September 1907, and was considered to be one for the exercise of the Captain Superintendent's discretion, but, in accordance with Colonel Bruce's request the

view is now recorded that more efficient work could unquestionably be performed upon occasion, by the senior officers and inspectors of the Force in plain clothes. His suggestions in the matter are therefore adopted.

Opium. The reply of the Senior Consul is received to the Council's letter on the subject of the 7 opium houses in the Native City, to the effect that the Taotai had already given instructions as to their discontinuance.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

*David Dundale*

Chairman.

*M. Wilson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 10, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Maoray	
	R.S.F. McBain	
	J.R. McMichael	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	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.

Wireless Telegraphy. From the report of the Electrical Engineer, it  
 appears that there are adequate reasons for sanctioning the erection  
 of the proposed apparatus at the Palace Hotel in the position shown  
 in the application. Mr Aldridge is of opinion that no danger is to  
 be apprehended from the installation, and it is decided to issue the  
 usual permit with a clause calling for removal at the Council's  
 request upon giving three months notice.

Mosquitoes. The Chairman again expresses the view that the Council will  
 be liable to criticism unless some active steps are taken for  
 attacking this question before the summer. It appears to Mr McMichael  
 that the Health Officer's interest in the matter is lukewarm, while  
 it is recognised that the plague prevention work of the Health  
 Department is occupying the attention of the present staff. Dr  
 Stanley has been in communication with Mr Eckardt in this matter,  
 and a further report and recommendations will be submitted shortly.

Volunteers, Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant,  
 the commission of Captain G.R. Wingrove is authorised for renewal.

Police, Rank of Captain Superintendent. Reply from the War Office is read  
 to the Council's application on this subject, and it is noted with  
 satisfaction that the Army Council has approved, as a special case,  
 of the local rank of Colonel being granted to Major (Honorary Lieut.-  
 Colonel) C.D. Bruce, while holding the appointment of Captain  
 Superintendent of Police. A notification of the same will be  
 published in the London Gazette.

The Chairman observes that there is now no objection to making  
 an application for the local rank of Lieut.-Colonel for Major Barnes,

in accordance with the wishes of the Volunteer Corps, upon the same grounds as a similar application was based in the case of Major Watson.

Boxing Match. A letter from the Captain of H.M.S. "Astraea" is read, desiring permission to hold a boxing match between an able seaman of that ship, and a fireman of U.S.S. "Wilmington". The Watch Committee has no objection to this proposal provided the arrangements are under the control of the Police, and that the officers of the ships concerned accept responsibility for the discipline of the men landed to witness the contest. With regard to the prohibitive decision on this subject in 1903, the Chairman states that the granting of this application under special conditions must not be regarded otherwise than as a special exception. Mr Prentice records his dissent upon the grounds that disorderly proceedings may result as before, but the general view of the Council is not unfavourable to the exhibition. The suggestion of the Captain Superintendent that this glove fight take place at the Town Hall is negatived.

Mixed Court.

German Assessor. A letter from Mr Schirmer, dated March 4, informs the Council of his return to Shanghai, and that he has resumed the duties of German Assessor at the Court.

Female Cells. Referring to the report submitted on January 20, of a case of blows given to one of the women prisoners, the Captain Superintendent, while unable to furnish direct evidence of the truth of the former account, now forwards further similar statements by prisoners, the whole bearing the stamp of veracity. It is decided to communicate the substance of both reports to the Consular Body without comment.

Native Inquests. The Senior Consul forwards copies of correspondence with the Taotai on this subject, from which it is noted that steps are being taken to put these necessary judicial enquiries on a more satisfactory basis.

Salt. Further Police reports on this subject are submitted, from which, with other evidence obtained from the native newspapers, it is clear that the Governor of Chekiang is taking active steps for the establishment of a government monopoly for the sale of salt within Settlement limits. The Taotai appears to have pointed to him that the establishment of official stations in the Settlement would be opposed by the foreign authorities, and that his proclamation, which has been privately issued to 12 shops and which has the nature of a licence, will be held to require foreign consular seals. It is decided to communicate the whole of the facts within the Council's knowledge to the Consular Body, with the request that an official enquiry may be made as to what is

being done in this matter, and referring to the fact that the Settlement area is exempt from all such forms of indirect taxation.

Mr Platt's proposal is adopted to issue a native notice to the effect that the Settlement is free of all salt tax, and that no restrictions whatever are placed upon the sale within its limits.

Plague Prevention. The Health Officer reports plague foci, i.e. places where plague-infected rats have been found, at the junction of the Kaifeng and North Thibet Roads, and in the neighbourhood of the East Kashing, Wuchow and Harbin Roads, both closely adjoining Settlement limits; at his suggestion it is decided to notify the Chinese Authorities, so as to afford an opportunity for the adoption of preventive measures in the insanitary districts beyond the boundary.

Public Band. The application of the Amateur Dramatic Club for reduced charges for a forthcoming engagement, has been submitted to the Band and Finance Committees. A section of the Council is of opinion that any such special treatment would be unfair to other persons or societies who make use of the Band; on the other hand it is decided that the tariff rules by which a portion of an hour ranks for payment as one hour, may be waived in this case with the consent of the Band Committee.

Myburgh Road. The Council is informed that Mr Yu Ya Ching has called with a further message from the Taotai, to the effect that the question of the graveland of the Guild of Hot Water Shops may be settled without difficulty, provided the Council will permit the Chapei Police to cross and re-cross the North Szechuen Road beyond limits, in the execution of their duty. This proposal is clear evidence that the former statement as to the opposition of one section of the Guild being uncontrollable, either by the Taotai or Mixed Court Magistrate, was not made in good faith, and it is decided to address a communication to this effect through the usual official channels.

Stud Contract. Letter from the Horse Bazaar is submitted, suggesting a meeting between a committee of the Council and the directors of the Company, for the settlement of the question of the price to be paid for draft ponies under the new agreement. Mr Meuser has had an interview with the representatives of the Company, and he now submits their counter-proposals, which are believed to involve some slight improvement on those formerly made. Before arriving at a decision on the subject, a report by the Engineer is required on these new suggestions.

Settlement Extension. The Consular Body forwards copies of correspondence with the Viceroy, with a request for the Council's plans and the conditions upon which extension would be acceptable. In view of the Resolution to be proposed for adoption by the Ratepayers next week, the Council will leave this matter for treatment by its successors in office.

Sale of Electrical Lamps. A report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted as a result of his recent meeting with the contractors concerned in this business. While concurring in the proposal that the Council's purchases of lamps shall be made, after calling for public tenders, through one or other of the local firms interested, the members consider the further suggestion to re-sell to local contractors at cost price, while charging 10 per cent higher for sales to the public, to be undesirable. With the arguments against this second suggestion the Chairman of the Electricity Committee is acquainted, and since he will make the official speech on the subject, the matter is left in his hands. In the meanwhile the Electrical Engineer will acquaint the contractors with the Council's views, at an early date.

Ratepayers' Meeting. The Chairman states that H.M. Acting Judge is willing, if elected, to act as Chairman of the meeting, and it is decided to forward the usual request to Mr Bourne in this sense.

A Resolution to be proposed on the subject of the eligibility of Ratepayers as Councillors, is forwarded by Mr E.S. Little, in reply to whom it is decided to state that since, his proposal indicates doubt as to the meaning of, or amendment of, Article XIX of the Land Regulations, it appears to the Council to be beyond the competence of the meeting.

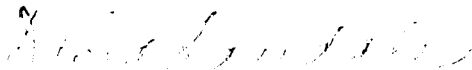
A further Resolution is announced by Mr H.D. Hutchison, providing that meetings of the Council be open to all electors entitled to vote, and it is decided to meet this proposal with an unqualified negative, for reasons similar to those recorded last year in reply to a proposal to admit representatives of the press.

Amended wording for Resolution No. XI is forwarded by Mr Trueman, making clear that the proposed new Volunteer establishment will consist of a Drill Hall and Headquarters, and that the sum mentioned, \$100,000, does not purport to represent its whole cost. With regard to the Chairman's speech on this motion, it is agreed that it shall not consist of unqualified opposition, while reference will be made to the fact that the policy of the Council for many years has been directed towards the concentration of the municipal headquarters at the Central Offices in Kiangse Road, to which end the purchase of the complete block

is gradually proceeding. The Chairman is of opinion that plans and proposals for the re-building of this block, should be undertaken this year, and that the scheme may with advantage await their conclusion.

Considerable discussion ensues on the subject of the proposal to culvert the Yangkingpang, and while Messrs McBain and McMichael record their approval of the scheme, the vote of Messrs Prentice and Maoray is undecided, since these members <sup>will in favor of Culverting</sup> are of opinion that the present financial position does not warrant the outlay. Mr Prentice further stating that in his opinion the culvert will not relieve the traffic in the Nanking Road in the manner suggested by the promoters of the scheme. The remaining members are in opposition to the culverting scheme on its own merits, and upon the grounds that the advantage to be gained by the Foreign Settlement is very small, while the project cannot do otherwise than make for the development of the French Settlement and districts fed by the outside French roads. Mr Meuser considers that the opinion of the majority of the Council should prevail in addressing the Ratepayers on the subject, but it is finally decided that the Chairman shall announce that he speaks only for those <sup>who are not in favor of Culverting</sup> majority, and that he shall lay stress on the financial aspect which the subject presents.

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



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, March 16, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.  
there are present:

Messrs           D. Landale (Chairman)  
                  W.D. Little  
                  H.A.J. Macray  
                  R.S.F. McBain  
                  J.H. McMichael  
                  O. Meuser  
                  W.A.C. Platt  
                  J. Prentice  
                  The Secretary and  
                  Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed, after some amendment of that relating to the project for culverting the Yangkingpang. They are then signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Ratepayers Meeting. A discussion ensues as to the Council's attitude towards each of the Resolutions by Ratepayers to be proposed at the forthcoming meeting, and the Chairman reads the substance of his prepared speeches on the Report, Budget, and other official subjects. Draft replies to various points which are likely to arise are approved, and

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

*D. Landale*

Chairman.

*W.A.C. Platt*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 24, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

- Messrs H. De Gray
- F.C. Heffer
- D. Landale
- W.D. Little
- H.A.J. Macray
- R.S.F. McBain
- J.H. McMichael
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- T.E. Trueman
- The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed, whereupon Mr Little refers in cordial terms to the arduous work which the Chairman has performed during the past year. Mr Landale expresses his thanks to the members for the support which they have given him, and the retiring members of the Council for 1908, Messrs McMichael and McBain then withdraw.

Election of Office Bearers. Upon the proposal of Mr Little, seconded by Mr Platt, Mr Landale is unanimously re-elected Chairman, and upon the proposal of Mr Platt, seconded by Mr Macray, Mr Meuser is re-elected to the Vice-Chair.

The Council resolves itself into Standing Committees as follows:-

- Watch Committee, Messrs Little, Macray and Platt.
- Works Committee, Messrs Heffer, Meuser and Prentice.
- Finance Committee, Messrs De Gray, Landale and Trueman.

In respect to the appointment of Municipal Sub-Committees, it is decided to request the present members to continue their services for another year, and, since it has been ascertained that with one exception they are willing to stand if appointed, these Sub-Committees will continue as follows:-

- Band Committee. Messrs Burrett, Fink and Meuser.
- Parks Committee. Messrs Algar, Beauchamp and Teesdale. Mr Kerr's retirement from this Committee leaves the original number of members(3) complete; it is therefore decided, while conveying the Council's thanks to Mr Kerr for his services, to make no further appointment. Mr Teesdale has expressed readiness to re-join the Committee upon his return to Shanghai.

The Council's representative on the Public Recreation Ground Committee, Mr Heffer.

Public School Committee. Messrs Abraham and Wilson and Dr Ivy. Mr De Gray replaces Mr Prentice as the Council's representative, while Mr H.E. Campbell has consented to resume his seat on the Committee.

Public School for Chinese Committee. The Rev. A. J. Walker, Dr Ferguson and Messrs Chu Lan-fong and Shen Tun-ho. Mr Macray will continue to serve as the Council's representative.

Electricity Committee. Messrs Anderson, Grant Mackenzie and Piloher.

The Chairman makes allusion to certain prominent subjects which ~~shall~~<sup>could</sup> engage the consideration of the Standing Committees:-

The Watch Committee's attention will first be occupied with the action which Sir Havilland de Sausmarez has taken in respect to the powers to punish of the Captain Superintendent. Mr Platt, having given special care to this matter, has indicated the form which the Council's reply to Sir Havilland's letter should take, and this will be despatched under the directions of the Committee at an early date.

The steps to be taken with reference to the Alhambra are also of importance, and a further communication to the Consular Body would seem to be advisable.

The Chairman especially emphasises the importance of closer supervision of Police expenditure, and, citing as an instance the excess over the Budget estimate of the amount spent on fuel and light during last year, expresses the view that means should be devised for checking such items more thoroughly.

The first meeting of the Committee on March 26 will be wholly devoted to considering the applications for new Hotel and Restaurant Licences, and it is recalled that the treatment of this matter last year, particularly in respect to the latter class of establishment, was somewhat too stringent.

To the Works Committee he commends the view, which found expression among the Ratepayers, that a less forward policy is necessary in the construction of new roads, and mentions the expeditious improvement of the Peking Road as especially desirable during the ensuing year.

In the opinion of the members it is also of the first moment to confine approval of new works to those only for which provision is made in the Budget, and to postpone all other projects wherever possible.

The Finance Committee will first proceed with the re-organisation of the Accounts Office on the lines indicated at the Ratepayers Meeting, providing for the establishment of an efficient system of supervision of all headings of departmental expenditure.

The Council is unanimous in its resolve consistently to avoid all expenditure unauthorised under the Budget except in cases of imperative urgency, and records its view that the Standing Committees and Sub-Committees should adopt this as a guiding principle in the year's work.

Rules of Procedure. The experience of the Ratepayers Meeting having amply proved the necessity for careful revision of these rules in order that they may better conform with changing conditions and expanding requirements, it is decided, in accordance with the Chairman's announcement at the Meeting, to invite five out of a list of eight prominent Ratepayers who have evinced interest in the matter, to act in the capacity of a Special Committee and make such recommendations as may seem requisite, particularly as to the method of recording votes for and against the motions proposed.

Police Annual Inspection. Following the custom revived last year, it is decided to hold an Inspection of the Force in the near future, and at Mr Little's suggestion this function will take place during the last week of the Volunteer Training Season, the Inspecting Officer being invited to be present, with the Watch Committee and the Chairman of Council.

Settlement Extension. The Consular Body's enquiry on this subject, and request for plans showing the proposed extension is discussed in accordance with the minute of the outgoing Council. As a set-off against the desired extension, the possibility of the admission of native representation on the Council, or the entire giving up of the village of Ying Hsiang Kong, which is now divided by the Boundary and is thus under dual control, are considered. Another proposal to the same end is to give assistance to the native official control in connexion with the sale of salt in the Settlement.

It is decided, however, that no suggestion in this sense can emanate from the Council in the first place, while, in drawing up a plan as requested, it will be possible to indicate that any proposals on the part of the native authorities will have the Council's consideration.

Opium Houses in the Native City. To the representations addressed to the Consular Body as to the existence of seven opium houses in the City, a further letter from the Senior Consul forwards a second reply from the Taotai giving the contents of reports on the subject, addressed to him by the Police authorities and the City Magistrate. These are generally to the effect that at none of the addresses named has opium been consumed since the issue of the prohibitive order.

Volunteers, Light Horse. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as 2nd Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr A.C. Crighton, at present Squadron-Sergeant-Major.

Fire Brigade. As a result of correspondence which has taken place between the Health Officer and the Foremen of the M'oh-ho-loong and Deluge Companies a report by the Engineer is submitted proposing that a new and separate kitchen be constructed on the top storey of the Central Fire Station for the use of one of these Companies, at a total cost of £1100. At the recommendation of the Watch Committee it is decided that only certain small changes, indicated by the Health Officer as immediately necessary, be carried out, and that the more permanent work to which the Engineer's report refers, be inserted in the estimates for next year. In the meantime the necessity for occasional foreign inspection of the kitchen is evident.

Public Garden. In connexion with an application for the privilege of selling refreshments in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, a recommendation by the Engineer is submitted, endorsed by the Parks Committee, that kiosks be built both in this Ground and in the Public Garden to be sublet to the highest bidder. The estimated cost of the work is £680, and, as no provision for this outlay has been made in the Budget, it is decided to postpone it until next year, the arrangements being for the present as heretofore.

New Roads in the Western District. In further reference to the correspondence which has taken place on the subject of the road marked out between the Hungjao and Brennan Roads, the Senior Consul forwards a letter from the Taotai in which he contests the authority of the Land Regulations, upon which the Council's purchase of the necessary land is based. It is decided to reply in brief to the effect that since the Taotai has proceeded to this length, the Council can add nothing to its former letter.

Mixed Court. Mr Platt refers to a newspaper report of a case of two members of the Chapel Constabulary who were molesting a gang of Public Works coolies on the road connecting the Railway and the Rifle Range, which gives the impression that because the Council declined to produce the relative title deed, the Assessor was obliged to dismiss the case for lack of evidence. The Chairman is of opinion that the Cadastral plan furnished in Court should have been accepted as conclusive, but it is decided that if in the future the Assessor desires to inspect a municipal title-deed, his request shall be complied with.

Electricity Department, Buildings. Plans of the new Battery Room, etc., are submitted and approved, the Council endorsing the view of the Engineer,

which has the support of the Electricity Committee, that the front of the building should be relieved by some limited use of red brick.

Plague Prevention. Complaints have been addressed to Messrs Heffer and De Gray as to the rough and inconsiderate methods adopted by the disinfecting gangs of Health Department Employees, who are said to be executing their work at inconvenient times and occasionally to exact unauthorised fees. A report from the Health Officer on the subject is called for.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

*David Laidlaw*

Chairman.

*W. H. Wilson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 31, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F.C. Heffer  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Moray  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T.E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of March 26, with regard to Hotel and Restaurant Licences, are read and confirmed.

With regard to the new Travellers' Hotel, Nos 1/2 Fearon Road, a letter from the receiver for D. Haimovitch states that Mrs Perlman, whose application for other premises has been refused, will take up this licence, which proposal is accepted.

After inspection of the premises at No. 42 North Szechuen Road by the Watch Committee, it is decided to accept the application of K. Wakasa.

Some discussion takes place with regard to Mrs Seif's application for Nos. 70/1 North Szechuen Road, to which it is noted will be added No. 72 after May 31. Mr Browett has made earnest representations on this subject, and, although the Committee is of opinion that the premises are not suitable, it is decided to allow the applicant to make a trial of an hotel in the houses in question. It will be recommended that she obtain more suitable premises elsewhere as soon as possible, and a transfer will be sanctioned hereafter on application.

Attention has been drawn by the Overseer of Taxes to the fact that the "Terminal Bar", situated in the compound of St. George's Hotel, should properly be separately licensed, being a separate building sub-let under different management, and it is decided to notify the proprietor of the hotel to this effect.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 26, are read and confirmed. With reference to the New Battery Room etc, a further report by the Engineer is submitted, on the subject of the brickwork facing, and the whole of the correspondence on the subject is ordered for circulation to members, with particulars

as to the extra cost involved.

Volunteers.

Annual Inspection. A note from the Headquarter Office, Hongkong, is read, stating that Lieut-Colonel R. Bayard, D.S.O., 2nd Battalion The Buffs, has been appointed to carry out the inspection of the Corps.

Engineer Company. A proposal by the Commandant is submitted as to the formation of a Company of Engineers, to perform certain duties which under existing circumstances are to some extent left to chance. He has received promises of support from a number of residents of technical education, who, while not willing to join one of the existing units, are prepared to do service on these lines. It is recalled that a similar Company was established in 1893, and disbanded for lack of support in 1897, but, after some discussion, it is decided to sanction the establishment of the new company, provided that enlistments to the number of 25 are obtained without depleting existing units. Little additional cost is anticipated as a result of this step.

Buglers. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the Council approves the formation of a Bugle Band to consist of a number of trained lads, for use with the Infantry Battalion on the march. The purchase of the necessary bugles is authorised.

Native Inquests. Letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding further correspondence with the Taotal on this subject, from which it is observed that while an improvement in present conditions is promised, the measure of foreign supervision which the Council has proposed, is arranged to have effect only when foreign interests are involved.

Highway Robberies. The Senior Consul forwards a letter from the Taotal on the subject of a recent robbery near the Shanse Road. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce has communicated with him as to the case, and, in regard to highway robberies generally, has expressed regret at the inadequate punishments given for such offences in the Mixed Court. It appears to the members that this despatch serves further to exemplify the imperative necessity for re-introducing the bamboo at the Court, and the matter will have the attention of the Watch Committee when a Police report on the case has been received.

Accounts Office. The Chairman states that Mr J.A. Pond, the Municipal Accountant, is again incapacitated from work under medical advice, and he considers that the matter should have the Council's attention, without waiting for the recommendations of the Finance Committee as to the Office generally. Mr Pond is 66 years of age; he joined the Council's service in April 1871 and is stated to have practically no private means, while the amount at his credit in the Superannuation Fund is little more than £7000. The Council is informed that Mr Pond will

provided an income sufficient for his needs is assured. After full discussion of this employe's long and faithful service, it is decided that, if his resignation is received, a life pension of £500 per annum shall be issued to him.

Opium Houses. In continuation of last year's policy with respect to these establishments, it is decided that the third quarter of their number shall be closed on June 30, in the same manner as heretofore. Saturday, April 17, at 2 o'clock p.m., is fixed for the drawing which will be conducted as on previous occasions in the Maloo Market.

Registration of Architects. The Senior Consul forwards a copy of a letter on this subject dated October 6, 1908; this letter did not reach the Council, and the Senior Consul supposes it to have been mislaid. With regard to the surprise expressed that no notice had been taken of the fact that the Council's letter of September 17, was unanswered for six months, it is pointed out that similar intervals elapsed before receipt of the despatches relating to the Alhambra, the re-introduction of the bamboo, and native inquests. The non-receipt of reply in this case was therefore no unusual occurrence.

It is now observed that the Consular Body has not approved the proposal for the registration of architects, which received the sanction of the Ratepayers in March 1908, on the grounds that the need for the step has not been made sufficiently apparent. This brief announcement does not in the members' opinion justify abandonment of the scheme, the arguments in favour of which have been published at considerable length. It is therefore decided, before referring the matter to the Ratepayers again, to ask for a fuller explanation of the Consular Body's objection.

Stud Contract. The Engineer's report on the amended proposals of the Horse Bazaar with regard to the price of draught animals under a new contract, is generally to the effect that they would prove unworkable and less favourable to the Council than those originally offered. It appears therefore to the members that owing to the absence of competition, and in view of the uncompromising attitude of the directors of the Bazaar, the Council has no alternative but to accept the price quoted, ₹30 per month per pony. The Engineer's recommendation to make a new contract for 140 ponies is therefore approved, subject to 6 months' notice of termination on either side. Before carrying out this decision it is decided to address a letter to the Bazaar, giving the result of the Accountant's scrutiny of the calculations upon which their figure of ₹30 is based, pointing out that the estimate of ₹24 for the monthly cost of maintaining a pony is higher than is warranted, and asking officially for the reduction of the figure to ₹27.



✓ Tramways.

✓ Supply of Power. Letter from the Company is submitted, raising the question of reducing the rate charged under the Supply of Power agreement: The Chairman states that there is little likelihood of the Council being able to entertain such a proposal, but the matter will have the attention of the Electricity Committee in the first place.

✓ Monthly Returns. These for January and February are forwarded with the Company's request that they be considered as confidential, and not published.

✓ Pneumatic Tube

MS

~~Telegraph Cable.~~

The request of the German Dutch Telegraph Company to lay a pneumatic tube from their premises in the Szechuen Road to the offices of the Great Northern Telegraph Company on the Bund, is accepted, upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, with certain restrictive conditions, and subject to payment of a nominal annual fee of £10, in recognition of the privilege.

✓ Public Band. Letter from the French Council is read, desiring that the Band may be permitted to play periodically in the French Public Garden, which will be opened shortly. Mr Meuser is of opinion that the present calls upon the Band will render compliance with this request impossible: on the other hand, provided one-fourth of the total cost of the Band be defrayed by the French Council, the question will wear a different aspect. The matter will await the recommendation of the Band Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 7, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs        D. Landale    (Chairman)  
                  H. De Gray  
                  F.C. Heffer  
                  W.D. Little  
                  H.A.J. Macray  
                  O. Meuser  
                  W.A.C. Platt  
                  J. Prentice  
                  T.E. Trueman  
                  The Secretary and  
                  Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

11- ✓ Settlement Extension.    The Chairman states that it has been represented to him by certain members of the Consular Body that this matter will be advanced if the Council will officially request that the result of the debate at the Ratepayers Meeting be communicated to the Diplomatic Body in Peking, and it is therefore decided to adopt the course suggested.

11- ✓ Accounts Office.        A letter of thanks is read from Mr Pond for the Council's offer of a pension, and stating that he will be glad to give up charge of the office at the end of the current month, which arrangement meets with the approval of the Finance Committee.

11- ✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 2 are read and confirmed. With reference to

✓ Public Lighting by means of metallic filament lamps the Council's deferred decision to substitute this form of lighting for gas throughout the Bubbling Well Road is referred to, and, after a brief discussion, it is decided to carry out the change forthwith.

35 ✓ Stud Contract.    A note from the Engineer is read to the effect that although arrangements are not concluded for the substitution of convict labour for draught ponies, he is in a position to recommend that unless the Bazaar is able to meet the Council in the matter of price, the number of ponies be reduced to 120. This suggestion is adopted, and adequate notice will be given in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

41 ✓ Staff.        With reference to the necessity for obtaining the services of a foreigner conversant with the Chinese language, it is directed that an attempt be made to select a suitable candidate from among the

members of the Police Force in receipt of the Second Standard Bonus.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of April 5 are read and confirmed.

Staff. Mr De Gray explains at some length the grounds which led to the Committee's decision in the case of Miss Channing-Pearce, which, after some comment, is confirmed.

✓ Cambridge Local Examination. He further expresses dissatisfaction at the indifferent result which the School has attained in this examination.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 6 are read and confirmed. On the subject of the

✓ Alhambra Mr Platt remarks that an early opportunity should be taken to submit the evidence in regard to the Spanish authorities to the Senior Consul confidentially for his information, so that he may better appreciate the position in which the Council is placed, and this course is approved.

✓ Legal Assistance. Mr Platt has in view a solicitor of tried attainments for this appointment, of which it is noted that the effect upon existing arrangements will be to free the cadet on duty for other work. He undertakes to communicate the Council's views on the subject to the Legal Advisers, explaining the necessity for the step proposed.

✓ Mosquitoes. A request by the Health Officer is submitted for definite instructions as to the proposals made in compliance with the Council's instructions, and contained in his monthly report for February. Dr Stanley estimates the cost of organising mosquito brigades at £14,600, but of this one-half consists in the wages of 8 policemen, whose services it is proposed shall be temporarily transferred. Thus this part of the expense need not be considered as actual outlay, which will stand at £7000 for additional Chinese, apparatus, oil etc. After some discussion, during which Mr Meuser expresses doubt as to the success of the proposed measures, the Chairman undertakes to interview the Health Officer in order that an attempt may be made to perform the work at less cost.

✓ Handcart Licences. A letter from Mr F.S. Little forwards a petition from so-called "heads of handcart hongs" in protest at the small authorised increase in the licensee fee. The petition bears no hong chop or other evidence of being a genuine expression of opinion on the part of the concerned, and from returns submitted it appears that these licences are being taken out in the usual numbers. It is decided to point out that a request of this description should be made direct to the Council, and to request that the present applicants be brought to

the office so that the bona fides of the petition may be ascertained, and the facts relating to the change in licence fee explained to them.

Special Loan. Letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is read asking for the refund of the Special Loan, \$10000, originally due for repayment last year, and left in the Council's hands for a further year for the purpose of completing the raising and turfing of the Hongkew Recreation Ground. Since it appears improbable that repayment is needed for any special purpose and since no provision has been made therefor in the Budget, it is decided to enquire whether the Trustees would be willing that the Council retain the amount in question for a further period of one year, if necessary at the higher rate of interest which prevails for General Loans.

Gas Main in the Canton Road. A letter from the Legal Advisers encloses copy of reply from the Gas Company's solicitors to his communication setting forth the Council's counter proposals as to relaying a portion only of the main. Therefrom it is observed that settlement of this matter appears as far removed as before, and it is decided to leave the matter in Mr McNeill's hands. In the meanwhile the letters will be circulated for the members information and reconsideration at next meeting.

Electricity Committee. A letter from Mr H.W. Pilcher is read tendering resignation of his seat on the Committee, which will be accepted with the members' regret.

Tramways. A letter from the Company is read having reference to the losses suffered owing to the depreciation of copper cash, and noting that this matter has been the subject of correspondence between the Chamber of Commerce and the Consular Body, recently published in the press with the minutes of the Chamber, it is decided to support and endorse its attitude in a letter to the Senior Consul, urging the importance in the public interest of supervision and re-organisation of the coinage.

Escape of Convicts. A preliminary report by the Captain Superintendent is read as to the escape of seven convicts, of whom two have been recaptured. Colonel Bruce generally exonerates the responsible Gaol staff; and his recommendation to offer a reward for re-capture as on a previous occasion is approved.

Central Offices. A letter from Messrs Hanson McNeill and Jones states the owner's unwillingness to sell Cadastral lot 167 for less than \$115,000. Under these circumstances the decision to refer the matter to the Land Commission is re-affirmed.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

*David Handley*

Chairman.

*W. Mason*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 14, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F.C. Heffer  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T.E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Handcart Licences. The Council is informed that the petitioners against the increase in the licence fee, to whom Mr E.S. Little's letter referred, have been interviewed, with the result that it appears that their complaint is directed rather against their treatment at the hands of the Police in the matter of traffic regulations, than against the small increase in fee; further than this, the returns show that the usual number of licences have been issued. The matter is therefore one for the consideration of the Watch Committee, to whom a report by the Captain Superintendent will be submitted.

Volunteers.

Staff. The commission of Captain W.M. Dowdall, Engineer Staff Officer, which expired on April 1, is authorised for renewal.

American Company. A new commission is authorised for issue to Captain S.A. Ransom.

A letter from the Commandant announces the resignation of Lieutenant F.J. Raven, owing to the increasing demands of business, in accepting which the Council expresses regret at the loss of this officer's services.

"B" Company. A new commission is authorised for issue to Lieutenant W.S. Burns.

Mixed Court, American Assessor. With reference to a recent announcement of the transfer to Tientsin of Mr Hamilton Butler, who has acted as Assessor for the past year, the Chairman expresses regret that it should have been necessary to make this change. Mr Butler's duties have been performed, so far as the Council is aware, in a manner which has given

satisfaction to those whose interests he represents, and it is, speaking generally, regarded as undesirable that the appointment of Assessor should be for a less period than 3 to 5 years. After some discussion it is decided to address a letter to the American Association in this sense, expressing the hope that representations may be made in the proper quarter for the retention of Mr Butler's services. It is understood that this course will meet with the approval of the American Consul General.

Mosquitoes. The Chairman has seen the Health Officer in regard to the feasibility of inaugurating the proposed measures for the extermination of mosquitoes, and it appears to him desirable that the work be undertaken without further delay. Together with the Chairman of the Watch Committee, he has arranged for the temporary transfer until June 30 of 8 suitable policemen, if possible holders of the Second Standard Language Bonus, to whom it is decided to issue extra pay at the rate of \$10 per mensem. These men will be selected from the number of volunteers for the work.

Mokanshan Sanatorium. A telegram from Dr Main in Edinburgh announces that he has arranged with Mr Phelps for the purchase of his land intervening between the Sanatorium and the "Drumsheugh" property. Under these circumstances, the Council directs taking over the proposed extension forthwith, and payment of one-half of the purchase money into the Hongkong Bank for Dr Main's credit. The remaining half will be paid on receipt of the title deeds and satisfactory arrangement for their transfer.

Public Garden, Seating Accommodation. Letter from Mr J.L. Snowdon is read, asking for permission to place additional chairs in the Public Garden and Hongkew Recreation Ground, and to charge 10 cents to the public for their use. The Council is, generally speaking, disposed to give this scheme a trial, but will act upon the recommendation of the Parks Committee. The specimen seat submitted with a report on the subject by the Municipal Engineer, is considered unsuitable inasmuch as it is calculated to damage the lawns.

Stud Contract. The reply of the Horse Bazaar to the Council's letter on this subject is submitted, in which they agree to a reduction from \$30 to \$28.50 for draught ponies, upon condition that the original number remains unaltered viz. 154 for 5 months and 155 for 7 months, and that the contract be made for 3 years. The Engineer reports against the latter condition, in view of the possibility of the successful substitution of motor watercarts and wheelbarrow or convict labour transport; on the other hand the period named, including one year's notice of termination

or reduction, will afford an opportunity for experiment in these methods, and after some discussion the offer of the Bazaar is authorised for acceptance. It is understood that the Bazaar's proposal to sell the Hanbury Road Depot at 10 per cent above the assessed value, with buildings and stock at a valuation, will remain available for acceptance during the term of the agreement.

Gas Main in the Canton Road. The Legal Adviser forwards the reply of Messrs Stokes Platt and Teesdale to the Council's counter-proposals as to what should be done in settlement of this question. From this it appears that there is no prospect of agreement without further arbitration, and for this purpose the Council decides to leave the matter in the hands of the Legal Adviser, to whom will be furnished the whole of the papers and reports by the Engineer on the subject of a recent similar arbitration which took place at West Ham. With regard to the refusal of the Waterworks Company to pay the extra cost of making good concrete after water-main openings, the Council directs that the matter remain in abeyance until the case with the Gas Company is finally settled.

Eligibility for the Council. A letter from Mr Bourne, Chairman of the Ratepayers Meeting, is read, forwarding a copy of the despatch which he has sent to the Consular Body on the subject of Resolution XIV. This communication, together with a reply thanking Mr Bourne for his services, is ordered for publication.

Native Clubs. The Chairman states that the native clubs, to whom were accorded special privileges in July last, and notably that at No. 7 Shantung Road, have made further representations with a view to avoiding actual licence. They have raised no objection to the fee which is being levied and which will be paid, but they desire that a letter from the Council may take the place of the licence for themselves and other clubs of Chinese gentlemen of undoubted respectability. After some consideration it is decided to comply with this request.

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Indian Watchmen: The Chairman raises the question of the present method by which watchmen engaged through the Police are paid their wages in an irregular manner by private remittances to Captain Barrett, and the matter is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee with a view to putting it upon a more regular and official basis.

Passengers' Luggage. Mr Little draws attention to the fact that no public announcement has been made on the subject of the authorised coolie hong in control of luggage at the Passenger Pontoon, which is at present



dealing with the luggage of outward as well as inward tugs. The question awaits a report from the Captain Superintendent, in whose hands the present trial arrangements are.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

*David Henderson*

Chairman.

*W. Wood*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 21, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- F.C. Heffer
- W.D. Little
- H.A.J. Macray
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- T.E. Trueman
- The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication. With regard to the Mokanshan Sanatorium, the Chairman is of opinion that the Council's tenure of an estate at Mokanshan should be given as little publicity as possible, with a view to avoiding opposition on the part of the local native officials. Under these circumstances, it is decided to make no allusion to the matter in the Municipal Gazette.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of April 16 are read and confirmed. The question of the agreements of the Conductor and Foreign Musicians gives rise to some discussion, the points for consideration being (i) the desirability or the reverse of permanent employment of men in the Band, and (ii) its growing aggregate cost. The Council, however, confirms the present recommendations, noting that decision in these matters may be postponed until 1911.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of April 16 are read and confirmed. With respect to the Loan of 1909, an offer of £12,000 at 104½ is declined; the present cash balance being high; and the Council records the opinion that no exception should be made as regards the present official price of issue, 105, for a less sum than £25,000. Hotel Licences. The Council is informed that Mrs Shorrocks is desirous of obtaining a Restaurant Licence for her premises at No. 39 Kiangse Road, to enable her to sell liquors during meals. There is a reasonable explanation of the lateness of this application, and, upon the understanding that the establishment will maintain its present respectable character, and that Mrs Shorrocks will remain the responsible licensee, it is decided to issue the required licence.

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✓ Accounts Office. The Committee's recommendations under this heading, explained at some length by the Chairman, are unanimously endorsed; and a letter from Mr E.F. Goodale is read, accepting the proposition which has been made to him. His requests for the title of Acting Accountant and for a Locomotion Allowance are granted; and, with respect to his work over and above the functions heretofore performed by the Accountant, it is decided to address letters to the Heads of Departments, directing that he receive every facility for conducting the enquiries which he considers necessary. His recommendations as to additional staff are also adopted.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 20, are read and confirmed. With respect to

✓ Plague Prevention, the Sanitary Work Book is submitted, containing reference to a case <sup>to</sup> which Mr De Gray <sup>attended</sup> ~~is interested~~. From an entry therein it appears that some hardship was inflicted on the householder in the Honan Road as a result of the lack of knowledge of Chinese on the part of the Assistant Inspector. It <sup>further</sup> appears that the work in question cannot be carried out without some little friction, of which the case in point is an instance, but the Council is convinced that every possible effort is being made to reduce the inconvenience to a minimum.

✓ Victoria Nursing Home, Fire Appliances. The decision to put in the necessary hydrants is confirmed. With regard to exterior staircases, Mr Heffer suggests that a hand-lift, such as is in use at the Horse Bazaar, would prove efficient and probably cheaper. A report on this subject is therefore called for.

✓ Native Clubs. Draft form of letter is submitted and approved to be substituted for the licence in respect to 5 clubs of undoubted respectability.

✓ Public Garden, Seating Accommodation. The Parks Committee concurring, it is decided to give Mr Snowdon's scheme a trial; in reply to his application it will be stated that there will be no reduction in the number of seats provided by the Council without charge, and that the distribution of Band Programmes is not considered desirable.

✓ Volunteers, Commandant. A communication from the Hongkong Headquarter Office states that the Army Council has learned with satisfaction of the good work done by Major W.M. Watson while employed as Commandant of the Corps.

✓ Mixed Court, Custody of Prisoners. The reply of the Consular Body to the Council's proposals for releasing prisoners on ticket-of-leave is read, expressing approval of the scheme in principle, and stating that its execution is left to the Magistrate and Assessors.

Police Enquiries at Fires. The Shanghai Fire Insurance Association writes, taking exception to certain remarks in the Annual Report of the Captain Superintendent for last year. In reply it is decided to state that the Council does not accept liability for the opinions which Colonel Bruce expresses, but, on the other hand, does not desire to prevent those opinions from being made public. It will further be added that the Council is of opinion that recent Returns of fires in the Settlement would appear to justify a reduction in the present rates of premium.

Salt. From a letter from the Consular Body dated April 19, the Council learns that the action now being taken by the Governor of Chekiang in regard to the sale of salt in the Settlement is receiving attention.

Public Lighting. Letter from the Gas Company is read, written as a result of the published intention of the Council to convert the lighting of the Bubbling Well, Yangtsepoo and other roads to electricity. The Chairman is of opinion that until the Canton Road case is settled, no representations of the Gas Company are entitled to consideration. The figures of comparative cost, however, will engage the attention of the Works Committee at an early date. Under any circumstances the Council would be unwilling to recede from the decisions already published. The lighting of the section of the Bubbling Well Road in question presents difficulty, by reason of the road's windings and because of overhanging trees, and it is suggested that, if practicable, the new lights be suspended in the middle of the road.

Registration of Architects. A further letter from the Consular Body on this subject expresses the fear that the Council's scheme for registration will tend to the constitution of a monopoly. Such was far from the intention of the proposed rules, and, in replying to this effect, the original argument for the suggested change will be re-stated for the Consular Body's information. It is however understood that a number of the consuls will refuse their assent in any case.

Tramways. With regard to the question of over-crowding, the proposal contained in the General Manager's letter to the Captain Superintendent on the subject, shows that he has not sought to fix the responsibility for overcrowding upon the Police. In addressing the Company on the subject therefore, while drawing attention to the continued number of cases of overcrowding reported, and disclaiming responsibility therefor, it will be stated that when a car marked "Full" becomes thronged with passengers whom it is beyond the Conductor's power to evict, the Police will intervene on application with a view to compliance with the Bye-law.

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✓ Eligibility for the Council. Noting that a committee of the Consular Body has been constituted to report on the question of qualifications for the Council under the Land Regulations, it is decided to comply with the request for a written legal opinion as to the proper interpretation of Article XIX.

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✓ Stud Contract. It is noted that the Horse Bazaar demurs to their offer of sale of the Hanbury Road Depot remaining open for acceptance during the currency of the proposed new contract. Under these circumstances it is decided if possible to reduce the period of the contract to 2 years, or to stipulate for facilities for reducing the number of animals contracted for at the end of that period.

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✓ Projecting Signboards. Referring to the Council's decision on January 20, and in response to a further application on the part of the Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Council assents to increase the headway limit to 11 feet 6 inches, and the projection limit to 4 feet.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David L. ...*

Chairman.

*W. Purson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 28, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H. De Gray  
F.C. Heffer  
W.D. Little  
H.A.J. Macray  
O. Meuser  
W.A.C. Platt  
J. Prentice  
T.E. Trueman  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Registration of Architects. During the consideration of this question, it is pointed out that under the draft rules forwarded to the Consular Body, the Council has the right to reject any applicant for the list of Authorised Architects, no matter what his qualifications may be; and it is therefore decided to refer the rules back to their framers for an opinion on this point.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 23 are read and confirmed. With respect to the

Dixwell Road Extension beyond limits, the Chairman would deprecate any action which may result in the loss of this road to the public, having regard to the known attitude of the directors of the Land Investment Company. It is not certain whether the present offer of the Company is likely to prove a final one, and, inasmuch as the sense of the Council is in favour of accepting the terms offered unless more favourable ones can be obtained, the Chairman is authorised to negotiate verbally in the first place. He will point out that the present offer is less favourable to the public than the original proposal of Mr Finnear to the Chairman of the Works Committee that the Council and the Company should share the whole cost, and he will finally conclude the best terms he can in the matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of April 26, are read and confirmed without comment.

Volunteers.

New Headquarters and Drill Hall. The Chairman states that further proposals are on foot with a view to erecting the Drill Hall in the neighbourhood of the Mohawk and Taku Roads, and, in order that the Council may be guided as to the best course to take, it is decided to request the Commandant and three officers of the Corps to meet the Watch Committee for the discussion of the project generally. The Committee so formed will be requested to make recommendations as to the three sites now under consideration, viz. the Central Offices Block, the suggested Louza site, and the new location above-mentioned. In connexion with this new scheme, the time appears suitable for reviving the proposal to establish a Police Station in the vicinity of Morris Village.

In anticipation of the above decision, a note from Major Barnes suggests the names of Captains Cubitt, Piloher and Stewart as willing to serve in this capacity if required, and his suggestion meets with the Council's approval.

Artillery Ponies. A second report from the Commandant on this subject is read, urging the purchase of the 3 ponies formerly recommended, and stating that the agreement with the Horse Bazaar has been a dead letter since the preliminary purchase of 18 animals. The decision of the members to sanction the steps proposed, which include housing all the Battery animals as at present and independently of the Bazaar, is confirmed.

Municipal Engineer. A letter from Mr Mayne is read to the effect that private affairs may necessitate the resignation of his post as Municipal Engineer, and enquiring what course the Council would take in such eventuality. The Chairman has seen Mr Mayne in this matter, and recommended the submission of an application for home leave, at the termination of which it may be found that resignation is not inevitable. The Council is of opinion that this course is justified in view of the importance of retaining Mr Mayne's services for the present. At the suggestion of Mr Meuser, it is recorded that, should Mr Mayne's resignation be finally submitted, it would be advantageous that he be appointed Consulting Engineer in London with a nominal retaining fee of £100 per annum, and that the Council will issue to him in the form of Superannuation, such sum as would have accrued in his name had the Fund been in operation since his appointment was made. With respect to the post of Consulting Engineer, the details of the duties will remain for consideration later.

Alhambra. A despatch from the Consular Body is read, in acknowledgment of the Council's letter on this subject, and stating the opinion that the

Council has not exhausted all the means in its power for carrying out the wishes of the public in respect to this institution.

Some discussion takes place as to the practicability of cutting off the electric light supply, but it appears clear that the installation of gas, over which the Council has no control, would follow without delay. The project of erecting a wall on the roadside to prevent access to the building, is also considered; it appears undoubted that such a course would merely result in the provision of new means of access where the wall terminated.

Under these circumstances it is clear that the indication underlying the consular despatch is direct police action. It is therefore decided to apply at the Spanish Consulate for the necessary warrant for this purpose, and, in the event of its non-receipt, to direct the Captain Superintendent to arrange for the removal of all of the roulette wheels found in the premises, and their destruction. The Council is unanimous in this decision.

Mixed Court, American Assessor. The reply of the American Association of China to the Council's letter on the subject of the transfer to Tientsin of Mr Hamilton Butler is read, and the correspondence is ordered for publication.

✓ Mokanshan Sanatorium. Dr Main writes from Edinburgh to the effect that he has let his "Drumsheugh" property to a Mr Barton for the approaching season, and, in accordance with the Health Officer's proposal, it is decided not to take over the building until this tenancy has expired. Dr Main's request for further payment in view of the cost to himself of Mr Phelps' strip of land, is negatived.

✓ Siccawei Road. A request by Mr W.P. Lambe is submitted that the 12 foot metalled strip of this road may be continued to the limit of his property, and the Council is generally in favour of compliance with the application. In this connexion the Engineer suggests a continuation of the metalling in the public interest as far as Blydenburgh's turn, but the members are not in favour of this course at present. In the meantime, however, Mr Prentice points out that the estimate submitted appears to require revision, and accurate estimates for the whole scheme will be laid before the Works Committee at its next meeting.

✓ Land Commission. In view of Mr Anderson's forthcoming retirement from China, a discussion takes place as to the appointment of a new representative of the Council on the Commission, and, after some discussion, it is decided to invite Mr Wadman to fill this post, or, in the event of his refusal, Mr Whittall.



Electricity Department.

Committee. It is noted that Mr Pearce has returned to Shanghai and resumed his seat on this Committee. With regard to the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr Pilcher, the Council decides to invite Mr Wulleumier to accept the seat, or, in the event of his refusal, Mr C. Selby Moore.

Extension of Mains. Upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee an extension is authorised throughout the length of the Ward Road, in return for a reduced annual charge of 5 per cent on the capital cost, provided the project of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission to install a 10 horse-power motor for driving printing machinery, is carried out.

Coal Supply. Six tenders, received in response to Notification No.1959, are submitted, together with the Electrical Engineer's report thereon. Upon his recommendation, endorsed by the Committee, it is decided to accept the proposal of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha to renew their contract for Takaye small coal for a further year at the rate of ¥6.25 per ton.

Mr F. Anderson. The Chairman states that preparations are being made to give a public dinner to Mr Anderson, and that he has been requested as Chairman of the Council to preside thereat. Some discussion takes place as to the dinner which was given in 1906, and it is noted that Mr Anderson's wishes will best be met by an informal rather than an official function, the Council therefore will not as a body take any part in the proceedings.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

*David L. Anderson*

Chairman.

*W. Mansou*

Secretary.

At the Special Meeting of the Council held on May 6, 1909, at 12 o'clock noon, there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F.C. Heffer  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T.E. Trueman  
 The Captain Superintendent of Police  
 L.E.P. Jones, Legal Adviser, and  
 The Secretary

Absent: W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Macray

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

Alhambra. The Chairman recounts what has taken place in this matter since the last meeting of Council, viz. his call upon the Austrian Consul General now Acting Consul for Spain, Dr Bernauer's statement as to his inability to issue a warrant, and his private suggestion that the Council should preferably be defendant rather than plaintiff. The report of the Captain Superintendent of Police is submitted, describing his successful removal and destruction of five roulette wheels. A letter from the Acting Consul for Spain is read, protesting against the raid, and stating that the Police will be held responsible for the loss and damage sustained thereby.

It is noted that Police proceedings have been initiated against the Indian watchman who pointed his revolver at the officers concerned in the work, and that the case is now in Mr Jones' hands. The object of this prosecution is to afford an opportunity for communicating to the Indian community that employment at Spanish or other similar undertakings, does not protect them from the consequences of action of this description. The Legal Adviser is therefore directed not to press for committal, but rather to induce the Magistrate to warn the concerned.

The Captain Superintendent states that gambling continues with two borrowed or spare wheels, and, after some discussion, it is decided to erect barriers in the Siocawai Road, preventing access to the "Alhambra". A Notification on the subject will be issued, and Police arrangements will be made for passes, etc, with a view to minimising the inconvenience to residents in the barricaded section of the road <sup>and</sup> beyond. It is agreed that Mr Hildago, the responsible

manager of the Alhambra, shall be given until 3 p.m. to furnish an undertaking to discontinue gambling, and that the above steps will be dependent upon his reply.

It is understood that telegrams have been received by the Senior and Austrian Consuls from the Spanish <sup>Minister</sup> in Peking, that the former has replied recommending closing the establishment, and that the latter has requested his own minister to use his influence to this end. The Chairman suggests that the Council approach the Spanish Minister direct, through Mr Bland, and that the latter be authorised to state that if Spanish protection is withdrawn from all gambling establishments, the Council will do what is possible to save Mr de Carcer from indignity, but that, in the alternative, the whole of the evidence as to his brabery will necessarily be made public. This course is approved, provided no action is taken contrary to the wishes of the British Minister.

Case of Constables Stewart and Austin. A Police report on the conduct of these men from May 1 to 4 is submitted, together with the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent that they be summarily dismissed. The Legal Adviser, after perusal of the documents, states that the action of the men is, in his opinion, sufficient to justify this step. Their disobedience of orders, in one case assault upon a sergeant, and their insolence to the Captain Superintendent are, in Mr Platt's opinion, such as unquestionably to necessitate their removal from the Force without delay. The men will therefore be dismissed forthwith.

The meeting adjourns at 12.45 p.m.

*David L. Platt*

Chairman.

*W. L. Mason*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 12, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F.C. Heffer  
 W.D. Little  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T.E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.A.J. Maoray

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting and of the Special Meeting of May 6 are read, confirmed, signed and passed for publication.

Dixwell Road Extension. The Chairman states the result of his meeting with Mr Kinnear on this subject, at which it was arranged, subject to the approval of the directors of the Land Investment Company, that the new road should be constructed upon the lines formerly suggested, namely, at the cost of the Company and the Council in equal shares. He learnt that the actual cost of the land to the Company with interest to date, has been £45500, and, upon the assumption that the estimate of £62000 for construction is an accurate one, the upshot of the matter will be the free surrender of the land by the Company, and the payment of a contribution towards construction, of between £8000 and £9000. In return for this the Chairman has stated that the Council will raise and form the mud road forthwith. Provided this arrangement is confirmed, the necessary official letters will ensue.

Municipal Engineer. A note from the Accountant is submitted, to the effect that the amount which would have accumulated in Mr Mayne's name, had the Fund been in operation since his appointment, is £33700, of which the employe would have contributed £7800. In further discussion of this matter, it is pointed out that retrospective treatment of the Fund in the way suggested, may furnish an unfortunate precedent, and that recognition of Mr Mayne's 20 years service may fittingly be shown by the inclusion in the Budget for 1910 of an equivalent honorarium, a course which was followed in the case of the late Secretary. The Council approves of this alternative suggestion in the event of Mr Mayne finding it necessary to forward his resignation, the amount of the honorarium being fixed at £2000. His application for six months leave from May 28 is submitted and approved.

Salt. The Senior Consul forwards a letter from the Taotai on the subject of the recent municipal notice in respect to Salt. This communication affords no reply to the Council's request for a statement of the objects of the alleged new official undertaking, while stating that the notice is contrary to the provisions of the Treaties. The latter statement appears to the members wholly unsupportable, while the Council's action is in conformity with the consistent practice since the Settlement was established. In replying to this effect the Council's request for further information will be repeated.

"Alhambra". Draft reply to the Spanish Consul's protest at the recent action of the Police in respect to the Alhambra is submitted and signed by the Chairman. The Council is informed that Mr Bland has undertaken to act in the manner proposed to him by telegram, but that he is not sanguine of success. A memorandum of the facts and of the Council's present intentions has been duly forwarded to Peking for communication in Mr Bland's discretion to Mr de Carcer.

Further letter from the Acting Consul for Spain is read, in protest at the closing of the Siccawei Road, and in reply it is decided to state that the road will be re-opened upon receipt of an undertaking under the seal of the Consulate that the gambling in the houses of entertainment in the road will be discontinued.

Victoria Nursing Home. The Health Officer forwards the resignation of Miss Lea, Matron of the Home, as a result of her approaching marriage. The arrangements recently sanctioned in this case thus fall through, and the appointment of Nurse Koek as Acting Matron, is confirmed with effect from the termination of Miss Lea's agreement.

Land Commission. The Awards of the Commissioners in cases Nos LXIII and LXIV are submitted. These awards have been transmitted for the information of the concerned, and are ordered for publication as usual.

In regard to case LXI (Mr Smedley's garden) a letter from the Commissioners urges compliance with the request of the representative of the owner, for diversion of the road line. Mr Meuser summarises the reasons which have rendered this course impracticable, and the matter will have further attention at the hands of the Works Committee at an early date.

A letter from Mr F. Anderson is read, containing the resignation of his appointment as the Council's representative on the Commission. Therein he refers to the special services of Mr Cubitt, who has acted as Secretary and compiled the awards throughout his term of office.

With regard to the appointment of his successor, the Chairman states that Mr Wadman is unwilling to act, while Mr Whittall is absent from Shanghai. Reference is made to the refusal of the directors of the

Yangtze Insurance Company to sanction the re-appointment of Mr W.S. Jackson to this office, and Mr Prentice undertakes to arrange if possible that their objection be withdrawn. The post has heretofore carried with it, ex officio, the chairmanship of the Commission, and is thus a responsible and important one; while the work involved during a year's tenure is not onerous. With this in view, the Council would welcome the assent of Mr Jackson to serve, since his previous experience would prove of undoubted benefit.

✓ Passenger Pontoons. The Police report on this subject submitted includes a provisional notice as to the handling of passengers luggage, already posted in the tug boats of the principal mail-ship lines, which, with some minor modification, is approved for issue as a Municipal Notification. It is noted:-

- (i) the authorised coolies will confine their attention to the baggage of incoming passengers.
- (ii) the private servants of residents will be permitted to function as heretofore.
- (iii) the charge of 5 cents per package will include portorage from the Pontoon to the Bund.
- (iv) the arrangements will be described as provisional in the first place.

In reply to a letter from the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, it will be explained that the fee, though heavy in comparison with coolie labour generally, is justified by the fact that the work will not be continuous, nor the receipts large during any month.

✓ Superintendent of Parks. The question of the renewal of Mr MacGregor's agreement is submitted as an urgent matter, as he is proceeding on leave on May 14. The pay offered to him under a new agreement, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, is £300 per mensem, to be increased to £325 during the second and third years; in reply to this he requests more favourable rates, comparing his post with that of the Botanical and Forestry Superintendent in Hongkong. Mr Meuser points out that this comparison is not justified, and, after some discussion, the Council assents to make the pay £325 throughout the agreement, without reference to further increase hereafter.

✓ Tramways.

✓ 1st Class Cars. An application to run cars for 1st Class passengers only, after the performances of the circus, is submitted. It is pointed out that the concession agreement provides for the construction of cars exclusively for either class, but that the Company's proposals involve making use of the existing divided cars. The Council endorses the view of Mr Meuser that in matters of this kind, under present

conditions, the Company should be unfettered, and the necessary permission is therefore accorded.

Fares. In forwarding the traffic returns for April, which show net receipts almost identical with those for March, the Company submits a request to charge a fourth fare in both classes for 5 or more sections. Some discussion ensues as to this matter generally, during which Mr Trueaman alludes to the possibility of an arrangement for interchangeable tramway and ricscha tickets. A suggestion in this sense will be made to the Company, but the Council is unwilling to sanction their present request, except after further consideration. It is noted that the three fare maximum for any distance was the principal argument in favour of the concessions made at the close of last year.

Eligibility for the Council. The opinion of the Legal Adviser on the interpretation placed by the Council on Article XIX of the Land Regulations is submitted, and ordered for transmission to the Consular Body.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Senior Consul notifies the Council of the election of the representative of Norway to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Court, caused by the departure from Shanghai of the Consul General for Germany.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. With reference to certain recent correspondence in the Press as to the use which may be made of the pond on the west of the Rifle Butt, it is suggested that a minute record the Council's refusal to sanction any such use, inasmuch as the pond was made to prevent the public frequenting this part of the Ground. The Council is of opinion, however, that no public reference to the danger from stray bullets would be desirable, and that the matter may remain for consideration if any application is received.

Hungjiao Road Nursery. In reply to the official application for a title deed for this property, a note from the Land Office points out that the Taotai will not improbably decline to issue the deed. A draft reply is read and approved, urging that the matter be pressed, upon the grounds that a number of private residents are desirous of obtaining deeds for land in the same locality, and that there are no genuine grounds for non-issue.

Shanghai General Hospital. The Secretary of the Hospital writes to the effect that the lease of the former Smallpox Hospital is expiring, and that the building, two-thirds of the cost of which was paid out of public funds, is about to be sold as old material. The Council assents to waive any claim to the proceeds of such sale.

Police Legal Assistants. Mr Platt states that Mr Strickland, whose name was suggested for engagement for the legal work of the Police Force, desires pay at the rate of from £500 to £600 per mensem, which is regarded as high in comparison with salaries paid in the Municipal service generally. Negotiations as to this appointment have been in abeyance until the Legal Advisers have been notified of the Council's intention, and this Mr Platt undertakes to do without delay.

Paulun Hospital. Mr Meuser enquires whether it would be possible for a Municipal Grant to be issued to this Hospital, upon the lines of those received by the Shantung Road and St. Luke's Hospitals. Discussion indicates that the Council will be favourably disposed towards an application in this sense, upon the usual conditions as to the amount of charitable work performed, and publication of the annual accounts of the institution.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

*David Laidlaw*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 19, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,  
there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- F.C. Keffler
- W.D. Little
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- T.E. Trueman
- The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.A.J. Maoray

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.

✓ Tramways, Fares. Draft letter to the Tramway Company, embodying the Council's views on the subject of their new fare proposal, as recorded last meeting, is read and approved. Mr Prentice is opposed to the suggestion as to ricksha tickets, but upon the whole the Council considers that if any workable means of interchangeability of tickets can be devised, it will make for the public convenience.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of May 13 are read and confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 14 are read and confirmed. With regard to the

✓ Peking Road Widening, the Council endorses the view that owners' claims should, in all cases, be liable to a reduction for betterment, upon the grounds that the new carriage road, which should be completed during next year, will bring about a general advancement in values.

✓ Public Lighting, Siccawei Road. With regard to the proposed 10 new lamps in this road, Mr De Gray records his dissent from the Committee's acquiescence in Mr Mordhorst's request.

✓ Staff. The Chairman endorses the views expressed by Mr Prentice in regard to gratuities to members of the staff over and above those to which they are entitled under agreement. In the case of Mr Tilley, however, the Committee's recommendation is confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 17 are read and confirmed. In regard to the question of the new:-

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Volunteer Headquarters. the Chairman points out that this matter is to some extent complicated by the statement of the Captain Superintendent of Police that he does not now require an additional sub-station in Morris Village, for the reason that the Western Depot is no longer required as such, and that the establishment of a Station at the corner of Connaught and Gordon Roads is necessary. Colonel Bruce has further stated that he considers the Eastern Depot, for which a site has now been purchased, is also unnecessary. These matters will receive careful attention at the Committee's hands.

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Street Robberies. Mr Meuser and other members are averse to the proposal to close the Yangkingpang bridges at night; the assent of the French Council to such a course would be necessary, and the ~~assent~~ suggestion would appear to him to indicate weakness in Police control generally. Before taking any further step in the matter, therefore, it is decided to ascertain the number of constables required to picket these 5 bridges, and their annual cost.

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Legal Assistance. The Council directs a letter to the Legal Advisers informing them of its decision in this matter, before proceeding with the appointment in question.

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Chinese Troops in the Settlement. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, communicating the Taotai's reply to the Council's protest at the entry into the Settlement of the Viceroy's armed guard in February last. The despatch is an important one, inasmuch as it contains the Taotai's recognition of the fact that an irregularity took place.

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Sikh Gurdwara. Another communication from the Taotai complains of the presence of armed Sikhs at this institution beyond the Settlement limits, and it is recalled that the approach to the Gurdwara is by the old Woosung Road, the title to which is a matter of doubt. This letter will have the attention of the Watch Committee upon receipt of a report on the subject by the Captain Superintendent.

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Water Closets. With regard to the five permitted water closet systems the Health Officer reports recommending that discharge directly into the sewers after disinfection be allowed, for the reason that no effective method exists of supervising the removal by boat which in consequence leads to persistent dumping into the River. The Engineer is opposed to this proposal, and the matter will have the Watch Committee's consideration later.

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Handbook of Local Regulations. Members' copies of the revised handbook have been distributed, and it is decided to issue copies for the use of the Assessors at the Mixed Court, Consular Magistrates and others.

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Water Supply beyond Limits. A letter from the Waterworks Company is read, announcing their intention to supply certain new native houses erected by Messrs Pao Shing & Co. in the North Honan Road, although there has been no agreement as to payment of Municipal Rate on the premises. The Company's grounds for this action are that the road in question is not under the control of the Council, and their reading of the Concession Agreement, in their Legal Advisers' opinion, justifies this course. It is pointed out that the interpretation hitherto placed upon Clause IV of the Concession Agreement is in a contrary sense, and that 21 foreign and 424 native houses in the North Honan Road are being taxed on this understanding, resulting in an income of approximately ¥2300 per annum. Mr Meuser has no doubt that the intentions of the Council and of the Company in 1905 were that such houses should not be connected to the mains without such undertaking, and the Council resolves to resist the action of the Waterworks Company accordingly. The matter is ordered for reference to the Legal Adviser in the first place.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*  
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, May 25, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H. De Gray  
F.C. Heffer  
O. Meuser  
W.A.C. Platt  
J. Prentiss  
T.E. Trueman  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: W.D. Little  
H.A.J. Macray

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Volunteers, German Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, 9 months' leave is granted to Captain H. Schellhoss, with effect from May 29.

Alhambra. Two letters from Mr Bland in Peking are read, giving the result of his interview with the Spanish Minister in this matter. Mr de Carcer has stated his willingness to assist in the suppression of public gambling upon the condition that the Council will disclaim intention to slight the Spanish Authorities, restore the status quo, and apply for such warrants as are required. A letter from the Acting Consul for Spain is read to the same effect, but mentioning that the cost of the roulette wheels is \$5000.

Considerable discussion ensues as to whether the assurances received are such as to justify the removal of the barriers in the Slocawei Road. The Chairman, after an interview with Dr Bernauer, is of opinion that they are, and that no more satisfactory solution of the question will be attained. The form of reply is read and approved, based on Mr de Carcer's conditions, and it is decided to re-open the road to traffic forthwith. Evidence as to further gambling will be collected if any takes place, and an application will be made at the Spanish Consulate for the necessary warrant.

A letter from the French Consul General is read, stating the conditions upon which he is permitting a French citizen to open the premises known as the Alcazar for purposes of a cinematograph show. These include prohibition of gambling and free access to the Police at any time. Mr Ratard asks for the unrestricted admission of the public to the establishment. The foregoing decision provides for compliance

with this request, and the Council regards the conditions as a satisfactory precedent for handling houses of entertainment beyond Settlement limits in the future.

✓ Peking-Honan Road corner. With regard to the claim of Messrs Hanson McNeill and Jones for compensation for a strip of Cadastral lot 147, it is noted that the firm is prepared to accept a new line to a 60 foot radius, whereby the break in the line of the Peking Road at this point will be very materially improved. The Council decides to pay the claim at the assessed value plus 10 per cent and without reduction for betterment, Mow 0.28, \$9240. Mr Prentice dissents from this decision in the opinion that the scheduled line constitutes a sufficient improvement.

✓ Proposed New Roads beyond Western Limits. Further consideration has been given to the proposals of the Kiangsu Land and Construction Co. for the surrender of certain roads at the back of the Bubbling Well Village, and the Council is in favour of continuing the negotiations on the basis of the free surrender of the land, in return for an undertaking to raise and form the roads and to metal a 12 foot strip. With reference to prospective difficulties in regard to the continuation of the Bubbling Well and Yu-yuen Roads in a direct line, the Council can give no undertaking to procure the village land and the strip of the St. George's Hotel property which will be needed, within any stated period. Mr Prentice records his dissent from this decision, maintaining a view opposed to new roads beyond limits.

✓ Bund Reclamation. The Engineer submits a complete plan of the Bund and Public Garden, showing a suggested method of treatment, based upon a bund line 50 feet from that fixed by the Conservancy Authorities. The magnitude of the scheme is such that its execution must be spread over a number of years. It includes the provision of an additional 35 feet carriage-way east of the present footpath, and will thus afford an opportunity for the distribution of traffic as desired by the Captain Superintendent of Police. Without recording any opinion on the scheme as a whole, the Council calls for approximate estimates of its cost.

✓ Kiangse Road Sewer. Letters from Messrs Holliday Wise & Co. and others are read, on the subject of the alleged danger to health due to the re-laying works in progress. Mr Meuser is of opinion that the complaints are unjustifiable, and the Engineer certifies that the work will be completed in a few days. It is decided to reply in general terms to this effect.

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Recreation Ground for Chinese. Certain proposals of the Young Men's Christian Association for the establishment of a Recreation Ground somewhat to the south-east of the Rifle Range have been made public in the press during the past weeks in connexion with a Chinese subscription list which has already met with some success. The Association's request for assistance from the Council is considered, and stress is laid upon the fact that membership of the Association is open to all Chinese of good moral character, and that the Ground will be available so far as is possible for all native educational or athletic bodies. The members are unanimously of opinion that under these conditions a grant from the public funds would be justified, and will tend in the direction of improving relations with the native section of the community. It is therefore decided in reply to state that a grant of £5000 will be inserted in the Budget for 1910, and to recommend the same for adoption by the Ratepayers.

Gas Company Arbitration. The Council is informed that the arbitration proceedings have been resumed with a view to obtaining Mr Mayne's evidence before his departure from Shanghai. On the subject of the technical assessor, no agreement between the respective counsel has been arrived at, in consequence of which Mr Bourne has undertaken to nominate the assessor himself.

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Pingohiao Quarry, Granite Chips. Mr Meuser refers to certain paragraphs in the French Municipal Bulletin to the effect that the supply of granite chips has been insufficient, and an enquiry is directed as to how this matter stands.

Public School, Case of Miss Chaning-Pearce. Mr De Gray states that this employe has declined to sign a note undertaking to refund the cost of her passage home. He further states that her interviews with the Chairman of the Committee have led Dr Ivy to the view that her case is not wholly one-sided. Apart from the merits and accuracy of what Miss Chaning-Pearce has said, the Council is unanimously of opinion that her continued service at the School is undesirable. It is therefore decided to defray the cost of her passage out of the School funds, and to arrange for her departure during next month.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

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*David L. Dale*  
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, June 3, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs        D. Landale (Chairman)  
                  H. De Gray  
                  F.C. Heffer  
                  W.D. Little  
                  O. Meuser  
                  W.A.C. Platt  
                  J. Prentice  
                  T.E. Trueman  
                  The Secretary and  
                  Assistant Secretary

Absent:            H.A.J. Maoray

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.

Public School, Case of Miss Channing-Pearce.    A note from this employe states that she now desires to complete the term of her agreement, but the view of the School Committee is unfavourable to any re-consideration of its decision in the matter, and the Council decides, therefore, that her continued employment in the School after the current month cannot be sanctioned. It will be necessary to point out that Miss Channing-Pearce has misinterpreted the Council's decision in the matter of passage money, which is authorised for issue.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 26 are confirmed, with the following exceptions:-

Traction Load. The Council regards the question of the rate charged to the Tramway Company for power as but one of several points in connexion with the Tramway service calling for attention, and is unwilling therefore to treat it separately. An exhaustive memorandum on the position of the Company, compiled by the General Manager, is submitted, in which he suggests a meeting with the Local Board for the consideration of these matters. The discussion is, however, deferred pending careful perusal of this document by the members.

Deposits. The sense of the meeting is against the proposed system of deposits, which, as the Chairman points out, will amount to payment in advance for electricity supplied. Mr Trueman states that the practice of the Gas Company is similar to that at present in force in the Department, i.e. deposits are collected in doubtful cases only. Further enquiries on this point are directed.

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Showrooms and Shop windows. Before sanctioning the course proposed in respect to the supply of current for these purposes, the Chairman will discuss the matter with Mr Pearce.

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Volunteers, Inspection Report. Lieut-Colonel Bayard's report on the Inspection of the Corps, conducted between April 19 and 24, is submitted and ordered for publication. His reference to the Defence Scheme, which is a confidential document, will be omitted. The despatch of the Officer Commanding the Troops in Hongkong, giving cover to this report, is written under a misapprehension as to the Defence Scheme and as to the supreme command of the Defence Forces of Shanghai in time of riot or civil disturbance. It will be pointed out in reply that such a Scheme does exist, and that the Council's decision on the subject of the supreme command is already definitely recorded.

Messrs Little and Trueman are of opinion that the Scheme, which was compiled in 1907, is in need of revision, some of its details being open to severe criticism, and the matter is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

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Chinese Troops in the Settlement. With respect to the twenty armed Chinese, whose passage through the Settlement was notified by the Senior Consul on May 26, a Police report is submitted, drawing attention to the fact that in the absence of particulars of time, point of entry, etc. such notices are of little use. It is decided, therefore, to request that these details may be furnished in the future. The Watch Committee will, in the first place, discuss with the Captain Superintendent what the Police procedure in such matters is, and what actual particulars are necessary.

Sikh Gurdwara. With regard to the Taotal's complaint as to armed men at and en route to this institution, the Captain Superintendent reports to the effect that while the necessity for carrying arms in this neighbourhood is occasional, the Council's rights in the matter should not be questioned, and it is decided to reply to the Senior Consul's letter to this effect in general terms.

Mixed Court, Custody of Prisoners. The Senior Consul writes, requesting, in the case of the release of good conduct prisoners before expiry of their sentence, <sup>that</sup> the name of each prisoner and particulars as to his release shall be furnished for the information of, and record at, the Mixed Court. Directions are issued for compliance with this arrangement.

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Alhambra. A letter from the Acting Consul for Spain is read, from which it is noted that the cost of the 5 roulette wheels destroyed by the Police is \$2,650. Before paying this sum, the Chairman undertakes to assure himself that the necessary warrant for Police intervention, or other

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means of securing the permanent cessation of gambling, will be attained. It is decided to request Mr Bernauer to telegraph to Peking with a view to placing this matter beyond doubt, at an early date, since gambling is reported by the Police to be in nightly operation. No suppressive action will be taken for the present.

Houses of Entertainment beyond Limits. A letter from the French Consul General is read, containing the terms of a Consular Order issued by himself prohibiting houses of entertainment beyond limits except such as are provided with special signed authority. In accordance with Mr Ratard's request, the Police will be instructed to see that this order is carried into effect.

Case of Mr Tilley. With regard to this employe, whose special treatment as a result of ill health recently occupied the attention of the Council, and to the honorarium of £1000 which has been issued to him, it is noted that he has entered into private practice in Shanghai, and the Legal Adviser's opinion is read to the effect that the recovery by law of the honorarium and damages is impracticable. His suggestion is adopted that the Council address a letter to Mr Tilley, asking for an explanation of his conduct, and it is decided thereafter to publish the correspondence on the subject together with a minute to be approved by Mr McNeill.

Water Supply beyond Limits. A letter from the Legal Adviser is read, to the effect that the Company is not entitled to its claim to supply water to certain houses in the North Honan Road, except upon payment as usual of taxes, as required by Clause IV of the Concession Agreement. He regards the schedule of excepted premises attached to the agreement as conclusive evidence in this sense. Correspondence with the Company in March 1906 is submitted, in the course of which they undertook to cut off the water supply of certain houses, amongst others in the North Honan Road, if the occupants declined to pay Municipal taxes before a fixed date.

Mr Platt is of opinion that this matter is one <sup>in</sup> which a compromise should be effected, and further discussion is postponed, pending compilation of a return showing houses from which the tax is at present collected on roads beyond limits not under the Council's control.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Lardner*

Chairman.

*W. J. Morrison*  
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 9, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs      D. Landale (Chairman)  
                  H. De Gray  
                  F.C. Heffer \  
                  H.A.J. Macray  
                  O. Meuser  
                  W.A.C. Platt  
                  J. Prentice  
                  T.E. Trueman  
                  The Secretary and  
                  Assistant Secretary

Absent:                      W.D. 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.

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Public School, Case of Miss Channing-Pearce. This employe writes a further letter enquiring as to her passage and superannuation. At Mr De Gray's suggestion the former will be second class by mail, in accordance with her agreement, or, if desired, by intermediate steamer first class. Her letter of April 23 acknowledges forfeiture of any claim on the Superannuation Fund.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of June 1 are read and confirmed. In the matter of Staff, the time for the receipt of applications for the vacant mastership will be extended to June 30, while, should it be ultimately necessary to obtain a man from England, Mr Addis will, as usual, be requested to make the selection, assisted by Mr Moule.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 8 are read and confirmed. With respect to

Volunteer Funeral Processions, Mr Meuser would favour their definite prohibition, on the grounds that they would not be permitted in the busy streets of the larger towns of Europe. The view, however, obtains that Naval and Volunteer funerals are not sufficiently frequent to justify this step, and, after further consideration, the minute is confirmed.

Bund Wheelbarrow Track )  
Yangkingpang Bridges. )      The sense of these two minutes is understood by the Council to be tantamount to the indefinite postponement of the projects which have been put forward. Suitable summaries of the recommendations of the Captain Superintendent of Police, and of the Council's treatment of the matters, are ordered to be prepared for publication.

✓ Legal Assistance. Confirming the view that Mr McNeill's proposal in this connexion is likely to prove but a stepping-stone to the appointment of an independent Legal Adviser to the Police Force, the Council authorises its acceptance.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Customs Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Lieutenant W.G. Lay.

✓ German Company. A commission as Second Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr H. Steen, vice Lieutenant Koch, who has left Shanghai.

✓ Land Commission. The Council is informed of the acceptance by Mr J. Whittall of nomination as the Council's representative on the Commission in place of Mr F. Anderson.

✓ Registration of Architects. The Committee appointed for the discussion of this matter writes to the effect that it was not the intention of the framers of the rules as to the Registration of Architects that anything in the nature of a monopoly should be established, and it is decided to communicate the substance of this letter for the information of the Consular Body.

Noting that Mr Becker, a former member of the Committee, is no longer in Shanghai, the Council directs that if possible the signature of his partner shall be obtained to the document before its transmission.

✓ Water Supply beyond Limits. From the Tax Office returns it appears that compliance with the Waterworks Company's demand is an even more serious matter than was at first supposed, and schedules of the roads and residents affected are submitted.

In the course of further discussion of the point at issue, Mr Platt takes the view that the first draft of the agreement bears out the Company's contention, and he lays stress on the words "Provided that", contained in the final agreement, to which the Legal Adviser has stated that too much importance should not be attached. It is pointed out that the agreement was re-drawn because of this among other instances where the earlier draft failed to embody the wishes of the Company and the Council. Mr De Gray has little doubt as to what those wishes were in 1905, namely that residents in all roads leading from the Settlement who derive advantage from the Settlement should contribute in some degree to the Settlement's maintenance; and the Council relies for the satisfactory determination of the point at issue upon the fact that this course has, without exception, been followed from the signature of the agreement until now.

Mr Platt states that the Chairman of the Company, if approached in the matter in a reasonable spirit, will probably acquiesce in the

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Council's view, and he further undertakes to do his best to the end required. It is apparent that the taxation at present imposed in roads not owned by the Council and in which the Council's ownership is doubtful, is an important lever in the negotiations for the extension of the Settlement.

As to the point which has been taken that the French Settlement and Native City might also similarly be taxed under the clause, the members are agreed that such was at no time the Council's intention, and a letter to the Company disclaiming any such wish would afford settlement of the point.

The Chairman finally undertakes to see Mr McLeod in this matter and endeavour to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion.

✓ Tramways. In further consideration of the General Manager's Memorandum on the position of the Tramway Company, it is decided to call for a report from the Captain Superintendent upon the present method of examining rickshas for licence, with a view to greater stringency, ~~to the diminution in the number of these vehicles,~~ and to the improvement of the class of coolie and vehicle.

At Mr Meuser's suggestion it is decided to sanction the Company's proposals as to long distance fares, in the view that this small concession may assist the Company, while, if it leads to opposition on the part of the travelling public, it will be the Company's revenue which will suffer.

✓ Woonsung Road. In continuation of the correspondence on the subject of the Sikh Gurdwara, the Senior Consul enquires as to the ownership of this road, and, in reply, it is decided to refer to the memorandum annexed to the circular of his predecessor dated November 1871, in which it is stated that the matter was then in doubt.

✓ Alhambra. At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to convey to Mr Bland an expression of the Council's thanks for the negotiations which he has carried on with the Spanish Authorities in Peking.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David Laidale*

Chairman.

*W. Myerson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 16, 1909, at 4.30 P.m.,

there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- F.C. Heffer
- W.D. Little
- H.A.J. Maoray
- O. Meuser
- W.A.C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- T.E. Trueman and  
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 10 are read and confirmed. With reference to the

Dalry Road. Mr Meuser remarks that there is little ground upon which the Council's requirements in this matter can be contested, but that rather than prolong the negotiations on the subject, a method of compromise is under consideration by the Committee.

Stud Contract. Noting the further restrictions and changes in the form of the agreement proposed the Council observes that further protraction of the negotiations is inevitable.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of June 11 are read and confirmed. With respect to the

Sale of Lamps. It is noted that the Chairman of the Committee desires omission from the minutes of mention of the fact that the Engineer's action in this matter was without direct authority, on the ground that this was not pointed out or brought forward at the meeting.

The Council re-affirms the view that no important step such as that in question should have been taken without formal reference and discussion by the Committee and the Council in the usual manner. It is directed that this expression of the Council's opinion be brought to the notice of the Electrical Engineer for his comment and report.

Extension Scheme. The Chairman has perused the Engineer's reports with reference to the increase of the capacity of the Fearon Road Station by the use of exhaust steam turbines, and the postponement of the riverside power house scheme, and the Committee's recommendations on this subject are approved.

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Chinese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant 5 months leave is granted to Captain Leslie J. Cubitt with effect from June 10.

Engineer Company. A report by the Commandant is submitted with reference to the formation of the Company, which has now been completed, to the effect that the membership already numbers 39, and is in course of rapid increase. At his recommendation the issue of a commission as Lieutenant to Mr C.H. Godfrey as commanding officer of this unit is authorised.

Garbage Contractor. It is decided to address the Senior Consul on this subject, pointing out that in establishing a depot at the point in question the contractor is serving the Council under the terms of his agreement, and that the removal of the depot leased by the contractor together with the hut and Indian watchmen placed there by the Council would more suitably have been attained by preliminary correspondence than by sudden arrest and detention of the native concerned. It is directed that in the meantime an effort be made to obtain his release by the informal intervention of H.M. Vice Consul, with an explanation that the Council is not unwilling to comply with any reasonable wishes of the Chinese authorities in this matter.

Tramways Traction Load. The Tramway Company's letter of March 27 has been re-read by the members with the Electrical Engineer's report thereon and figures are submitted showing the effect of granting a flat rate of 4 candareens as advocated by the Chairman in place of the existing scale. <sup>It appears</sup> that the cost of current to the Company during 1909 if paid on this basis would amount approximately to ₹12,000 less than at existing rates and after some discussion this suggestion is approved for tentative consideration by the Electricity Committee with a view to obtaining the comments and opinions of the members thereon. It is recorded that in the event of any such arrangement being finally approved it is to be offered to the Tramway Company by way of a temporary departure from the strict observance of the terms of the Supply of Power Agreement, sanctioned as a favourable concession in view of existing difficulties.

Land Commission. The Awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos. LXI and LXV, LXVI and LXVII are submitted. These awards will be transmitted for the information of the concerned and are ordered for publication as usual.

Case of Mr Tilley. It is noted that Messrs Ellis and Hays on behalf of this employe decline to give an explanation of his action, or to

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refund the honorarium which has been paid to him.

A minute approved by the Legal Adviser to preface the correspondence which has passed is submitted and ordered for circulation to the members with an addition setting forth that payment of an honorarium to Mr Tilley was made in the belief that he intended to leave for Australia.

Case of Mr Weber. A letter from Messrs Ellis and Hays is read advancing a claim by Assistant Inspector Weber for the whole of the amount accumulated in his name in the Superannuation Fund, though the Municipal Surgeon has expressed the opinion that he is not incapacitated for service. The Council is unwilling to accord special treatment in his case and the matter will receive the attention of the Watch Committee upon receipt of a report by the Health Officer.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

*David Sandale*

Chairman.

*B. Mackinnon*

Assistant Secretary.

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June 23'09. 86.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 23, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs           D. Landale   (Chairman)  
                  H. De Gray  
                  F.C. Heffer  
                  H.A.J. Macray  
                  O. Meuser  
                  T.E. Trueman and  
                  Assistant Secretary

Absent:

W.D. Little  
W.A.C. Platt  
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.

With reference in the first place to the

Case of Mr Tilley, which is re-discussed in connexion with the Council's decision to publish full particulars of what has occurred, the members having attentively read the correspondence printed in proof form for insertion in the Municipal Gazette again discuss at length the advisability of this course.

In the first place Mr Tilley's letter of May 12 cannot be published without omission of one paragraph in which he alludes to certain past employes, whose services were unsatisfactory. More than one of them is clearly indicated though not by name, wherefrom difficulties might result.

It is noted that the Legal Adviser, though of opinion that the prefatory minute is unobjectionable, has not relinquished his view that publication of the correspondence may give ground for action for libel, and the Chairman remarks that it would be regrettable if Mr Tilley succeeded in obtaining substantial damages. Moreover, there is doubt which, in the Engineer's absence, is difficult to satisfy, as to whether the real ground for Mr Tilley's departure is not to be traced to some difference of opinion or hasty expressions passing between Mr Mayne and Mr Tilley during the month of February. Mr Meuser therefore considers that <sup>if</sup> a suit for libel follow, Mr Mayne and all concerned might regard it as unfortunate. For these reasons it is unanimously decided that the better course is to make no mention of this matter in the Council's minutes for publication.

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Volunteers.

Headquarters. A report by the Commandant is submitted, with plans of the Race Club property as approved by the Board of Officers since the Watch Committee meeting held on June 8. It is proposed to acquire Cadastral lot 1420 and approximately Mow 3 of the property known as Mohawk Lodge, which involves a deviation of the scheduled line of Mohawk Road. The estimated cost of this scheme will amount to £195,000, of which £91,000 is for the new buildings and £27,500 expenditure in connexion with existing buildings, the remainder representing the cost of about 12 mow of land at the assessed value plus ten per cent.

It is observed that the required plans with reference to the site suggested by the Captain Superintendent of Police on the Soochow Creek foreshore are not as yet forthcoming and since this important question must be considered in a comprehensive manner, discussion is postponed until the Council is in possession of full information as to the alternative scheme.

Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, 4 months leave is granted to Major Brodie A. Clarke, 2nd in command, with effect from June 17.

Supreme Command of the Defence Forces. A letter from the Officer commanding the Troops in South China is submitted, acknowledging the Council's letter addressed to him in correction of the misapprehension which appears to have arisen in this matter. Therefrom it is noted that he adheres to the opinion formerly expressed.

Alhambra. A letter from Dr Bernauer, Acting Consul for Spain, is read, enclosing a letter to himself from the Minister for Spain in Peking, authorising the issue of a warrant with a view to surprising gambling, but not for purposes of closure ad libitum, and intimating that the matter may well be left to the substitute of Mr Arias, who left Europe on May 19. In the meantime all gambling has latterly ceased, but the Police are closely watching the establishment and it is understood that Dr Bernauer is willing to issue a warrant on application.

Bund Bridges. A letter from the French Council is submitted, requiring an official intimation to the effect that the arrangements with reference to bridges are no longer dependent upon uncertainty as to running powers, and referring to a new scheme for a bridge of <sup>13</sup>~~30~~ metres span and 27½ metres in width, of which the cost is estimated at £60,000.

As to the first point raised, a reply is authorised referring to the decision of the meeting between the sub-committees of the Council and the Local Board of the Tramway Company published with the minutes of the meeting of January 21, pointing out that although the question of

running-powers is settled, the Council's consent to intercommunication will be withheld until ~~the~~ clear ratification of the arrangement as to payment of one fourth share each by the French Council and the Tramway Company and pending definite understanding as to the plans and cost of the Bridge, formerly estimated at ¥40,000. It is directed also that enquiry be made as to the ground for the increased expenditure proposed.

Tramways. Two letters from the General Manager are read in connexion with the carriage of goods by the Tramway Company, alluding to the proposed wheelbarrow track on the Bund, and to the heavy motor waggon bearing the name of the Motor Carrying Company, of which the owner is Mr J. Underwood, 11 Peking Road.

A report by the Overseer of Taxes is submitted, explaining how the issue of a licence to the motor waggon in question occurred and the Council endorses the recommendation that this licence be allowed to lapse at the end of the month since it has been the subject of general complaint on the ground of noise, and directs that reports be submitted by the Engineer and Overseer of Taxes as to the wear and damage to roads which vehicles of this kind cause, and the desirability of limiting their weight <sup>again</sup> and increasing the licence fee.

The General Manager referring to Clause 22 of the Concession Agreement advances objections on behalf of the Company to the existence of competition for the conveyance of merchandise, but the views expressed are considered hardly worthy of much consideration and it is directed that a single brief reply be written, explaining that the damage to roadways involved by motor lorries is receiving attention.

Mr Heffer alludes to the speed of trams in the Nanking Road, which, in his opinion, is occasionally such as to become a danger to the public in terms of Article 1 of the Police Regulations. It is accordingly directed that special attention be given by the Police to the prevention of excessive speed.

Dalny Road. A letter from the Legal Adviser forwards copy of a communication from Messrs Stokes Platt and Teesdale, proposing at the request of Mr Tam Wa, a compromise in this matter, whereby the land will be surrendered on the west side of Cadastral lot 2400 for a 40 foot road for the compensation as fixed by the Land Commission, on condition that a 10 foot strip of river frontage on the east side of the road be left for use on lease, to lapse as soon as the property ceases to be used as a wharf. At the recommendation of the Works Committee this arrangement is approved.

Showrooms and Shop Windows. In view of the issue of certain advertisements by the Gas Company, offering advantageous rates in competition with the Electricity Department, the Chairman, having discussed the matter with

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Mr Pearce, has expressed the view that the decision of the Electricity Committee to charge motor rates for the purposes in question should be upheld, and the concurrence of the members is recorded.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*David Handale*

Chairman.

*B. M. Aclimoz*

Assistant Secretary.

June 30'09. 90.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 30, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H. De Gray  
F. C. Heffer  
H. A. J. Macray  
O. Meuser  
J. Prentice  
T. E. Trueman  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent:  
W. D. Little  
W. A. C. 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.

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/ Alhambra. The Chairman states that he has received a call from Dr Bernauer, who proposed to hand over the Council's cheque, representing the cost of the destroyed roulette wheels, in accordance with his undertaking, and upon the assumption that Mr de Carcer's letter is a satisfactory termination of the incident. In reply he was informed that this course would meet with the Council's approval. It is understood that Mr de Carcer has now been recalled to Madrid.

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/ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 28 are read and confirmed. With regard to the question of Water Closets, considerable discussion ensues, during which it is apparent that the terms of Notification No. 1789 must be enforced without exception in the future, to prevent the present proposal leading to river pollution on a larger scale. The three months' trial proposed by the Committee is endorsed, while an enquiry is directed as to when, and under what authority, the water closets of the Palace Hotel were connected with the public sewer.

✓ Hongkew Station Boundary Wall. The Chairman has visited this Station and supports the view of the Captain Superintendent and District Inspector that the public advantage brought about by setting back the wall to the scheduled road line is outweighed by the inconvenience to the Station buildings. Under these circumstances the project for widening the road is deferred for the present.

✓ Mixed Court, Case of Trafficking. Upon consideration of this minute the Council decides that the case in question is not one calling for intervention, and the proposed further Police report on the subject is therefore not required.

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Garbage Contractor. While allowing that the man at present detained by the Paoshan Police is not, strictly speaking, entitled to the Council's protection, it is also admitted that his detention is due to the establishment of a municipal garbage station beyond limits, and the Council therefore authorises a sustained effort to obtain his release through the good offices of the British Vice Consul.

National Herald. A letter from the Legal Adviser is read, expressing the view that the prosecution of this paper on general lines for the publication of articles calculated to incite a breach of the peace is justified, and proceedings are authorised.

Licences beyond Limits. After consideration of this question the Chairman is of opinion that the issue of a licence form, the conditions of which are not ~~be~~ able to be enforced, would have an unsatisfactory effect upon the system of Municipal licensing generally, and it is decided, therefore, to inform the applicant that his cinematograph may operate so long as it is not a danger or nuisance to his neighbours.

Mixed Court. In accordance with the minute of the Watch Committee of June 8, a Police report is submitted instancing cases where the conduct of Acting Assistant Magistrate Hsieh has been irregular and unseemly. The Chairman is of opinion that protest in the first place should be made by the Assessors, and inasmuch as this Magistrate has reverted to his former post of Warden, no action appears to be called for.

Public Rioshas. A Police report is submitted, compiled as a result of the Tramway Company's proposals in respect to public rioshas, in which the unsatisfactory features of the present service are set out at great length. Mr Trueman is in favour of insisting upon a better type of vehicle, to be modelled on that in use in Japan, but the Council is of opinion that the present standard pattern, if adhered to, affords a sufficiently satisfactory minimum of utility. The members are opposed to any official reduction in the number of licences issued, holding the view that ordinary conditions of supply and demand will bring about the correct and just limitation. It is pointed out that the present objectionable vehicles and coolies, and the number of empty vehicles wandering in the streets or touting for hire, are due to the fact that the Police fail to put into practice the procedure for licence which has been laid down; and it is decided to issue explicit instructions in this sense. It is clear that if the conditions of licence are rigorously and properly enforced the present excessive number of licensed vehicles will automatically be lessened.

Dalny Road. The terms of surrender of this road south of Yangtsepoo Road being still in some doubt, the proposals of Messrs Stokes Platt & Teesdale are re-introduced for discussion. It is pointed out that the

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suggested lease is equivalent to the permanent surrender of 10 feet of public water frontage, while a five years' renewable lease would afford a recurring opportunity for their recovery in the future. The negotiations conducted by Mr Meuser have, however, rendered it improbable that the latter alternative can be arranged. In the meanwhile it is understood that the cost of raising the strip to be leased shall be borne by the owners concerned.

✓ Public Lighting. With reference to the letter from the Gas Company dated June 8, setting out the advantages of gas as a public street illuminant, it is decided to obtain from the Electrical Engineer data whereon to base a reply extolling the use of electricity.

✓ Boot-cleaning Kiosk. An application for the erection of a structure of this character outside the Public Gardens is submitted carrying the support of the Austrian Consul General, but the Council is opposed to granting any such facilities in the public streets except by means of ordinary boot-black stands.

✓ Pingohiao Quarry. A further letter from the Chekiang Bureau of Foreign Affairs is read as to the termination of the Council's lease of this estate, which will expire in 1916. In reply thereto, it is decided to express the hope that negotiations for the renewal of the lease will be concluded before that date.

✓ Public Band. The Council notes and approves the application of the French Council for the use of the Public Band on July 13 and 14, in connexion with the annual French fete.

✓ Municipal Loan. A note by the Accountant is submitted, showing that £271,000 have been received in subscription towards the current year's loan, the authorised amount of which, exclusive of a loan for the Volunteer Corps land purchase, is £330,000. In view of the amount of trust funds which will require to be invested at the end of the year, it is decided to issue no further debentures for the present except at the rate of £107½.

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beyond limits.

✓ Water Supply. The Chairman has seen Mr McLeod in regard to the supply of water to houses in the North Honan Road without payment of General Municipal Rate, laying before him the very serious results which such a step would have upon the proposals for the extension of the Settlement, and Mr McLeod has met the point in a manner which appears likely to lead to its satisfactory settlement. It is noted that the agreement between the Council and the Company was not intended to effect any serious curtailment of the Company's business, and there is little doubt that the owner in the case in point would consent to pay the six per cent required rather than have the water supply cut off. At the same time it is understood that negotiations are in train for the supply of water to

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Chapel generally, and the Council will be prepared to consider any proposals which the Company may make facilitating this end. It is resolved that if hereafter the Settlement is extended as desired up to the Railway, the taxation of houses on the north side of the line will be foregone.

Rifle Range Extension. A plan is submitted showing the purchases of land behind the Rifle Butt which have up to the present been made and charged to Suspense Account, and further purchases of about 9 mow at £1500 per mow, and 7½ mow at £1100 per mow through the usual agency of Mr Algar are approved. The proposals of the Native Authorities to cut a road across the middle of the tract of land under purchase are noted, and it is decided to request that Mr Algar's protest as well as those of others concerned may have the support of H.M. Consulate General.

Municipal Seal. In reply to an enquiry by Mr Meuser, it is recorded that no objection exists to the use of the Municipal Arms either on ornamental pottery or as a distinguishing mark for a brand of cigarettes, provided no exclusive trade mark rights are sought.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*

Secretary.

*D.L.* July 7'09. 94.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 7, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H. De Gray	
	F. C. Heffer	
	H. A. J. Maoray	
	O. Meuser	
	J. Prentice	
	T. E. Trueman	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	

Absent:

W. D. Little
W. A. C. 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.

Water Closets. A note from the Health Officer explains the connexion of the Palace Hptel drains with the public sewer about May 1, which work he authorised as a detail making for the advantage of the Public Health. Inasmuch as Dr Stanley had recommended this course, and his recommendation had not at that date been confirmed, the Council is of opinion that the course that he followed was incorrect.

Water Supply beyond Limits. A draft letter to the Waterworks Company is read and approved, a paragraph to be added citing the case of the Shanghai Nanking Railway as one in which the Council showed no desire to impede a large development of the Company's business.

Native Press. With regard to the anti-Indian articles of the National Herald, representations have been made by a Mr du Monceau de Bergendal to the effect that the paper would be willing to apologise upon the understanding that proceedings be discontinued. A form of apology is submitted, and the Council assents to the course proposed upon condition that the office translation of the article is inserted without alteration.

The Captain Superintendent draws attention to an indecent illustration which has appeared in the Universal Gazette, in connexion with which he has applied for a warrant for the arrest of the editor. The Council considers that this action is in excess of the requirements of the case, but that the paper should be warned that such pictures are prohibited, and that a repetition of the offence will involve serious consequences.

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✓ Police.

✓ Case of P.C. Norman. A Police report is submitted on the case of this constable, who has been charged on a warrant for attempting to desert. The case was dismissed this morning upon the grounds that there was no evidence of such intention, but it appears that the man was drunk and absent from duty for some days, and, in accordance with the indication of the Magistrate, it is decided to dismiss him.

The Chairman draws attention to the fact that the action of the Police in this case was contrary to the Council's instruction under which no foreign employe may be charged except after reference to the Committee concerned. In the present case legal assistance was obtained only when the charge had been framed and the warrant issued, and no responsibility for the failure of the prosecution, therefore, attaches to the Legal Advisers.

✓ Case of P.C. Robson. With reference to a Police report recommending the dismissal of this constable for absence from duty and improper conduct, a letter from the Legal Advisers is read, stating the opinion that the man's misconduct would justify such a course. The Chairman states that the Captain Superintendent is insistent upon his recommendation as to dismissal, which will therefore be followed, provided the man's record sheet bears out the view that his continued service is undesirable.

✓ Court of Foreign Consuls. The petition of ex-Assistant Sanitary Inspector H. Weber, drawn by Messrs Ellis & Hays and claiming the full amount formerly at his credit in the Superannuation Fund, is submitted. The reply thereto, now in preparation by the Legal Advisers, will be made under the direction of the Watch Committee.

✓ Chinese Troops in the Settlement. A note from the Senior Consul informs the Council of his issue of a permit for the passage of 120 Chinese soldiers through the Settlement on July 8 on the road to and from the Railway Station. The Chairman is of opinion that there is no objection to this display.

✓ Sikh Gurdwara. The reply of the Consular Body to the Council's letter on this subject is read, desiring that notice of the passage to and fro of the Police under arms be given to the native authorities in charge of the road connecting the building with the North Szechuen Road. Since, however, this road is controlled by the Municipal Police and not by the native authorities, compliance with the suggestion appears impossible. Upon the proposal of the Chairman it is decided if possible to acquire a new road for this purpose, to be indisputably owned by the Council.

✓ Hungjao Road Nursery. A note from the Consular Land Office states that the Taotai has refused to grant a deed for this property on the ground that deeds have never been issued for land in the native parish concerned. Under these circumstances it is decided to lodge the native deeds of title in the Land Office under formal receipt, and to forward a plan of the property to the Senior Consul for transmission to the Taotai for his information and record. By this means, and by publication of the correspondence, the Council's ownership will be adequately noted.

✓ Fahwa Creek. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a protest from the native authorities with reference to certain bunding work in progress on the west side of Sicoawei Road. At the suggestion of the Acting Engineer it is decided to request that the headmen concerned consult with him on the spot as to the most suitable line for the piling to take.

✓ Projecting Signboards. The application of the China Printing Co. Ltd. to erect an overhanging signboard in the Nanking Road is the subject of some discussion. Messrs Meuser and Heffer are of opinion that concession in this instance will lead to further applications, and that there is not the same reason for the issue of the permit as was urged in the case of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. It is noted that the signboard will not project more than 3 feet, and will be 11 feet from the pavement, and, upon this understanding the permit is authorised, the board to be removable at 6 months notice.

✓ Registration of Architects. Referring to this project, the Consular Body writes to the effect that the Council is sufficiently empowered by the existing Land Regulations to deal with the matter in question. In reply it will be necessary to point out that the difficulty will not be met by the refusal of plans which do not comply with the Building Rules, since it is the failure to execute work in accordance with such plans which constitutes the principal grounds of complaint. In any case directions will be given for rigid compliance with Article XX of the Land Regulations, and the matter will remain for discussion by the Ratepayers at the next Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

*David Daudale*

*W. Ersson*

Chairman.

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 14, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F.C. Heffer  
 H.A.-J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 J. Prentice  
 T.E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: W.D. Little  
 W.A.C. 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.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of July 8 are read and confirmed. In regard to the question of:-  
 ✓ Chinese Teachers, Mr Macray expresses the hope that the enquiry now in progress will enable the Committee to put an end to the malpractices which have unquestionably been taking place. The Chairman points out that the incident brings into prominence the necessity for the acquisition by the Headmaster of a working knowledge of the Chinese language.

✓ The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of July 9 are read and confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 9 are read and confirmed. In the matter of the

✓ Mohawk Road Extension, the obligation of Mr Morriss, and indirectly of the Race Club, to accept \$1000 per row for 30 feet of the scheduled roadway, is the subject of some discussion. Mr Meuser's recollection of the matter is to the effect that the arrangement of 1902 is applicable to the section of the road now in question, inasmuch as it would have been applied at that time had it not been for Mr Morriss's personal wish that the road adjoining his garden be deferred. A full statement of the whole case will be rendered to Mr Morriss at an early date, with a view to settlement of the matter before his departure from Shanghai.

✓ Bund Reclamation. After some discussion of the proposed wall and steps as an alternative to continuing the present system of pontoons, the

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Council is unanimously of opinion that pontoons furnish the maximum of convenience so far as landing and loading cargo is concerned; at the same time the matter is considered an important one, and there are doubtless points in favour of the Engineer's new proposal. It may not improbably be necessary, should either scheme take practical shape, to appoint a special committee, to consist of shipping agents and others interested, to settle the question; in the meanwhile, since no great difference in cost is anticipated, the Engineer will be directed to base his estimates on the original proposal submitted on May 25.

Supply of Cement. After further consideration of this matter, during which it is suggested that the Council take the whole of its supply from the Green Island Co., the minute of the Committee is confirmed as it stands.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of July 13 are read and confirmed. On the subject of the:-

✓ Financial Statement, the Chairman alludes to the importance of supplying Heads of Departments with accurate monthly statements to date of expenditure under the Ordinary Estimates, referring especially to the Public Works Department.

✓ Extraordinary Expenditure, Roads. The suggestion of the Accountant that the new monthly statement by the Engineer of commitments under this heading and estimates of the cost of improvements under negotiation, be brought to the notice of the Works Committee, is noted and approved.

✓ Ammunition. A further report by the Commandant is read, in allusion to the question of increasing the reserve of ammunition held in Hongkong for the use of the Corps, and it is decided to address a letter to the <sup>General</sup> Officer Commanding <sup>in Hong Kong</sup> on the subject without delay. It is also noted that if this request is granted, an increase in the estimate for ammunition expended during 1910 will follow.

✓ Tramways. A letter from the Tramway Company is submitted, desiring, in addition to the limitation of rickshas and the reduction in the supply-of-power rate, that the Council will consent to waive the Royalty, and hereafter agree to its being based upon the net profits of the undertaking instead of upon the gross receipts. The tone of the Company's communication is considered by the Council to be unfortunate, and it is now apparent that the terms which they offered and which were accepted at the time the concession was under negotiation, are such as cannot be carried out on a profit-bearing basis. The Chairman observes that the changes they now desire are of such magnitude that it is beyond the Council's power to grant them, except

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with the sanction of a Ratepayers Meeting. It may be possible that a Special Meeting can be arranged in the Autumn, and it would appear to be in the Company's interest that such be held, but the subject is deferred for fuller discussion when the views of the Electricity Committee on the subject are learnt.

Building Rules. The Engineer reports a case in which Mr W.H. Pierce has erected a building of the godown class off the Avenue Road, although in receipt of an official Notice of Disapproval of his application. The case reflects in the first place upon the Police who have allowed the building to approach completion and, under these circumstances, the members are of opinion that prosecution would serve no useful purpose. It is decided to call for an explanation of the matter by letter, and, in the meanwhile, any work which has been done and which fails to comply with the Building Rules, will, under provision of Article XXX of the Land Regulations, be pulled down.

Another aspect of this matter is that while the application stated that the projected building was a godown, it is now reported to be the intention of the owner to use it as a soap factory, and, inasmuch as the process of soap-boiling cannot but be offensive in a residential district such as the Avenue Road, it is decided to warn the applicant that the provisions of Bye-law XXXI will unflinchingly be put into force against him.

Recess. The annual recess is fixed for the three weeks next ensuing after the meeting of Council of August 25.

The meeting adjourns at 6.13 p.m.

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*M. Musson*

Secretary.

July 21'09. 100.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 21, 1909, at 4.30 p.m

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H. De Gray  
F. C. Heffer  
W. D. Little  
H. A. J. Maoray  
O. Meuser  
J. Prentice  
T. E. Trueman  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: W. A. C. 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.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of July 16 are read and confirmed. In regard to the:-

/ Sale of Lamps, a letter from the Electrical Engineer is read, in explanation of the course he took in the matter of purchasing contractors' stocks of lamps. It is noted that he has expressed regret for his action.

/ Traction Rate. The members note, and to some extent endorse the view taken in this minute, but require figures as to the actual effect on the Department which the concession would have. In the meantime, on the subject of tramways generally, the Council is not unwilling to meet the representatives of the Local Board of the Company, and such meeting will accordingly be arranged if possible on Monday, July 26; whereat it will be stated that the Council is not prepared to accept the responsibility for making the sweeping changes which the Company desires, except with <sup>the</sup> authority of a Ratepayers Meeting. It will be pointed out that a Special Meeting might be held in November, and, if the Company desires public support for its case, it would be advisable that their Balance Sheet to September 30 be published and in the Ratepayers' hands before the date fixed.

/ Electricity Committee. The resignation by Mr J. Grant Mackenzie of his seat on the Committee is forwarded, as a result of his approaching departure for England, and in reply the Council's regret at the necessity for this step will be expressed.

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Mixed Court.

Location of Prisoners. A letter from the Magistrate is submitted, complaining of the transfer of a convict undergoing three years imprisonment, from the Police Station Cells to the Gaol. In reply it is decided to describe the procedure in force in this respect; to allude to the project for increasing the accommodation at the Gaol; and to point out that the Captain Superintendent, the officer responsible for the safe custody of prisoners, enjoys the widest discretion in respect to the arrangements as to their disposition.

Conduct of Mr Douglas. A Police report is read describing a technical assault on P.C. Rye, committed in the Court by this lawyer on July 17. Representations have been made to H.M. Consul-General in the matter by the Chairman, and by the German Consular Assessor, and it is understood that the necessary reproof will be administered to Mr Douglas by Mr Bourne, the Acting Judge. Under these circumstances the Council is of opinion that no further action should be taken in the matter.

Paulun Memorial Fund. A letter from the Chairman of this Fund is read, desiring that it may be invested in municipal debentures at par. Compliance with this request would, in the Council's opinion, constitute an unfortunate precedent, and in reply it is decided to state with regret that the request cannot be met. Allusion will be made to the fact that it is the Council's intention to propose an annual grant-in-aid for the Paulun Memorial Hospital.

Range Road Depot. A further report by the Engineer is read, in support of the view that it would be inadvisable to enclose the whole of this site with the wall, in view of the fact that the store of concrete-ware for sale, the carpenters' shops, and other works on the west of the property require continuous access by the public. Under these circumstances, the wall will be erected as originally proposed.

Rules of Procedure. The report of the Special Committee appointed for the discussion of this subject, with a draft of new Rules, is submitted, and it is decided to convey the Council's thanks to the members of the Committee for their labours. The recommendations will be submitted in the first place to the Legal Advisers for an opinion as to their compliance with the Land Regulations, and thereafter they will be published, with such comment by the Council as appears necessary, and introduced for discussion if possible at a Special Ratepayers Meeting in the Autumn.

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Water Supply beyond Limits. In reply to the Council's letter on this subject, the Waterworks Company assents to act in the manner required for a period of one year, reserving the right thereafter to bring the matter up for re-consideration. In expressing the Council's appreciation of this action, it is decided to state that the Council's opinion, as set out in correspondence, is similarly reserved.

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Gas Company Arbitration. The final award of the arbitrator is forwarded by the Legal Advisers, from which it is noted that a new gas main is to be laid in the Canton Road from the Bund to the Fokien Road at the Council's, that is at the Tramway Company's, cost. This document is ordered for publication.

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Settlement Extension. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, enclosing the draft of a proposed letter to the Nanking Viceroy, setting out the case for Settlement Extension and urging that the Taotai be directed to enter into negotiations on the subject. In reply the Council's approval of the despatch will be communicated, and the Chairman undertakes to allude unofficially to one or two points where changes of a minor character appear advisable.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*W. Messon*

Secretary.



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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 28, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- F. C. Heffer
- W. D. Little
- H. A. J. Macray
- O. Meuser
- J. Prentice
- T. E. Trueman
- The Secretary and
- Assistant Secretary

Absent: W. A. C. 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.

*ms* ✓ Alhambra. A letter from the Spanish Consul is read, stating ~~that~~ the new conditions upon which he is permitting a Spanish subject to continue this institution as a house of public entertainment. These include the prohibition of opium smoking and gambling, and it is noted that the Police will have access to the premises at any time. This arrangement is substantially identical with that made by the French Consul General in respect to the "Alcazar", and is regarded by the Council as a satisfactory settlement of the case. Mr de Sostoa, in an interview with the Chairman, has given evidence of an intention to put an end to the Spanish malpractices which have been a feature of recent years.

✓ Mixed Court.

*ms* ✓ Inquests. The Police Report of July 25 notes the collapse of a kitchen at No. 9 Sungkiang Road, on a property controlled by Messrs J. P. Bisset & Co, and the death of one of the five servants who were buried in the debris. It is further stated that the City Magistrate has declined to hold an inquest on the body of the deceased, upon the grounds that ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> relatives did not wish it. It is decided to notify this breach of the understanding recorded in September last for the information of the Consular Body.

✓ Code of Punishments. A report by the Captain Superintendent forwards the suggestion of the German Consular Assessor that an approximate penal code be established, for application to the more common crimes and misdemeanours appearing on the Charge Sheets daily. Colonel Bruce points out the advisability of compliance with this suggestion, which

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would make for regularity of punishment under the various Assessors who sit in criminal and police cases. Before making official representations on the subject, it is decided to ascertain whether the Council's assistance in the matter would be acceptable to the present assessors or the reverse.

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✓ Native Press. The Captain Superintendent draws attention to a second case of an indecent cartoon which appeared in the National Herald of July 25. The members are of opinion that the matter is not one of great importance, and that action thereon in the present instance, having regard to the recent proceedings against the same paper, would have the appearance of vindictiveness. It is probable that if the present cartoon passes unnoticed, the paper will proceed to further and more objectionable illustrations, whereupon action will be necessary.

The judgment of the Mixed Court in the recent case in regard to abuse of Sikhs, is forwarded by the Legal Adviser, and ordered for publication in the Gazette.

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✓ Tramways, Yangkingpang Bridges. A letter from the French Council is read, containing a proposal for the complete reconstruction of the Bund bridge in reinforced concrete, at an estimated cost of \$60,000. The Engineer points out that the course which the French Council has followed in this matter leaves the question of this bridge in the same position as it was two years ago. The Council is not averse to the new scheme, and desires that detailed plans of the projected structure be submitted for its approval with as little delay as possible. It will be stipulated that the construction of the bridge be carried out after calling for public tenders, and that the Public Works Department be permitted to submit a tender. In the meanwhile the assent of the French Council will be sought to the strengthening of the present bridge so as to admit of the passage of a single line of tramway, at the joint cost of the British and French Tramway Companies.

✓ Electric and Telephone Poles. Correspondence is submitted on the subject of the position of the telephone poles in the Tongshan and Yangtsepoo Roads, which are on the side of the road usually reserved for the poles of the Electricity Department. The Council endorses the view that it is desirable that a definite plan be followed in this matter, and officially records the decision that for the future telephone poles shall be upon the south and east of the roads, the electric poles being on the north and west. The careful attention of the departments concerned will be directed to this ruling, and, in the present cases it appears to the members fair that the cost of

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moving the telephone poles in question be borne by the Council. It is decided that one-half of the cost only shall be charged to the Electricity Department.

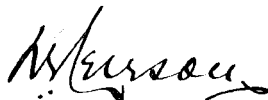
Accounts Office Staff. With regard to the third chartered accountant to be appointed in England, the suggestion is adopted that the selection be placed in the hands of Mr F.W. Lord of the firm of Newson-Smith, Lord & Mundy, 37 Walbrook. The transfer to the Accounts Office of Mr Macphail, at present employed in the Public Works Department until the return of Mr Thurnheer from leave, is approved, and in the meanwhile the Council sanctions the temporary engagement of Mr J. Featherstonhaugh, at a salary of £185 per mensem.

Electricity Committee. It is decided to request Mr A.H. Collinson to accept the Council's nomination for the vacancy in the Electricity Committee, caused by the resignation of Mr Mackenzie. The Chairman has received Mr Collinson's assurance that he will for the present be very little absent from Shanghai.

The meeting adjourns at 5.20 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 4, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 J. Prentice  
 T.E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

F.C. Heffer  
 W.A.C. 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.

✓ Alhambra. From a further Police report submitted it appears that this institution has now almost entirely closed.

✓ Mixed Court, Code of Punishments. A note from Mr Pratt, H.M. Consular Assessor, states his concurrence in the Council's views as to the desirability of a codified list of punishments, and, at his request, such will be compiled by the Police and submitted for the approval of himself and his colleagues.

✓ Court of Foreign Consuls. Having regard to the judgment in the Weber case, recently pronounced, it appears to the Council necessary that some more formal procedure be arranged with respect to the duties of the Municipal Surgeons, and the various forms of certificate required from them from time to time. A memorandum on the subject will be compiled for the Council's consideration at an early date.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 30 are read and confirmed. With respect to the

✓ Robison Road, some discussion ensues as to the procedure in respect to the metalling of new roads generally, and the Chairman points out that a more liberal policy would prove remunerative in roads likely to develop residential neighbourhoods. The limitations of the Budget preclude any present action in the matter, but it is noted that the metalling of 12 foot strips of such roads as the Siccawei and Robison Roads should have consideration with the estimates for 1910.

✓ Tramway Shelters. Before permits for these structures are issued the Committee requires a ground plan, showing the projection of the proposed shelters over the roadline.

✓ Tramways. The minutes of the recent meeting with the Local Board of the Tramway Company have been submitted to the members of the two bodies present, and the Council is informed that the Company desires considerable modification before these minutes are published. An endeavour will be made to meet the Company's wishes during the ensuing week.

✓ Mohammedah Cemetery. A letter from H.M. Consul-General is read forwarding the request of the trustee of the present Mohammedan Mosque in the Chekiang Road for a land grant for a new cemetery. The Council is not unfavourably disposed to this project, but desires in the first place an indication as to the desired locality and size and probable cost, together with a statement as to what the Mohammedan community is prepared to do in the matter.

✓ Mr Morriss's Land Lots. Memorandum of a meeting with Messrs H. and H.E. Morriss on August 1, is submitted, in which the Council's views in regard to their properties in the Mohawk, Chengtu and Great Western Roads were laid before them. With regard to the Mohawk Road, Mr Morriss was prepared to accept the Council's proposals as to compensation, provided he be absolved from his undertaking to accept payment only when the whole road is completed. It now appears, however, that the section of the road which adjoins the WeihaWei Road, Lot 1585, has not been sold to the Race Club, i.e. it is still in Mr Morriss's ownership. No arrangement therefore can be made except such as shall include the transfer of this strip.

The compensation payable in respect to Lots 1410 and 1429, Great Western Road, will have the attention of the Works Committee at an early date.

✓ Fire Brigade, Hose Tender. 21 tenders for a motor driven hose waggon are submitted, together with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that, that of Messrs John Morris & Sons Ltd. for £750 be accepted. These tenders have also been examined by the Electrical Engineer whose recommendation is in the same sense. The Chairman is of opinion that the extra cost for higher power is unnecessary, and it is therefore decided to accept the firm's lower tender at £560, and to request Messrs Preece & Cardew to undertake the work of inspection before despatch

✓ Lime Dealers' dispute and Collection of Lekin. Police reports and other papers are submitted in regard to a recent dispute between the native lime dealers and the purchasing contractors, as to the merits of which

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there is some doubt. The matter does not at present appear to be one calling for action by the Council, and the Chairman states that the dispute has already been settled by the intervention of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. In the course of recent investigations, however, facts have been brought to light showing an organised levy by the City Magistrate of a tax on all lime shops in the Settlement, and specimens of official receipts are submitted in proof. The Chairman states that he has information to the effect that similar taxes are levied on dealers in rice, beans, and other products, as to which further enquiries are directed. In the meanwhile it is considered necessary to protest in the strongest possible way against such levies, which are contrary to the traditional immunity of the Settlement from all forms of native taxation, and specifically contrary to the undertaking of the Chinese Authorities on the subject given in 1904. The facts will be communicated to the Consular Body forthwith.

✓ Gas Company Arbitration. A letter from Messrs Platt, Teesdale & Macleod is submitted, enclosing estimates of the cost of the work to be carried out in accordance with the final award of the arbitrator, and it is understood that the Company is prepared to accept a payment of £7000, inclusive of costs. The matter will have the attention of the Works Committee when the Engineer has reported on the subject.

✓ Tramways, Case of Mr Fobes. A further letter from Mr Fobes is read, in which he disputes the authority of the Tramway Traffic Regulations, which he states should be confirmed at a Special Meeting of Ratepayers in accordance with Land Regulation XI. He has communicated his point of view at some length to Mr Meuser, laying stress not on the merits of the dispute, but on the tone of the letter of the Captain Superintendent of July 7. This letter is regarded by the Watch Committee as an ordinary official intimation, in no sense calling for criticism, and, after considerable discussion, it is decided that no further reply is called for. Mr Meuser undertakes to point out to Mr Fobes the Council's view on the matter.

✓ Peking Road. With regard to the Police Box recently erected at the corner of this and the Shanse Roads, attention is drawn to the serious obstruction constituted, and to the inconsistency of the effort to convert the Peking Road into a suitable thoroughfare for carriage traffic with <sup>an</sup> ~~an~~ obstruction of this character. The matter will have the attention of the Watch Committee at an early date.

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✓ Public Swimming Bath. Mr Maoray enquires whether it is not possible to reserve the Bath for two evenings in the week for the use of women and children, and a report by the Health Officer is called for.

Settlement Boundary, Police Affray. A Police report is read on the subject of the treatment of a Sikh constable by the Paoshan Police while engaged in turning a female beggar outside the Settlement limits. The facts have been reported at length in the press, and it is understood that the woman in question has subsequently died. Some discussion takes place as to the advisability of communicating with the Senior Consul on the subject, and it is decided in the first place to obtain further details as to the woman's circumstances and the locality from which she came.

Isolation Hospital. With regard to the inclusion of Cadastral Lot 1151 in this site, the Council confirms an arrangement made with the owner, Mrs C.F. Johnston, under which the property will be taken over on October 1 on payment of a sum of ₹250. The actual compensation will be settled by the Land Commission before the close of the year. It has also been undertaken that certain fittings be taken over by the Council at a reasonable valuation.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*David Dandale*

Chairman.

*M. Curson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 11, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- W.D. Little
- H.A.J. Macray
- O. Meuser
- J. Prentice
- T.E. Trueman
- The Secretary and
- Assistant Secretary

Absent:

- F.C. Heffer
- W.A.C. 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.

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Tramways, Case of Mr Fobes. Mr Meuser states that Mr Fobes is still desirous of receiving a further letter from the Council on the subject of the ten dollar bill found by him in a tramcar, and that the letter should preferably take the form of a request that the matter be dropped. After considerable discussion it is decided to communicate to the Tramway Company an expression of the Council's opinion that they should advertise from time to time a list of all articles or money found in the cars. If the Company concurs in this suggestion copies of the letters on the subject will be furnished for Mr Fobes' information.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of August 5 are read and confirmed. In regard to the lighting of the

Hongkew Recreation Ground, it is decided that the whole capital cost of the electric installation be borne by the Electricity Department, and that an annual payment of £100 be made, representing interest thereon. The work will be begun in ample time to admit of lighting the Ground next spring.

With respect to Mr Gerrard's request to sell liquor near the Ground, and in view of the fact that there are already two unlicensed liquor-selling establishments in the neighbourhood, the Council, while leaving the matter in the hands of the Committee, would not be averse to compliance with Mr Gerrard's request.

As to the sale of newspapers in the Ground and in the Public Garden, many previous applications for this privilege have been refused, and the Council is not willing to make an exception in the present instance.

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✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of August 10 are read and confirmed. On the subject of

✓ Public Gambling, the Council is informed that the Spanish Consul has issued a warrant for the arrest of F. Gordon, thereby disclosing the fact that he is recognised as a Spanish subject or protege. Under these circumstances the necessity for application to the British authorities disappears, and the Captain Superintendent will see the Spanish Consul on the subject with a view to obtaining from him the necessary authority for the Police to enter the Jessfield Inn and remove all gambling paraphernalia.

✓ Gaoler Blennerhassett. Mr De Gray recalls the fact that earlier reports on this employe's work were of a favourable character, and Mr Trueman also expresses surprise at the recorded decision of the Committee; it is therefore decided to obtain fuller details of the reasons which have actuated the Captain Superintendent's recommendation in the matter.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Commandant. A letter from the Military Authorities in Hongkong forwards a copy of the War Office letter No.083/4508 (M.S.3) dated May 21 on the subject of the grant of local rank of Lieutenant Colonel to Major Barnes while acting as Commandant. It appears that this letter was forwarded to the Consulate-General in June, and that it was presumed that the contents would be transmitted to the Council.

✓ Japanese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the promotion of Lieutenant Shiro Koaze to be Captain, commanding the Company, is authorised.

✓ Engineer Company. The Council approves the appointment of Messrs H. King-Hiller and S.S. Sellick to be 2nd Lieutenants, and the issue of the necessary commissions is authorised.

✓ Financial Statement. The accounts to June 30 are submitted in proof together with comment by the Accountant. His various minor recommendations are adopted, and it is decided to add a note to the item "Extraordinary Expenditure Roads", explanatory of the fact that it includes payments to ~~June 30~~ July 31.

✓ Tramways. The minutes of the meeting between Sub-Committees of the Council and of the Local Board of the Shanghai Electric Construction Co.Ld, held on July 27, are read and ordered for publication with such amendment as may be necessary.

The Council is unanimously of opinion that if the various matters therein contained are put before the Ratepayers before any concession to the Company is made, there is more probability of securing public endorsement to the proposals, and Mr Little expresses the opinion that the

Sub-Committees' view is a right one.

The Chairman alludes to the possibility of substituting for the Council's receipts from the Company under various headings, arrangements for the allocation of certain shares in the undertaking, by which means an identification of interests will be secured similar to that which has formed a satisfactory basis of understanding with the public water supply undertaking.

✓ Canton Road. A petition extensively signed by shops and hongs in the Canton Road is submitted, alluding to the unfortunate effect of the tramway line upon their business, and desiring its removal. The Chairman states that in his opinion the tram line should never have been laid in this thoroughfare, which is neither an artery of through traffic nor a sufficiently wide street to admit of efficient tram service. It is decided to put the petition before the Company with a view to obtaining an expression of the Local Board's opinion thereon. It is pointed out that the removal of the line will conclude the dispute with the Gas Company without payment. The Council would not be averse to the receipt of an expression of opinion on the subject on the part of the registered owners of frontage lots.

✓ Signboards. An application by Mr Goddard is submitted for permission to erect a signboard in the Nanking Road, and, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, it is decided to issue the necessary permit with the usual limitations. At the same time the Engineer reports the erection of a number of signboards in this neighbourhood without permits, and the attention of the Police will be directed to the matter.

A letter from Messrs Andersen Meyer & Co, forwarded by the Engineer, is read, discussing the development of a business in electric signboards, in respect to which it is decided to state that the Council is not in favour of projections of this character and only grants permits therefor in special instances and for special reasons. There is, however, no objection to non-projecting electric signboards on the top or flat against the sides of buildings.

✓ Dalny Road, Surplus Land. The Engineer forwards the offer of the owner of Cadastral Lot 2696 to purchase the two pieces of surplus land owned by the Council between this property and Dalny Road. The suggested terms are at the rate paid for the land and include payment for half of the road. They are therefore regarded by the Council as acceptable.

✓ Recess. It is decided that the annual recess shall begin after this meeting instead of at the date previously notified.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*W. J. G. G. G.*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 15, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)

H. De Gray

W.D. Little

O. Meuser

T.E. Trueman and

The Secretary

Absent:

F.C. Heffer

H.A.J. Macray

W.A.C. Platt

J. Prentice

The summons calling the meeting is read.

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

✓ Volunteers.

/ Portuguese Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant Carneiro, due to increasing demands of business, is received and recorded.

/ Mounted Infantry. The resignation of Lieutenant Copplestone, owing to his approaching departure for home, is also received and recorded.

/ Japanese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to 2nd Lieutenant Teiichi Asano.

/ Chinese Proclamations. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, enclosing a proclamation by the Taotai directed against a suggested boycott of Japanese goods. This proclamation with the requisite seals will be posted throughout the Settlement.

/ Redemption of Loans. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that owing to the present state of the local money market the application of the Budget Appropriation for the redemption of debentures (¥143,700) has only been possible with respect to ¥20,800. It is therefore decided to apply the balance in redeeming a portion of the Loan of 1901, being the oldest outstanding 6 per cent loan. It is further decided to hold the usual drawing and publish the list of drawn debentures without delay, the date of payment being fixed for December 31, 1909.

/ Industrial Undertakings. The accounts and balance sheet of the Electricity Department, Pingchiao Quarry, Convict Labour and Concreteware Manufactory to June 30, are submitted, together with notes thereon

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by the Accountant, and will be referred for the consideration of the Finance Committee at an early date.

Outside Roads. With reference to recent difficulties with the Paoshan Authorities with respect to roads projected by them to cross the Dixwell Road Extension and to intersect the tract of land purchased for the extension of the Rifle Range, the Council is informed that Mr Barton, H.M. Vice Consul, is negotiating with the deputy of the Governor of Soochow for a settlement of the two questions. A draft memorandum compiled as a basis of settlement is submitted and confirmed, whereby the native police will be permitted to cross the Dixwell Road at a fixed point to enable them to police the villages between that and the North Szechuen Road. Provision is also made for the removal of the road beyond the Rifle Butt to the extreme north of the Council's land purchases; a strip of land at this northern extremity being surrendered for the purpose. It is understood that Mr Barton will report the progress of his negotiations in due course.

Tramways. The reply of the Company is read to the Council's suggestion that a list of the articles and money found in the cars be published from time to time, wherein are set out reasons against the proposal. It is decided to communicate the contents of this letter for the information of Mr Fobes, whose action brought the matter into prominence.

Police, Foreign Branch. The results are submitted of the examination for promotion to the rank of sergoant, conducted in the usual manner with allowance for proficiency in Chinese, and, in accordance with the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent, the promotion of 18 constables is authorised.

British Post Office. A letter from the Hongkong Government is read, desiring a contribution of one quarter of the loss which at present falls upon the Colony owing to the operation of the Shanghai Branch of the Post Office. The Council is of opinion that this expenditure cannot suitably be charged to municipal funds, since contributions towards the cost of the other Post Offices in Shanghai would similarly be payable. In replying in this sense, it is decided to state that the matter will be referred for the attention of the China Association.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

*W. Mason*

Secretary.

*David Handley*

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 22, 1909,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H. De Gray  
F. C. Heffer  
W. D. Little  
O. Meuser  
T. E. Trueman  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent:  
H. A. J. Macray  
W. A. C. Platt  
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.

✓ Outside Roads. The Chairman states that he has learnt from Mr Barton that the terms of settlement in respect to the two roads projected by the Paoshan Police, substantially in agreement with those already approved, have been arranged with the Taotai, final ratification of the matter only awaiting the approval of the Governor of Soochow. He reads a draft despatch from Mr Barton to the Taotai, embodying the various conditions, which are considered by the Council to be satisfactory under the circumstances.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of September 16, are read and confirmed. With respect to the statement that newsboys are to be found in the

✓ Public Garden and Hongkew Recreation Ground, the Council directs the attention of the Police to this matter, with a view to their exclusion.

✓ Markham Road Foreshore. With a view to challenging the validity of U. S. Title Deed No. 875 protested in 1904, it is decided to undertake the work of scavenging and controlling this strip of public foreshore, thereby testing what action the present registered owner of the deed is disposed to take.

✓ Park for Western District. The Chairman is satisfied that there is little probability that any movement can be made in the direction of acquiring land for this purpose during this or next year, upon financial considerations alone. After some discussion, the Council arrives at the view that expenditure from the public funds on such a

park would not be justified in a district where the majority of houses have private gardens attached. No steps will therefore be taken in the direction indicated unless a scheme is inaugurated through private munificence or by public subscription.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of September 20, are read and confirmed without modification.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Maxim Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission is authorised for issue to Mr H.B. Emerson as 2nd Lieutenant.

✓ Municipal Challenge Cup. A report by the Commandant is submitted, relating to a request by certain members of the Corps that the conditions of competition revert to those in force previous to last year. Colonel Barnes makes no definite recommendation in the matter, and the Council is guided by the earlier opinion expressed by Colonel Watson, and by the view of Mr Trueman that this valuable trophy should be held by the best and most up-to-date marksman in the Corps. To this end it follows that the conditions must be varied and improved from year to year, in accordance with musketry developments at home. The Chairman's speech at the last annual prize-giving was to this effect; and it is now decided that for the current year the conditions shall be the same as in 1908, while a general expression of the Council's views on the subject will be communicated in reply to the Commandant's letter.

✓ Police Kitchens. The Captain Superintendent forwards correspondence between himself and the Health Officer, relative to a report by Dr Billingham on the present insanitary and dirty condition in which he found many of the kitchens at the principal Police Stations. The Chairman considers that no little blame attaches to the Police in this matter, inasmuch as the subjects of complaint are generally speaking not such as to require technical knowledge for their amendment. While it should be the duty of the Sanitary Inspectors in the districts concerned to give advice and make recommendations with respect to the sanitary affairs of the Police Stations, yet it is understood that the responsibility for their condition must rest with the Police Station Inspectors. The matter will have further attention at the next meeting of the Watch Committee.

✓ Chinese Proclamations. A note from the Senior Consul forwards two copies of a proclamation directed against the boycott of British shipping to and from Kiukiang. While these documents will be posted as usual,

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it is decided to request that not less a number be furnished than were issued last week in the case of the proclamation on the subject of the boycott of Japanese goods, viz. 20. The marked difference in scope and intention of the two documents is the subject of comment.

Motor Car Licence Plates. In reply to an enquiry by the Horse Bazaar, it is decided to state that the official licence plate and no other must be attached to all licenced cars, and that the letters S.M.C. cannot be removed from the plate, such being the practice at home.

Native Press. With regard to an indecent illustration in the National Herald, to which the attention of the Watch Committee has been drawn by the Captain Superintendent, a draft letter of warning addressed to the editor is submitted for approval. The Council is of opinion that the terms of this letter are stronger than the occasion warrants, while Mr Meuser expresses the view that Police intervention in the matter is not called for.

River Conservancy. The Chairman alludes to the present impasse which has arisen in respect to the dredging work in progress, which may possibly be discontinued during the next few days owing to absence of the requisite funds. The Council attaches the greatest importance to this question, inasmuch as a week's discontinuance of dredging may result in both the old and new channel becoming unserviceable. It is decided to await such action as may be taken in the matter by the Chamber of Commerce, and if necessary to co-operate with that body in calling a public meeting for its discussion.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 29, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs      D. Landale      (Chairman)  
                 F.C. Heffer  
                 W.D. Little  
                 O. Meuser  
                 J. Prentice  
                 T.E. Trueman  
                 The Secretary and  
                 Assistant Secretary

Absent:                      H.De Gray  
   H.A.J. Maeray  
   W.A.C. 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.

Outside Roads.      The Chairman states that the question of the two projected roads in Paoshan is still under negotiation. The Soochow Governor has approved the proposed arrangement and a final reply from the Taotai is awaited. Upon hearing of the successful issue of the matter it is decided to express to Mr Barton the Council's thanks for his personal interest in and satisfactory settlement of the matter.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of September 24 are read and confirmed. With reference to the Peking Road Widening ex Lot 302, David Sassoon & Co.Ld., the Council is informed that a compromise may possibly be reached, thus rendering reference to the Land Commission unnecessary. The proposed reply to the firm will therefore be delayed.

✓ Volunteers, Ammunition.      A report by the Commandant is submitted recommending certain free grants of small arm ammunition to be used at Unit Rifle Meetings, in accordance with a practice introduced by Colonel Watson last year. It is directed in the first place that particulars be submitted of the cost incurred by these unauthorised grants, and of the total amount involved in the present proposal.

✓ Lekin Runners.      The reply of the Consular Body to the Council's letter on the subject of the illegal exactions of lekin runners shares the view as to the expediency of issuing a notification advising native residents to seek Police assistance whenever molested, and a draft notice is submitted and approved for issue.

Salt Gabelle. A letter from the Fu Hsin Salt Company is read, alleging that its objects, which appear to have been defeated by the Council's public announcement in the matter, have been misunderstood. The Company requests prevention of the retail sale of salt in the Settlement except through its own sub-depots or shops, and arrangement for health inspection of the salt sold. It is pointed out that the Company in question is that mentioned by name in the proclamation irregularly issued in the Settlement by the Governor of Chekiang, in which an attempt was made to confer an official monopoly of the sale of salt. Its objects have been abundantly clear from the outset, and the Council remains unwilling to restrict the free sale of salt as requested. It is the Health Officer's opinion that there is nothing detrimental to health in native salt and the suggested sanitary inspection would therefore be without purpose. It is directed that a reply be addressed to the Company in this sense.

Chinese Proclamations. Two communications from the Senior Consul are submitted, forwarding a second proclamation by the Taotai upon the subject of the boycott of British shipping, and a second proclamation on the boycott of Japanese goods. The first of these is ordered for immediate publication together with that submitted at the Council's last meeting, and both documents will be sealed and posted as usual.

Victoria Nursing Home, Mental Ward. A letter from Dr Milles, <sup>is read</sup> as to the case of Maria Bernstein, an unrepresented Foreign pauper, who has been in the free ward at the General Hospital for nearly three years and is stated latterly to have become demented. Dr Milles requests her treatment at the Mental Ward at the public cost and the Chairman supports the view that this is the proper course. To this the Health Officer's recommendation is strongly adverse upon the grounds that the limited accommodation at the Ward is intended for acute cases of mental disease, the time of sojourn being limited to six months, and that it is unsuitable for the permanent incarceration of the chronically insane. It is decided after some discussion to accept the case at the Home for the present, endeavouring to obtain recognition of her nationality by the Austrian Consulate with a view to repatriation.

Public Lighting. A letter from the Gas Company is submitted in continuation of the discussion contained in the correspondence published in the Municipal Gazette of August 19. In order to demonstrate with effect the advantages of incandescent gas lighting, the Company offers to supply, light and maintain, without charge, 15 to 20 special lamps during a period to be fixed by the Council. The question as to whether this offer should be accepted or not is after some discussion decided in the negative,

and a reply is directed to the effect that the lighting arrangements for the current year are complete, but that the representations made will be fully considered in framing proposals for next year. In accordance with the Company's request, their letter with the Council's reply is ordered for publication.

✓ Tramways.

✓ Fare Sections. A letter from the Tramway Company is submitted proposing certain changes in the arrangement of sections on the Rifle Range route; on the circular route to the Railway Station, and from the Yangkingpang to Yangtsepoo, incident upon the through running of cars from the French Settlement. Mr Meuser remarks that these proposals involve a contradiction of the tariff since passengers on the last named route will in two instances travel three sections only, though paying a four section fare and in one instance four sections only though paying a five section fare. It is directed that a reply be addressed to the Company, with comment in this particular, but in the opinion that the Company should at the present juncture have freedom of action in such matters the Council approves the arrangements as a whole.

✓ Stopping Places. A letter from Mr G.W. Noel refers to the obstruction to traffic caused by the stoppage of cars abreast in the Nanking Road between Kiangse and Honan Roads and a Police report thereon submits correspondence with the Company and a letter which has been addressed to the Automobile Club on the subject. The difficulty appears to be adjustable by fixing the stopping place for incoming cars midway between the existing stop and the Kiangse Road corner and that for outgoing cars midway between the existing stop and the next pole to the West. If this arrangement is impracticable the Council directs that these stopping places be amended in accordance with the Police proposals.

✓ Gas Main in the Canton Road. Inasmuch as the removal of the tramway from this thoroughfare may be the result of the projected autumn Ratepayers Meeting, it is decided to request the Gas Company to allow the matter of alteration of mains to remain in abeyance in the meanwhile.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*W. Meuser*

Secretary.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*D.B.*

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 6, 1909, at 4.30 p.m  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
F.C. Heffer  
W.D. Little  
H.A.J. Macray  
O. Meuser  
J. Prentice  
T.E. Trueman  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. De Gray  
W.A.C. 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.

Tramways. With regard to the projected Autumn Meeting of Ratepayers the Chairman points out that little good will result therefrom unless the Company's resolutions have the Council's support. It therefore appears desirable that they be prepared with as little delay as possible, and before any steps are taken towards calling the meeting.

The suggestion has been made that the whole of the questions at stake be solved by the issue of a number of shares to the Council in place of the royalty, etc., as in the case of the Waterworks Company; and it is possible that proposals in this sense may be received from the Company.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of September 30 are read and confirmed. With reference to the projected structural alterations at the

Gaol, the Chairman alludes to the fact that the reception accommodation is inadequate, rendering preliminary cleansing and disinfecting a matter of some difficulty. The point is noted for the attention of the Engineer in preparing sketch plans.

Gaoler Blennerhassett: The Chairman expresses regret at the absence of Mr De Gray, at whose instigation the Committee went a second time into the question of this employe's agreement. He states that so strong are the Captain Superintendent's views on the subject, that the Committee has no other course but to endorse his recommendation.

Central Station Alterations. The Chairman has visited the Station and concurs in the view that additional office room is necessary. He considers, however, that the structural alterations involved should not be extensive.

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✓ Sikh Branch. The Committee has formed the impression that the present state of discipline in the Sikh Branch is not satisfactory, and that the controlling effect of the Gurdwara is not as great as was anticipated. As a result of a consultation with Sir Havilland de Sausmarez a draft Regulation for extending the Powers of Punishment of the Captain Superintendent is submitted for the Council's approval. There are still in this document certain clauses which might preferably be omitted; on the other hand it is considered desirable, with a view to the issue of the Regulation as soon as possible, to reduce amendments to a minimum. The papers on the subject will be circulated for members' approval, and if an understanding is reached the Chairman will see the Judge again on the subject.

✓ 2nd Assistant Superintendent Martin. A Police Report is read in respect to the arrangements for the visit of this employe to Nanking for the purpose of Chinese study. The proposals therein contained are approved, and it is decided to address an unofficial letter to H.M. Consul at that Port, desiring that he will exercise supervision over Mr Martin during his stay.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Ambulance Section. A letter from the Commandant suggests the abolition of the Ambulance section, and the substitution of a staff of officers and men of each Unit, trained in First Aid duties. It is possible that the change would be fraught with some difficulty as regards medical practitioners enrolled in the Corps, but the Council endorses the recommendation of the Commandant on ~~the~~ trial.

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✓ Special Parade. At the suggestion of Mr Little it is decided to communicate to the Corps, through the Commandant, the Council's satisfaction at the parade, <sup>state</sup> on the occasion of the review by Field Marshal Lord Kitchener of Khartoum on October 5. The large attendance of members of the Corps of nationalities other than British is considered a feature of the parade calling for special appreciation.

✓ Rank of Captain Superintendent of Police. A letter from the War Office is read, referring to previous correspondence on this subject, and stating that the Army Council has reconsidered the limitations imposed at the time Colonel Bruce was given supreme command of the Defence Forces in the event of their mobilisation. Since the Council does not desire any change in the arrangements at present laid down, it is decided to do no more than acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

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✓ Salt Gabelle. Draft reply to the Fu Hsin Company is submitted and approved, with some modification in the concluding paragraph.

✓ Trust Funds. From a statement by the Accountant it appears that the uninvested balance of Trust Funds amounts to about £140,000, and, after some discussion, it is decided to invest £28,000 in 6 per cent debentures of the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld., at 103, and £23,000 in those of the Shanghai Gas Co.Ld. at 102½, in accordance with a broker's quotations.

✓ Escape of Convict. Police Reports on the incident in the Hanbury Road on October 1, already reported in the press, are submitted, and the recommendations of the Captain Superintendent with respect to the Chinese accidentally shot during the effort at re-capture are approved.

Mr Meuser draws attention to the danger to the public caused by indiscriminate shooting on occasions of this kind, and holds the view that there is room for improvement in the present method of supervision of gangs. The Watch Committee regards the arming of warders as necessary, and a Police Report on the subject will be submitted upon the return of the Captain Superintendent from leave.

✓ Fire Brigade. A note from the Chief Engineer is read, recommending the permanent employment of Mr Lent, recently acting as Departmental Engineer during Mr Parkhill's absence on leave. It was his intention to ask for a second engineer in the estimates for 1910, in view of the increased mechanical plant of the Brigade. Mr Lent has given satisfaction, and his engagement on a 3 monthly agreement, at his present rate of salary, is approved.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

*David Dandale*

Chairman.

*W. L. Wilson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 13, 1909, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 F.C. Heffer  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 T.E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

H. De Gray  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 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.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 5, are read and confirmed. In regard to the question of

Power Supply, Mr Meuser points out that the special rate which it is proposed to quote to the Shing Cheong Rice Mill invites comparison with that desired by the Tramway Company.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of October 11 are read and confirmed. In Mr De Gray's absence the discussion of the question of

School Development is deferred until next week, the Headmaster's report to be in the meanwhile prepared for publication.

Volunteers.

Artillery. The resignation of Captain A.J. Stewart, on the grounds of ill health and consequent impending departure from Shanghai, is received with regret and recorded.

At the suggestion of the Commandant it is decided to cast Pony No.10 on account of vicious tendencies and danger in handling.

Customs Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant J.de W. Jansen, owing to his transfer from Shanghai to Swatow, is received with regret, and recorded.

Medical Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Dr W.B. Billinghamurst.

New Headquarters and Drill Hall. A report by the Engineer is submitted, accompanied by plans showing three alternative projected buildings, respectively in the Hankow, Soochow and Mohawk Roads. Copies of these documents will be forwarded to the Commandant for report, after

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consultation with the senior officers of the Corps.

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/ Sikh Branch. An extensive Police Report is submitted on the subject of the present disaffection of the Sikh Branch of the Force, and the Chairman states that H.M. Judge has announced his willingness to deport such of the men as have already been convicted upon the undertaking of the Council to defray their passage to India. He has stated that the Council will defray these charges as before, and will undertake such supervision of the work of repatriation as is necessary.

Sir Havilland de Sausmarez will take the opportunity of warning the Sikh Community that the necessary amendment of the law applicable to cases of insubordination is in contemplation, and issue a warning that such offences will be dealt with rigorously.

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A fresh draft of the proposed Regulations for increasing the Powers of Punishment of the Captain Superintendent is also submitted, the various provisions of which are regarded as satisfactory, inasmuch as the Council will retain the power of dismissal, etc, which cannot logically be placed in the hands of an employe. These Regulations are read over in detail, and it is noted that the Judge has expressed willingness to bring the matter to a conclusion at an early date. If, therefore, any additional offences are required to be inserted in Regulation 6, or if other minor amendment is necessary, no time must be lost in bringing the same to the Judge's notice.

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/ Mixed Court, Execution of Warrants. With reference to the case reported in the Police Daily State of September 25, wherein the Taotai Wong, who is in charge of the Paoshan native constabulary, refused permission to the Police to execute a warrant in his premises in the Sinza Road, Dr Schirmer, the German Assessor, submits a draft form of apology to be written by the Taotai, with an intimation to the effect that insistence upon prosecution for this offence would be likely to lead to difficulty. Under the circumstances, the Council is prepared to accept this settlement of the case.

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/ Rifle Range Extension. The Council is informed that all efforts to obtain Lots 376 and 377, of an aggregate area of Mow 9.5, at a lower price than £2000 per mow have failed, and that Mr Algar recommends purchase at this price. The opinion is general that delay in obtaining these lots, which are in close proximity to the present Rifle Butt, cannot but lead to greater expense in the future, and, while realising that the price asked is a high one, purchase is authorised.

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/ Notification of Infectious Disease. Some discussion takes place as to a dispute which has arisen between the Health Officer and certain private practitioners, on the subject of the acceptance of all private diagnoses



of infectious disease for embodiment in the weekly published returns. It appears necessary to the Council to meet the doctors in this matter if it is possible without vitiating the returns, and the case may be met by the addition of a third column to the form to contain particulars of cases the diagnosis of which is not confirmed in the laboratory. With regard especially to Cholera it is suggested that the words "Asiatic" be added, to indicate that this type only of the disease is published.

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Bund Bridge over the Yangkingpang. A note from the Engineer points out that the French Council has allowed six weeks to elapse without apparently taking any step in the matter of the re-construction of this bridge, and it is decided to enquire what reason, if any, there is for the delay.

Drubbling Well Carriage Turn. The recommendation of the Parks Committee is submitted, that the open space at this point be re-laid out, at a cost of £375, for which work there is no appropriation in the Budget. Inasmuch as the present season and no other is suitable for the transplanting work involved, the Council sanctions the excess.

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Rules of Procedure. A memorandum by the Legal Adviser on the Report of the Special Committee appointed for the discussion of this subject is in members' hands, and will be considered in detail by the Finance Committee at an early date.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 20, 1909, at 4.30 p.m

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F. C. Heffer  
 W. D. Little  
 H. A. J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 W. A. C. Platt  
 T. E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 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.

Volunteers, American Company. The Commandant recommends the issue of a commission as 2nd Lieutenant to Mr W. E. Sauer, at present on leave in America, to enable the Company to be represented there by a commissioned officer. Mr Trueman points out that such a step would be unusual, unless Mr Sauer intends to go through a course of instruction or to be attached to a military establishment, and the decision of the Council is on these lines.

Use of Fire Arms. The Senior Consul forwards the reply of the Taotai to the Council's recent complaint as to indiscriminate firing in the neighbourhood of the Yangtze-poo Road, in which he draws attention to the case where the Police injured a pedestrian while in pursuit of an escaped convict, and remarks that this matter requires careful treatment on both sides.

Redemption of Debentures. A letter from the Hongkong Bank is read, in allusion to the hardship which will fall upon the owners of scrip recently drawn for repayment owing to the present high rate of premium at which debentures stand, unless permission is granted to reinvest at par in the Loan of 1910. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee it is decided to comply with this suggestion, while at the same time pointing out to the Bank the Council's reasons for its action, and that in former years similar repayments at par took place when debentures were quoted at a discount. Mr Heffer refers to the fact that the oldest outstanding 6 per cent loan is not being repaid, and that the Electrical Loans do not differ from General Loans from the standpoint of

an investor, it is therefore resolved at the end of the year to make the necessary book entries exchanging the Electrical Loans of 1894 and 1898 for equivalent amounts of more recent date, so that these may be repaid in rotation.

Electrical Engineer. This employe's application to be permitted to reside in the Sinza Road is submitted, and, with the approval of the Electricity Committee, sanctioned. Upon the Chairman's proposal it is decided to add a reservation to the effect that this permission may be re-considered in the event of Mr Aldridge's residence at so great a distance from the Works proving inconvenient in the future, for instance when the erection of the Wangtszepoo Power Station is inaugurated.

Settlement Extension. A letter from the Senior Consul encloses copies of the Consular Body's despatch to the Viceroy at Nanking on this subject and of his reply. His Excellency adds little to what has previously been written in this matter, and it appears to the Council that further correspondence is unlikely to have any result. For this reason it is decided to make the suggestion that a deputation of the Consular Body proceed to Nanking for personal discussion of the question and with a view to effecting the desired extension.

Eligibility for the Council. The Consular Body also communicates its recent resolutions as to the questions raised at the annual meeting of Ratepayers in respect to Councillors' qualifications, based on the opinion of the Legal Adviser transmitted in May last. It is pointed out that by the insertion of the words "or houses or both" in the clause relating to landrenters' qualifications, what is intended to be the last word on the subject is rendered slightly inaccurate. It is decided, if possible, to take steps unofficially for the correction of this letter before publication.

Tramways. A letter from the Company encloses a statement of accounts to September 30, with the draft resolution for submission at the forthcoming Autumn Meeting of Ratepayers. The Finance Committee will meet for the discussion of the matter so soon as a report by the Accountant on these figures is made ready.

Police Quarters. A proposal to lease a flat from the Shanghai Land Investment Co. Ltd. at the corner of the Peking and Szechuen Roads, for the accommodation of the junior Police officers is submitted and disapproved. There is no immediate necessity for the settlement of this matter, and the Council would prefer quarters where the lighting arrangements are not under private control.

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Electrical Transformers. The suggestion of the Electrical Engineer to erect a transformer kiosk in the broad section of the Foochow Road at the Hoopoh Road corner is disapproved, on the general grounds that street obstructions of this character are <sup>not</sup> ~~un~~permissible in the Central District. The Works Committee will consider further proposals for the accommodation of the kiosk on the adjoining pavement.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.

*David Dandale*

Chairman.

*W. Hurson*

Secretary.

D.L.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 27, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 F.C. Heffer  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Maoray  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T.E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant 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.

The minute of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of October 20, on the case of Gaoler Ellenherhasset, is read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 22 are read and confirmed with the following modifications:-

Peking Road, Lot 311. Mr Meuser has seen Mr Ambrose in this matter and finds him unwilling to concede the point as to the rate for capitalising loss of rent. The matter is therefore one for re-consideration.

Peking Road, Lot 305, H. Lester. The Committee's reasons for its decision as to the usual payment for compulsory surrender are not stated, but the Council endorses the proposal to offer a lump sum for the surrender involved.

Yates Road Bridge. Noting that the Finance Committee has given instructions that departmental estimates be furnished in the fullest detail, it is recorded, in deference to this minute, that such details are not necessarily for publication.

Junior Golf Club Pavilion. The Council will call for a contribution of £50 from the Club towards the cost of the projected water main.

Repairs to Carts. The Committee is satisfied that the performance of this work departmentally will effect economy at no sacrifice of efficiency, and the Engineer's recommendations on the subject are therefore approved. Due notice of this decision will be communicated to the Bazaar.

✓ Tramway Track. The members have inspected the new chip paving in the Chekiang Road, and, upon the understanding that the improved method adopted will be maintained, the Engineer's proposals with regard to the remaining section of the road and the Hoopoh Road are endorsed.

✓ Footpaths and Tall Buildings. While there is no doubt that the damage to the footpaths opposite the Russian Bank, Kalee, and other tall buildings is due to their settlement, the Council confirms the decision not to claim a refund of the cost of re-laying.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Uniform. A letter from the Commandant is read, recommending distinctive coloured piping etc., for the uniform of certain units, the dress of which is at present identical. His proposal is approved.

✓ Chinese Company. Mr Little states that in his opinion the members of this Company who are also members of the Rifle Association or otherwise evince keenness in rifle shooting, should be permitted to retain possession of their arms, instead of returning them to store in accordance with the arrangement made at the time the Company was established. It is therefore directed that a report be submitted on the subject, to include the views of the Unit Commander, Captain Cubitt, who is returning to Shanghai at an early date.

✓ Incendiarism. A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police refers to recent cases of incendiarism in the West Hongkew Police District, and, at his suggestion, it is decided to issue a Chinese Notification, directing the attention of native householders to the necessity for precautions against this form of crime.

✓ Tramways.

✓ Boundary Road. At the request of the Company the Council assents to the track at the corner of Boundary and North Honan Roads remaining in its present position, with the reservation that it shall be transferred to the line approved at the beginning of the year, whenever, in the Council's opinion, such transfer shall be considered desirable.

✓ Canton Road. A letter from the Company is read, in reply to the proposal to remove the track from the Canton Road, and it is noted that the Company desires reimbursement of the cost of removal, estimated at \$11,700. Discussion ensues as to the modifications of the concession agreement about to be proposed for public approval, and it appears to the members that the framing of a demand such as the foregoing will not conduce to amicable settlement.

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✓ Electrical Transformer Kiosk. The new position for this projected structure at the corner of the Foochow and Hoopah Roads is approved, subject to the assent of the adjoining landowner.

✓ Refuge for Chinese Slave Girls. A letter from the Treasurer of the Refuge is read, desiring a grant of \$2500 towards the cost of a projected new building. While not unwilling that provision be made in the Budget for 1910 to this end, the Council desires in the first place details of the site and character of the new building.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

*David Lardate*

Chairman.

*W. H. W. W. W.*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 10, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- F. C. Heffer
- W. D. Little
- H. A. J. Maoray
- O. Meuser
- W. A. C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- T. E. Trueman
- The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Volunteers.

American Company. With regard to the suggested issue of a commission to Mr Sauer, the Commandant reports that if his recommendation is complied with, the officer in question will undergo a course of instruction at the Army Post at Presidio, San Francisco, and under these circumstances, the issue of a commission is authorised.

German Company. The resignation of Lieutenant H. Rix is received and recorded. This officer, after six years service in the Corps, has been notified by his firm, The China Export, Import and Bank Compagnie, that his position as Lieutenant is contrary to the conditions of his agreement and the Council records an expression of regret at the loss of his services.

Staff. The commission of Major T. E. Trueman, which will expire on November 13, is authorised for renewal.

Chinese Company. A letter from the Commandant is read, containing his own views and those of Captain Cubitt on the proposal to relax the condition as to the custody of arms, which attaches to membership of this Unit. The substance of this report is to the effect that no step is desirable in the direction suggested at all events for the present, and it meets with unanimous endorsement at the hands of the Council.

Irregular Arrest. Referring to the case reported by the Police in August of the illegal seizure in the Markham Road of a rice dealer, and his subsequent transfer to the Native City, a further report is submitted containing statements by the man's relatives as to the treatment which has been accorded to him. It is decided to communicate these further



facts for the information of the Consular Body, and a letter in this sense, submitted in draft, is signed by the Chairman for despatch.

Native Inquests. With reference to the death of a native woman, due to the collision of her ricscha with a Fire Brigade Truck, as reported in the Police Daily State of October 18, it is decided to draw the attention of the Consular Body to the case for the reason that the City Magistrate has declined to hold any formal enquiry into the circumstances. A letter is submitted in draft embodying a statement of the facts, and repeating the Council's desire that a more satisfactory system be inaugurated for the holding of inquests under the supervision of a Consular Assessor. This letter is also signed for despatch.

Fruit-Hawkers. A letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate is read, on the subject of the incursion of a number of hawkers and their families into the Court on November 6. They made complaint of the action of the Police in confiscating their wares, and otherwise interfering with their means of livelihood. The Police report on the case shows that, upon the return of Inspector Mackintosh from leave, sudden and drastic action was taken with regard to the fruit-hawkers who were infesting the Sinza District. Fruit-hawking is prohibited under Notification No. 1794, but the rule had to some extent fallen into disuse. The reply to the Magistrate will explain the circumstances of the case, and allude to the fact that a very large number of these hawkers reside beyond the boundary of the Settlement, and that their entry in any capacity is considered undesirable.

Gaoler Blennerhassett. A letter from this employe recapitulates what he has already stated in respect to his services, and applies for passages home for his family and an additional money grant. The Captain Superintendent writes that, in his opinion, no such claim is justifiable on the other hand, at the Chairman's suggestion, it is decided as an act of grace to defray the cost of passage of wife and two children to England. Some grounds for this step lie in the fact that Mrs Blennerhassett was formerly a Municipal employe, while the passage of herself and family from home was paid by the Council originally as the result of a misunderstanding.

Fire Brigade. The Chief Engineer reports that the Annual Parade has been fixed for November 20, and enumerates the names of the winners of the Company Attendance Cups for the past two years. These particulars are ordered for publication forthwith.

Upon the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the purchase of two Russian horses is decided, at a cost not exceeding Roubles 600. Mr Bidwell adds that these horses have been found by experience superior

to Australian animals; on the other hand it is understood that they will not work separately, and their special training in this respect is directed.

✓ Engineer and Surveyor. A letter from Mr Mayne is read, stating that owing to the condition of his wife's health, his resignation has now become necessary: to take effect from November 27, the date of expiry of his leave. No course remains but to accept the resignation, and, in so doing, the Chairman alludes to Mr Mayne's efficient control for a period of twenty years of the Public Works Department. In amplification of the arrangements formerly recorded in anticipation of this eventualit<sup>y</sup>, the Council confirms Mr Mayne's appointment as Consulting Engineer, under an agreement terminable at one year's notice. His salary as such is, at Mr Heffer's suggestion, fixed at £150 per annum, instead of £100 as formerly suggested; and it is noted that for this fee Mr Mayne will be required to report and collect particulars on any subject upon which the Council may desire information. His out-of-pocket expenses, while engaged in such work, will be defrayed, and special fees will be issued if he is required to inspect machinery, etc., before despatch.

Some discussion ensues as to the appointment of Mr Godfrey, the present Deputy Engineer, or another, to fill the vacancy, and it is left to the Works Committee to make a recommendation on the subject with particularised proposals as to salary, etc.

✓ Land Commission. The Council is informed of the application of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Case LXX, to be represented by Mr Oppe, a member of the legal firm of Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips. So far as the Council is concerned, no objection will be raised to this arrangement.

✓ Electricity Department.

✓ Purchase of Lamps. The Engineer's report is submitted on the tenders received for Carbon and Metallic lamps, in response to Notification No. 1982, and his recommendation, endorsed by the Electricity Committee, is adopted for the acceptance of that of Messrs Brighten, Malcolm & Co. 'Cryselco' lamps, and the Shanghai Electric and Asbestos Co. 'Robertson' and 'Osram' lamps, each firm to supply half of those required at prices quoted.

✓ Exhibition at Chang Su-Ho's Garden. A proposal by the Electrical Engineer, supported also by the Committee concerned, is submitted, that the Department avail of the opportunity which this forthcoming exhibition offers to show arc lamps and motors in working, with a view to the further development of the business of hiring these appliances to consumers. It is suggested that such an exhibit may be the subject of adverse criticism among a section of the community, but the Chairman

points out that the course is followed extensively in England, citing instances at Hull, Pembroke and Shoreditch in evidence of the statement. The members are unanimous in the opinion that it is the duty of the Council to increase the scope of this Municipal Industrial Undertaking by this and every available means.

✓ Extension over the Socchow Creek. Noting the application of the Chun Zeang Steam Filature for connexion to the mains, it is decided to authorise stretching a wire across the Creek from the termination of the Chengtu Road at small cost, subject to the sanction of the Harbourmaster in respect to the height of the wire.

✓ Public Band. The Conductor reports to the effect that the harpist of the Tsingtau Band will complete his services in April, and is desirous of joining the Shanghai Public Band, upon the same terms as are offered to foreign musicians. He would use his own instrument, a valuable one, upon the understanding that he would receive an additional \$10 per mensem for harp strings, and Mr Buck reports that he is an efficient performer on the violin and piano. Inasmuch as the applicant requires a reply forthwith, it becomes necessary to settle the point in advance of the Band Committee's Budget proposals, and the engagement of the man is therefore authorised, provided the total Band appropriation is not seriously increased.

✓ Rules of Procedure. A memorandum by the Finance Committee, upon the Report of the Special Committee appointed for the discussion of this subject is read and adopted, together with a proposed new set of rules, wherein are embodied such of the Committee's recommendations as have been found acceptable under legal advice. It is decided to invite the members of the Committee to meet the Finance Committee, should they so desire, for further discussion of the matter, and thereafter to publish the whole of the documents in a special number of the Municipal Gazette.

✓ Voting List. Arising out of the foregoing minute, and in accordance with the Special Committee's proposal, it is decided to follow the exact provisions of Article XIX of the Land Regulations by the issue on December 1 of a complete alphabetical Voting List, giving the names of the voters, and in the case of firms, companies, absentees, etc., the names of their representatives.

✓ Settlement Extension. The Chairman states that the Consular Body has accepted the Council's proposal to send a deputation of their number to Nanking for personal discussion of this matter with the Viceroy. In regard to the antagonistic attitude which is known to be adopted

by the American Legation in Peking, it is decided to address the American Association on the subject, alluding to published despatches of the China Association, and asking for their co-operation in the work of securing this very necessary concession from the Chinese Government.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*David Landale*

Chairman.

*W. Musson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 17, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F. C. Heffer  
 W. D. Little  
 H. A. J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 W. A. C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T. E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Rules of Procedure. The Chairman has learnt that while Mr Stepharius is absent from Shanghai, the Special Committee, of which he was a member, will not attend the forthcoming meeting of the Finance Committee for further discussion of the Rules as proposed for amendment. With the approval of Mr Wilkinson, the Chairman of the Special Committee, it is decided to publish the various papers on the subject, as prepared for that purpose, forthwith; they will therefore appear in a special number of the Municipal Gazette on November 19.

Mr De Gray draws attention to the opening paragraph of the Legal Adviser's opinion, which has the appearance of reflecting on the Chairman at the last Ratepayers Meeting; at his suggestion it is decided to intimate to Mr McNeill that the Council is very desirous that the matter in question be omitted, and, with the writer's approval, this course will be followed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of November 16, are read and confirmed. Arising out of a general discussion as to expenditure on the Band during 1910, a proposal is made that a small charge of say 20 cents be made for admission to the Sunday Orchestral Concerts. Mr Meuser observes that a fee might affect the number of the audience, and that such music is invariably open to the public free on the Continent. After further consideration, it is resolved to make no change in this respect.

Volunteers.

Ammunition. A despatch from the General Officer Commanding in Hongkong communicates the assent of the Army Council to the increase

in the reserve of ammunition held by the Corps, as desired in the early part of the year.

✓ Staff. The Council has noted that Captain and Adjutant G.F. Collyer has been transferred to Singapore, and his application for 6 months' leave is granted.

✓ Medical Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Dr C.N. Davis.

✓ Policing beyond Limits, North Szechuen Road. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards the request of the Taotai that the Chapei Constabulary be permitted to cross this thoroughfare on duty. Therewith is submitted a Police Report summarising the probable results of granting such permission, and accompanied by the strong recommendation of the Captain Superintendent that it be refused. In replying in the sense of this report, it will be necessary to correct the Taotai's mistaken apprehension as to the status of the road, and to allude to the extension of the Settlement, for which application has been made, which will obviate further reference to the matter. Mention will also be made of the fact that this is but one of the many vexatious points now being raised by the Taotai Wong to impede and imperil smooth relations between the Foreign Administration of Shanghai and the local Chinese Authorities.

✓ Casual Ward. A copy is submitted of a memoransum of the meeting of the Committee of the Seamen's Mission, held on October 7, in which a deputation was appointed to wait on the Council for the discussion of the present number of casuals and beach-combers in Shanghai. The proposal that the Council open a shelter for such persons is considered, and it is decided to obtain a report from the Captain Superintendent on the matter generally, before taking action.

✓ Policing of the Soochow Creek. Referring to certain allusions in the press as to the establishment of a force to be known as Chapei Water Police, for the control of this Creek, the Captain Superintendent, referring to former reports, draws attention to the undesirability of further complicating this important question in the manner proposed. The Creek from the Stone Bridge to the River is at present nominally policed by the Customs Water Police Force acting in co-operation with the Municipal Police, and while three quarters of this length of the Creek are within Settlement limits, a Municipal road traverses the bank of the remainder. It is therefore decided to address the Consular Body on the subject, to point out the futility of this last attempt of the Chapei Constabulary to harass the policing of the Northern District, and to state that it appears to

be necessary for the Council to take a more active part in controlling the Creek than heretofore.

✓ House Numbering. A letter from the Postal Commissioner is read, complaining of the present system of numbering houses throughout the Settlement. It is allowed that this question is fraught with some difficulty; at the same time Mr Lay makes no specific recommendation except that the number plates should have in addition Chinese numerals. It is decided therefore to suggest that a representative of the Post Office be deputed to co-operate with the Assistant Overseer of Taxes in compiling a general report with recommendations on the subject.

✓ Ward Road. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai in which he expresses the desire that the extension of this road be deferred for the present. Consideration of this matter awaits the receipt of a report from the Engineer on the subject.

✓ Arming of Warders. The recommendation of the Captain Superintendent is adopted that Sikh Warders in charge of working gangs of convicts be armed henceforth with buckshot cartridges in lieu of bullets, also that the men on this duty discard bayonets.

✓ Police Quarters. In furtherance of the proposal to convert the Cadets' Quarters in the Central Station into offices, the Council sanctions taking a lease of a flat at No. 8 Jinkee Road at a rent of \$150 per mensem or less. These quarters have been inspected by the Acting Engineer and the Captain Superintendent, and have been found to be commodious and suitable.

✓ Water Supply beyond Limits. From extracts from the native papers it appears that an agreement is about to, or has been, made between the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. and the Chapel authorities, for the supply of water to the district of that name; and, inasmuch as no arrangements have been communicated to the Council on the subject of the payment of the half Municipal Rate thereby involved, it is decided to address the Company again on the subject, and, while alluding to the promise made by the Chairman of the Company to the Chairman of Council in September last, to suggest the advisability of arbitrating the point in dispute forthwith.

✓ Municipal Engineer. A note from Mr J.J. Chollot desires the Council's assent to the performance of certain survey work by Mr Godfrey in connexion with a dispute between himself and his late employers, the French Municipal Council. The Council is unanimously of opinion that, not only is it undesirable that Mr Godfrey be concerned in this matter, but also that his agreement precludes acceptance of the suggestion.

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The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Daudate*

Chairman.

*W. Hurson*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 24, 1909,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H. De Gray	
	F. C. Heffer	
	W. D. Little	
	H. A. J. Maoray	
	O. Meuser	
	W. A. C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	T. E. Trueman	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of November 18, and of the adjourned meeting of November 23, are read and confirmed.

Financial Administration and Control. The Chairman explains at some length the changes in procedure which will be inaugurated with the establishment of the Finance Department and the appointment of the Treasurer. He points out that the main improvement wrought is that by signature of the Requisition Books the various Committees will authorise work to be done or articles to be purchased, instead of as at present by signature of the Payments Books confirming what has already taken place.

The Council approves the proposal that Mr Goodale's salary under the new appointment shall be at the rate of £500, £550 and £600 during the terms of a new agreement, with effect from November 1.

Charges for Electricity. After some discussion the Accountant's proposals as to discount are adopted, to be submitted for the opinion of the Electricity Committee.

Electrical Power. Messrs Heffer and Prentice are strongly opposed to the Council's acceptance of shares in the Electric Construction Co. in place of the existing Tramway royalty, upon the grounds that the Company is not at present a paying concern, and that the public receipts for the privileges of the concession should precede any payment of dividend. This view being supported by the Council, the matter becomes one for further negotiation with the Company before any arrangements are made for a Special Meeting of Ratepayers.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 19 are read and confirmed. In regard to the suggested bunding of the water-frontage of

Ferry Road, Mr Heffer states that it was not the Committee's intention to carry out this work. The suggested jetty is considered to be unnecessary, and the matter is left for re-consideration.

Public Lighting, Hankow Road. After some discussion the substitution of electricity for gas in this road is approved.

Bund Reclamation. The Council is unanimously of opinion that inset steps would be generally less convenient and desirable than the present system of pontoons. The former suggestion will therefore be abandoned.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of November 22 are read and confirmed. With respect to

Mr Ellis Kadoorie's proposal, Mr Macray strongly advocates the acceptance of the offer, if still available, upon the lines suggested last year, and, after some discussion, the scheme receives the Council's endorsement. An early opportunity will be taken to conclude the matter on a formal basis for ratification by the Ratepayers.

Volunteers, Ammunition. A report giving the cost of supplying free ammunition for Unit rifle meetings is submitted, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, it is decided to authorise a grant of 20 rounds per man competing, at a cost of about \$600 per annum.

Land Commission. The awards of the Commissioners in cases Nos LXVIII, LXIX and LXX are submitted. These awards have been transmitted for the information of the concerned, and are ordered for publication, as usual.

Bridges over the Yangkingpang. A letter from the French Council is read, to the effect that they are unwilling to sanction the necessary strengthening and re-construction work for the two bridges concerned until more satisfactory arrangements are made in respect to through running powers between the two Companies. The Council having given close scrutiny to the draft agreement for through-running, and found it mutually satisfactory, is at a loss to understand the meaning of this communication, unless it is the intention of the French Council to foster a second public agitation in favour of culverting the Yangkingpang.

Consular Body. A letter from the retiring Consul General for France is read, replete with expressions of his goodwill towards the Foreign Settlement, and expressing appreciation of the cordial relations which, he states, have existed between himself and the Council. A reply in similar terms is authorised.

✓ Opium. The concluding step in respect to opium houses in the Settlement, that is to say the closing of the last remaining quarter of the houses, will take place as pre-arranged on December 31. It is therefore decided to issue a Notification, drawing attention to this fact as a warning to the concerned.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 1, 1909,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H.De Gray  
 W.D. Little  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T.E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: F.C. Heffer

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.

✓ Public Lighting, Hankow Road. The decision on this subject, as recorded in the minutes of last meeting, is more explicit than was the Council's intention, and, while of opinion that the change proposed is desirable, the Council directs that action thereon be deferred for the present.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 29, are read and confirmed. With respect to the:-

✓ Volunteers, Staff, Mr Trueman differs from the Committee's decision in respect to the renewal of Sergeant Major Studd's agreement. He points out that this employe's duties are rather those of a store-keeper and clerk than of a drill instructor, and states that his management of stores matters has brought about and maintained considerable improvement in the office routine. Mr Little again supports the view that the system of temporary service should not be broken, and after some discussion it is decided to call for a further report from the Commandant on the point.

✓ Jessfield Club, Assault Case. The Council is informed that the application of the Legal Adviser for bail at the termination of the second day's proceedings, was based not on the reasons stated by the Watch Committee, but on the grounds that the accommodation for the men at the Gaol was unsatisfactory. Mr Jones further stated that the application was made on behalf of the accused, which was not strictly correct. Mr Platt points out that in such matters the Council's instructions should be followed, apart from any opinion which may be entertained by the Legal Adviser, and, after some discussion, it is decided to address an enquiry as to why such was not the case in the present instance.

✓ Case of P.C. Jones. In view of the publicity which has already been given to the action of P.C. Jones in the rescue of a child in the Suez Canal, it is considered sufficient for the Council's appreciation of his conduct to be communicated to him verbally by the Captain Superintendent.

✓ Gaoler Blennerhassett. Mr Little states that he has been approached by the Rev. C.E. Darwent in the interest of this employe, but the Council is unwilling to reconsider its decision in the matter.

✓ Volunteers, Artillery. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Lieutenant L.E. Canning, vice Captain A.J. Stewart resigned.

✓ Death of the Overseer of Taxes. The Council has learnt with deep regret of the death of Mr A. Johnsford, Overseer of Taxes, on November 25, and the Chairman makes reference to the loss which the Municipal Service has suffered in the death of this old and valued public servant, whose duties have been discharged for 32 years in a most exemplary manner.

In regard to the appointment of his successor, the Finance Committee will consider the matter at an early date, and in the meanwhile Mr E.L. Allen, the Assistant Overseer, is authorised to act as the Council's attorney and agent in the collection of rates, etc.

✓ Sinza Stone Bridge. From a paragraph in the native press, it appears that the Chapel Authorities contemplate repairing or re-erecting this structure, and the Council re-affirms its willingness to share the cost of a new bridge, provided the arrangement includes provision for the supervision of the work by the Public Works Department.

✓ Hungjao-Brenan Road connexion. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, forwarding the Taotai's request that the stones erected along the line of this projected road be removed. It is decided to reply in similar terms to the Council's letter of January 27, which course will leave the matter open for further discussion hereafter.

Isolation Hospital. Noting Mrs Johnston's refusal to comply with the Award of the Land Commission in respect to Cadastral Lot 1151, and since it is understood that she is liable to Swedish jurisdiction, it is decided to place the matter in the hands of <sup>Mr</sup> Stecknest, a Swedish lawyer in Messrs Hanson, McNeill & Jones' office.

✓ Mr Ellis Kadoorie's School Proposal. A formal letter from Mr Kadoorie is read, announcing his willingness to repeat his offer of last year for the establishment of a new Public School for Chinese, and acceptance is authorised, with an expression of the Council's appreciation of the generous benefaction.

✓ Use of Town Hall. At the request of the Rev. W.N. Bitton, the Council sanctions the use of the Town Hall for a Chinese children's charitable entertainment on Christmas Day, with charges for lighting and heating only.

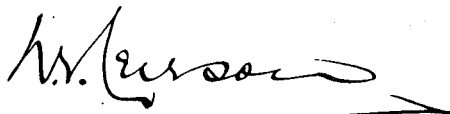
✓ Municipal Publications, etc. The order in which departmental matters are handled in the Municipal Gazette, Annual Report, Budget, Staff List and other documents, at present differs in each case, and the Council approves the adoption of the following order universally:-

- Volunteer Corps
- Fire Brigade
- Police Force
- Health Office
- Public Works Department
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Electricity Department
- Public Band
- Educational Grants
- Finance Department
- Secretariat

In the Chairman's opinion it would be preferable in the Financial Statement to let the chief item of expenditure, that is the Police Force precede such matters as Volunteers and Fire Brigade, but after some discussion it is decided to leave the order as proposed.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

  
Chairman.

  
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 8, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs      D. Landale      (Chairman)  
                   H. De Gray  
                   F. C. Heffer  
                   W. D. Little  
                   H. A. J. Maoray  
                   O. Meuser  
                   W. A. C. Platt  
                   J. Prentice  
                   T. E. Trueman  
                   The Secretary and  
                   Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks Committee of November 29, are read and confirmed. In regard to the

✓ Soochow Creek Foreshore, and Messrs Hall & Holtz' claims in respect thereto, the Council is unwilling to go any great length in the matter unless specific complaints are received from those desirous of making use of the small landing steps in question.

✓ Reports. With regard to printing that of the Superintendent of Parks on the subject of his inspection of Parks at home, an estimate of the cost will be submitted at an early date.

✓ The Minutes of the Meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 2 are read and confirmed. After scrutiny of the reports of Messrs Preece & Cardew and the Electrical Engineer on the subject of the tenders for turbines and condensing plant, the recommendation of the latter is adopted.

✓ The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of December 7, are read, and some discussion ensues.

✓ It is in the first place noted that the Captain Superintendent has arranged for Mr Creasy to take Captain Barrett's place on the Board of Enquiry into the conduct of the men concerned in the arrest. This has enabled Mr McEuen to give his evidence at once, and, with the consent of the Watch Committee, his application for short leave is approved. Mr Little draws attention to the shortness of the notice of this proposed leave, and, at the Chairman's suggestion, it is decided to issue a Board Order drawing attention to the necessity for adherence to the rule on this point. With regard to the Judge's remarks cited in

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these minutes, it is decided to publish them forthwith, together with the Committee's note thereon.

- ✓ Settlement Extension. The reply of the American Association of China to the Council's representations on this subject is received, stating that the Committee of the Association is unanimous as to compliance with the proposals made, and will place the matter before a General Meeting.
- ✓ Volunteers. Case of Sergeant Major Studd. Upon reconsideration of this case in the light of further comment by the Commandant, the Council is now unanimous in the view that Sergeant Major Studd's services should terminate at the expiry of his agreement.
- ✓ Fire Brigade. Stores. A note from the Chief Engineer points out that, owing to a misunderstanding, the annual indent for hose has not gone forward, and, in accordance with his suggestion, it is decided to telegraph to San Francisco for the necessary supply. While it is desirable that tenders should be invited for an order of this size as a rule, the Council would deprecate running any risk that the supply of hose be insufficient.
- ✓ Beachcombers and Casuals. A Police report is submitted on this subject, in which it is laid down that any Casual Ward without compulsory powers for dealing with the unemployed would be useless, and the Council is of opinion that such compulsory powers could improbably be obtained. It is decided therefore to communicate this report to the Committee of the Seamen's Mission, and to state that the Council would not be averse to making a grant, if any reasonable solution of the question of the unemployed can be found.
- ✓ Yangtzepoo Market. An offer by Mr Tam Wa is submitted, to sell to the Council the scheduled area (Mow 0.833) south of Cadastral Lot 2758, at the rate of \$4000 per mow. The Council is informed that, in the opinion of the Health Officer, the district in question is better served by one or possibly two small markets, than by one of greater area, and the offer is therefore authorised for acceptance.
- ✓ Woodpaving. A report by the Engineer recommends that the wood-paving throughout the Settlement be sanded once or twice a week as a charge on road maintenance. While this proposal is adopted, Mr Heffer points out that the slipperiness of the woodpaving is due to some extent to the present practice of sprinkling with water, and directions are given that the surface be adequately washed from time to time, the use of watercarts being discontinued.

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- ✓ Tax Office Staff. In anticipation of the Finance Committee's recommendation<sup>s</sup> in respect to the management of the Tax Office, the Council approves the engagement of Mr W.C.H. Knight as an assistant in the office, at a salary of £150 per mensem on 3 months' probation. This appointment is necessary by reason of the additional work thrown on the office at the end of the year. Mr Trueman advocates issuing an advertisement calling for applications for this vacancy, but, noting that the appointment is probationary, the matter is allowed to stand.
- ✓ Ordure Removal. A report by the Health Officer forwards 46 tenders for this work, together with his recommendation that the tender of Chu Chi Woo, the present contractor, be accepted, for a payment of \$7,500 per mensem. The report is to the effect that this contractor has performed his work satisfactorily during the last six years, and the tender being the highest it is authorised for acceptance.
- ✓ Volunteers. Strength of the Corps. Mr Little points out that while the Commandant has stated in a recent speech that the Corps is one thousand strong, statistics compiled on the basis of the entries for the Africa Cup do not even approximately bear out this statement. An enquiry on the subject is directed.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

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Secretary.

*David Landale*

Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 15, 1909,

at 4.30 p.m. there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F. C. Heffer  
 W. D. Little  
 H. A. J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 W. A. C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T. E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

- ✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 13, are read and confirmed. With respect to the question of
- ✓ Financial Control, the Council is of opinion that the arrangements included under this heading should prove satisfactory.
- ✓ Power Tariff for Traction Supply. Considerable discussion ensues as to the reply now to be sent to the Tramway Company's proposals. The Chairman points out that the Company, after informal inspection of Mr Aldridge's figures, desires revision on the basis of Schedule B attached to the Supply of Power Agreement. The rates required by the Company are between those computed by the Engineer with and without 3 per cent profit to the Department, and Mr Heffer is in favour of conceding the lower rate, rather than abolishing the royalty. It is pointed out that such a concession on general grounds is not chargeable to the Department, which is, in its controlling Committee's opinion, entitled to not less than this low rate of profit on the supply.

It is understood that the London Board of the Company has stated that, so long as the royalty is imposed, additional capital cannot be raised, and that this effect would not be lessened by its temporary cessation.

Finally it is decided to make an offer to reduce the power rate to the 9 per cent basis, to concede the whole of the cost of road maintenance, and to waive the royalty until such time as the Company is in a position to pay a dividend. A draft letter in this sense will be circulated for members' approval before despatch.

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Motors and other Electrical Appliances. The various proposals of the Engineer on this subject will await confirmation until the letter of approval from the contractors is received. In regard to the proposed appointment of a Canvasser, the Council is of opinion that the duties to be assigned to him are more than one man can properly undertake.

Volunteers.

"A" Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the commission of Lieutenant R.I. Fearon is authorised for renewal, with effect from date of expiry, August 22, 1909.

"B" Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the commission of Captain H.R.H. Thomas is authorised for renewal, with effect from date of expiry, November 13, 1909.

Application by Mr F.M. Gratton. A letter from this ex-Sergeant, addressed to Mr H.E. Hobson, is read, in which he expresses a desire to receive a commission such as will enable him to serve as an officer in England, but the Watch Committee is of opinion that so unusual a course is not justified by the Corps Regulations, and would constitute a most undesirable precedent.

Strength of the Corps. The special State showing the Strength of the Corps on November 30 is submitted, in accordance with the Council's direction, from which it appears that while the entries for the Africa Cup were correct, the total of 990 officers and men is made up by men on leave, non-efficients, and recruits.

Mixed Court Rules. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a copy of a communication from the French Consul General, containing proposals for elaborating the Provisional Rules of 1902 with respect to the jurisdiction of this and the French Court. The matter will require consideration in detail by the Watch Committee, when a Police report on the subject is received.

Min Hsu Pao Case. A second letter of appeal from the controllers and well-wishers of this publication is read, in which they ask for the Council's assistance in re-opening the office of the paper, which was sealed up on November 19 by order of the Court but before evidence was taken. Inasmuch as the British Assessor concerned in this unusual course, and inasmuch as the British Consular Authorities are unwilling to initiate further action in the matter, and further since the courteous effort of the Senior Consul to prevail upon his Japanese colleague to bring the case forward at once, before his own and a British Assessor, has failed, the Council is of opinion that nothing further can be done in the matter.

✓ Lekin. A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police is submitted, recounting further operations on the part of the Lekin Station near Jessfield, recently the subject of protest to the Consular Body. It appears that a foreigner in the employ of the Italian lawyer, G. Musso, is assisting in the levy of lekin on imported native wine. The substance of the report is ordered for transmission to the Senior Consul, with the request that efforts to secure the removal of the Station be unrelaxed.

✓ Jessfield Inn Assault Case. A note from the Legal Adviser is read, in which he states that his instructions in this case were to the effect that the Council did not wish to produce and would not produce the documents mentioned in the subpoena served on the Deputy Superintendent. Since this matter was not presented for the Council's consideration, and since no instructions are known to have been issued, further enquiries are directed; in the meanwhile the Chairman recalls a conversation with Mr Jones in which it was pointed out that books of internal Police record could not be taken into Court except with the Council's sanction.

Yinghsiangkong Police Post. The Engineer reports that owing to the death of Dr Barochet, the negotiations for the purchase of land for this purpose have fallen through; he forwards, however, the offer of a second piece, some distance west of that formerly approved. The Captain Superintendent has stated that the second site would not answer the purpose required, and his suggestion to leave matters as at present is approved, that is to say, the Police will continue to occupy the small semi-public building within the village, for Police purposes.

✓ Gas Main in the Canton Road. With reference to the reply of the Gas Company, dated October 16, to the Council's proposal that the question of a new main in this road remain in abeyance until the question of the removal of the tramway track is settled, the Council now assents, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, to an undertaking on its part that if the track is not removed within a fixed time, payment will be made for a new main on the north side of the road, in accordance with the estimated cost, \$770 and £606, provided that no payment shall be made for connexions on the south side unless actually effected.

✓ Parks and Open Spaces. With regard to the proposal to print the recent report of the Superintendent upon the Parks visited by him in Europe and America, the Chairman is of opinion that, at the cost estimated - \$111 for 100 copies - it would needlessly discourage the Superintendent to refuse his request. Printing is therefore authorised.

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✓ Door of Hope. Police proposals are submitted for increasing the grant of this Institution in view of the increased use made thereof for miscellaneous Police purposes. It appears that the Captain Superintendent was not aware that the Grant was so high as ₹2000 per annum, and the Council decides to await the official request of the Committee before taking action. The receipts of the Door of Hope vary from year to year according to the sum appropriated from Fines levied at the Mixed Court, and it is decided that any increase of the Grant shall be inclusive of these receipts in future.

/ Overseer of Taxes. As a special case, and in recognition of the late Mr Johnsford's long and meritorious services, the Council authorises the erection of a suitable tombstone over his grave in the Pahsienjao Cemetery.

✓ Refuge for Chinese Slave Girls. From the reply of the Secretary of this Institution, it is noted that the title deed for the new Refuge is registered in the names of the Consul General for Great Britain and America. Under these circumstances the condition to be attached to the proposed Special Grant is withdrawn.

✓ Public Gambling. The Chairman states that there is a possibility of the Alhambra re-opening under American or Italian control. It is decided therefore to approach the respective consular authorities of these nationalities, desiring that special conditions of licence be imposed, similar to those already laid down for French and Spanish subjects.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*David Daudate*

Chairman.

*W. Lurson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 22, 1909,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H. De Gray  
F. C. Heffer  
W. D. Little  
H. A. J. Maoray  
O. Meuser  
W. A. C. Platt  
J. Prentice  
T. E. Trueman  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Death of the King of the Belgians. In reply to a letter from the Consul General for Belgium informing the Council of the death of H.M. Leopold II, King of the Belgians, an expression of deep regret has been forwarded in the name of the Council and of the Community.

Tramways. A draft letter to the Company, embodying the Council's recent decisions in the matter of amended terms for Power Rate, Royalty, etc, is submitted and approved, with an additional clause to the effect that the whole is subject to ratification by the Ratepayers, and that the changes will apply from and after January 1, 1910.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 17, are read and confirmed. In regard to Electrical Transformer Kiosks, Mr Meuser will visit the Foochow Road proposed site in company with the Engineer, with a view to settlement of the matter.

Staff. Discussing the question as to the advisability of making a new agreement with the Deputy Engineer, the Council is of opinion that his increased responsibilities justify this course, and the rates of pay proposed by the Committee in the case of Mr Harpur are approved.

In regard to Mr Dieroking, Chief Clerk, it is considered questionable whether a three-years agreement is desirable or the reverse, the minute of the Committee being ultimately confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of December 21 are read and confirmed. In the matter of the proposed Park for the Western District, to which Chinese shall be admitted, the Council will await the Committee's formal Resolution before considering the matter.

Settlement Extension. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding the reply of the Viceroy to the proposal that a deputation of the Consular Body visit him in Nanking for the discussion of the question. This communication will be published only with the approval of the Senior Consul.

Volunteers.

Light Horse. The Commandant forwards the resignation of 2nd Lieutenant P. Crighton due to pressure of business. This officer has served in the Corps for thirteen years, and his resignation is recorded with regret.

Staff. The Commandant forwards a communication from the Officer commanding "B" Company, on the subject of the termination of the services of Sergeant Major Studd on expiry of his present agreement. The Council is unwilling to re-consider its decision in this matter, but at the same time a minute will be published explaining the reasons which have led thereto.

Engineer Company. A proposal to store 50 pounds of dynamite in the magazine in the Central Police Station compound is disapproved, on the grounds that the possibility of its being required is remote, while the risk from an insurance standpoint is great.

Jessfield Inn Assault Case.

The Report of the Board of Enquiry into the action of the men engaged in the arrest of F. Gordon is submitted. The Watch Committee is of opinion that the Board's finding does not cover the whole of the ground which was intended, and it is possible that a further enquiry by the Committee may be necessary. In the meantime copies of the document are ordered to be distributed to members.

Claim by Mr Castaneda. A letter from Mr Castaneda is read, desiring compensation for the loss suffered by him as proprietor of the "Jessfield Club", as a result of the Police raid. Therewith is submitted the original order of the Cuban Consul issued on August 26, sentencing Castaneda to five years banishment, together with his undertaking of compliance. The Captain Superintendent has stated that Mr Tejedor is prepared to enforce this order, and there appears little ground for anticipating that the present claim will be pressed. In the meantime it is decided to reply that any application properly forwarded

and vouched for by Mr Castaneda's Consul will receive consideration at the Council's hands.

Legal Adviser's Instructions. With regard to the note from Mr Jones on the subject of the production of Police books of record in the Court, and from the comment of the Captain Superintendent thereon, it appears that such instructions as were given have been misunderstood. The draft reply on this point, touching also the more general question of the method upon which the defence was conducted, is read and after some discussion approved.

In this connexion the Chairman attributes part of the difficulty which has arisen with H.M. Judge to the fact that the accused were individually defended by the firm of lawyers whose first duties in such matters are to advise the Council as to its legal position. For this reason it is recorded for future guidance that when employes of the Council are charged with criminal offences, their defence should be conducted by outside lawyers rather than by the Legal Advisers. The fees incurred may, if desirable, be paid by the Council, while the Legal Advisers should watch the case in the Council's interests.

Bill of Costs. The Legal Adviser forwards the Crown Advocate's inclusive statement of costs payable under the Judge's sentence. Mr Douglas' account is considered reasonable under the circumstances, and payment is accordingly authorised.

Native Theatres. The application of the proprietor of a new native theatre in the Hankow Road for licence is submitted, together with his request that the closing time be extended to 1 a.m. The view of the Captain Superintendent is endorsed that no exception should be made in this case; on the other hand it is understood that certain theatres beyond limits remain open until this hour, which constitutes a hardship on those within the Settlement. There appears no reason for this condition of affairs, and it is decided to extend the time limit as requested for all theatres. This decision may affect such native restaurants and wine shops as cater to theatre audiences and such cases will be handled similarly on application.

Case of Detention in the City. A note from the Senior Consul informs the Council that Chiu Shen-oho, who has been wrongly detained in the City Yamen since November, 1908, and who has been the subject of prolonged correspondence, has now been sent to the Mixed Court for trial.

Land Commission. The awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos LXXI, LXXII and LXXIII are submitted. These awards have been transmitted for the information of the concerned and are ordered for publication as usual.

Council for 1910. It is noted that nominations for the Council for 1910 will close about January 17. The list of persons eligible will be

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published in the Municipal Gazette on January 6.

Proxy Voting. The Chairman alludes to the possibility that the question of signed proxies for voting at Ratepayers Meetings may be brought up for consideration, and he is of opinion that the Council should undertake hereafter to insist upon signature of a printed form in each case; not, however, annually as suggested in the recent report of the Special Committee. It is decided therefore to introduce a Resolution in this sense.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 5, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- F. C. Heffer
- W. D. Little
- H. A. J. Macray
- O. Meuser
- W. A. C. Platt
- J. Prentiss
- T. E. Trueman
- The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ Electrical Transformer Kiosks. Upon further discussion of the subject of  
the proposed kiosk at the corner of the Hoopah and Foochow Roads, and  
noting that decision in the matter is urgently desired by the  
Electrical Engineer, the Council sanctions placing the kiosk in the  
middle of the road upon trial.

✓ Council for 1910. The list of persons qualified for election, corrected so  
far as the information available permits, is authorised for publication  
as a special number of the Municipal Gazette.

✓ The minutes of the meetings of the Watch Committee of December 29, 30, and  
31, are read and confirmed, and the various letters to the Consular Body  
therein proposed, are read and signed by the Chairman. In the

✓ Case of Irregular Arrest, some discussion ensues as to what course should  
be recommended to the Consular Body. The suggestion that the Police be  
authorised to make a visit to the City and bring the Tipao Ng Ah-dau  
back into the Settlement is considered unfeasible, while at the same  
time the Council is aware that the Senior Consul himself is reluctant  
to go personally upon such a mission, it is therefore decided to  
suggest that the Consular Body delegate representatives to this end.

✓ Volunteers, Mobilization Manual. In Mr Trueman's opinion the submission  
in proof of this pamphlet to the Captain Superintendent of Police would  
have the appearance of belittling the responsible authority of the  
Commandant, but the Council is otherwise unanimous that it is preferable  
that Colonel Bruce be given an opportunity of commenting, for the Watch  
Committee's information, on the document, rather than that he should,  
when and if called upon to take Supreme Command of the Defence Forces,  
detect flaws therein.

W.L.

Police Hospitals. A further report by the Health Officer is submitted on the subject of the fees to be paid by constables and others making use of the hospitals during 1910, and his recommendation is endorsed that the fee of £1. per diem for Sikhs be adhered to, and that a charge of £0.5 per diem be made for Chinese.

Jessfield Inn Assault Case. The Council unanimously endorses the recommendations of the Committee on this subject, including that on the subject of publication.

Min Hsu Pao Case. Mr Platt has seen H.M. Consul General on this subject, and learnt that the matter is engaging the attention of the Consular Body, but that in any case Sir Pelham Warren is not disposed to take any step in correction of the Assessor's unfortunate decision.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of January 3, are read and confirmed, and some discussion ensues on the subject of the suggested New Site for a school for boys only. Mr De Gray considers that the land set free by the extension of the Rifle Range is too far from the centre of the Settlement to be desirable for this purpose. The Engineer will therefore make enquiries on the subject of other sites, while it is noted that the matter is not one which will claim attention before 1911.

In this connexion the Chairman is of opinion that the growing expenditure for educational purposes is such as to indicate the necessity for a more general enquiry as to educational development than is within the province of any one of the various School Committees, and his proposal that a Special Committee be appointed for this purpose is recorded for the guidance of the Council for next year.

Volunteers, Light Horse. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant A.C. Crighton, forwarded by the Commandant, is received and recorded.

Public Gambling. The reply of the American Consul General to the Council's representation on this subject is read, and ordered for publication in continuation of the correspondence contained in the Gazette of December 23.

Land Commission. Mr J. Whittall is unanimously re-elected to be the Council's representative on the Commission for the Municipal Year 1910-1, it being understood that he has consented to stand.

American Land Office. An application by Mr E.J. Hogg is submitted for certain information relative to (a) the buildings erected on a property in Sinza erroneously noted as U.S. Lot 1549, and (b) the Cadastral Office procedure relative to the registration. In reply it is decided

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to state that the former information will be given to him if with the consent of the applicants to build, Messrs Brandt and Rddgers, and the latter if application is made through the American Land Office, to whose failure to comply with the Cadastral Office rules, the apparent fraud which has been committed is due.

✓ Range Extension. A note from Mr Algar informs the Council that he is unable to purchase Paoshan Lot 377 at a less price than ₩2500 per mow, and noting that the acquisition of this lot, directly adjacent to the Rifle Butt, is urgently required, and that the area is little more than Mow 2, the purchase is authorised.

Mr Algar also offers Paoshan Lot 132, area Mow 5.13, at ₩2000 per mow. This price is considered unduly high, and, inasmuch as the lot is not essential to the Range Extension scheme, it is decided to pay no more than ₩1500 per mow, the price paid for the adjoining properties.

✓ Recreation Ground for Chinese. The formulated project of the Parks Committee is submitted for the Council's consideration and, while endorsing in principle the Committee's recommendation that a public recreation ground be provided, available for Chinese as well as Foreigners, the Council is of opinion that the Yu-yuen Garden is hardly suitable for this purpose, being restricted in size, and laid out rather as a place of entertainment than one of recreation. Mr Heffer considers that a public park devoted to this purpose would be preferable in the neighbourhood of the Kiaochow Road or beyond, so that more use may be made of the undeveloped part of the Western District.

✓ Tramways. The Company's reply to the Council's offer of concessions in respect to Royalty, Power Rate, etc., is submitted, and consideration thereof is deferred until next meeting.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Lardate*

Chairman.

*W. Russo*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 12, 1910.

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H. De Gray	
	F.C. Heffer	
	W.D. Little	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	T.E. Trueman	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ Case of Irregular Arrest. The Chairman states that, with the authority of the Consular Body, the three Assessors at the Mixed Court have proceeded to the City Magistrate's Yamen with a view to effecting the liberation of the Tipao, Ng Ah-dau, and that the result of their mission will be known shortly.

✓ Min Hsu Pao Case. The Council is informed that the Consular Body has pronounced that the Court which recently gave judgment in this case was properly constituted. Mr De Gray expresses the view that the Council should not remain silent in a matter so greatly affecting the liberties of native residents. It is understood that Mr Morgan Phillips, the counsel for the paper, is about to address a further communication to the Council in the matter, and it is decided for the present to await its receipt.

✓ Tramways. A report by the Electrical Engineer on the Tramway Company's reply to the Council is submitted, and will have the attention of the Electricity Committee at its meeting next ensuing.

✓ Jessfield Inn Assault Case. After full consideration the Council directs that no further reference to this matter be made in the Municipal Gazette.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of January 11, are read and confirmed. In regard to the proposal to purchase a second-hand

✓ Organ from the St. Andrew's Mission, the Council is unanimously of opinion that, having regard to the increased estimates of the School, the purchase is not justifiable.



Indemnity Fund. The Council is of opinion that explicit instructions should be given to the Headmaster that he use every endeavour to concentrate the attention of the boys on their work, to the exclusion of political or semi-political matters.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of January 11, are read and confirmed.

✓ Public Rioshas. It appears to the Council possible that a graduated licence schedule may be devised with the object of lessening the number of rioshas not provided with pneumatic or solid rubber tyres.

✓ Finance Department Staff. At the request of the Treasurer, final decision in the matter of the terms of appointment of the two Assistant Treasurers is deferred, pending receipt of a further report from himself on the subject.

✓ Municipal Employes Club. The Council is informed that the Customs Club premises are provided out of Customs Funds, while the entire maintenance is at the charge of the members. Under these circumstances, and if the proposed club for Municipal employes is established, the Council expresses willingness to defray a reasonable rental charge, and to make a grant to cover the cost of a billiard table. The Rules of the Club would necessarily be submitted for the Council's approval.


✓ Volunteers.

✓ Annual Training and Inspection. The Commandant notifies the date fixed for the Annual Training of the Corps, from March 7 for Mounted and March 19 for Dismounted Units to Saturday April 23. It is decided to request the General Officer Commanding H.M. Forces in South China to hold the usual Annual Inspection on the last named date.

✓ "A" Company. A proposal to form a Mounted Section of the Company, which for tactical and defence purposes would be at the disposal of the Commandant, is approved. Colonel Barnes anticipates a membership of 30, and states that no additional expense will be incurred thereby.

✓ Police. The resignation of Detective Inspector McDowell is forwarded by the Captain Superintendent, to take effect from the date of expiry of his agreement, March 31. This resignation is accepted, while Inspector McDowell's request for special treatment in the matter of Superannuation is disallowed.

✓ Case of Mr Castaneda. The Captain Superintendent desires instructions as to what course he shall follow should this deportee return to the Settlement; he states that the Cuban Consul desires that the man be taken before the Mixed Court. The Council is of opinion that if Castaneda has so far been recognised as a Cuban citizen as to justify his deportation under consular authority, he cannot be otherwise than Cuban on his



return; it is therefore directed that, in the event of return, he be arrested and taken before the Cuban Consul. If jurisdiction is then renounced, he will be held in the Police cells pending settlement of the matter between the Cuban Consul and the Consular Body, to whom the Council will address itself.

Sinza Stone Bridge. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards an application from the Taotai that the traffic be diverted from this Bridge during repairs. In reply it is decided to take the opportunity to revert to a proposal to rebuild the structure in steel, in terms of the Council's recent decision.

Peking Road. The proposal of the Engineer to complete the metalling, with standard footways, of this road west of Cadastral Lot 298 and along the frontage of Cadastral Lot 191, is approved, at an estimated cost of ¥5355.

Semaphore Service. A note from the French Council forwards an estimate of the cost of the service during 1910, aggregating ¥7768. The reasons for this large increase are noted, and the Council expresses willingness to defray one half of the sum mentioned.

Council for 1910. Noting the retirement of Messrs Heffer, Little and Prentice at the end of the current Municipal year, it is decided to invite the following, in the order mentioned, to accept nomination for the new Council:- Messrs H. du F. Hutchison, L.J. Cubitt, L. Midwood or J. Ambrose, G.A. Richardson and J.A. Wattie.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*David Lardale*

*M. G. W. Watson*

Chairman.

Secretary.

D.L.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 19, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- F. C. Heffer
- W. D. Little
- H. A. J. Macray
- O. Meuser
- W. A. C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- T. E. Trueman
- The Secretary and
- Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of January 14, are read and confirmed. With regard to the case of

Assistant Inspector Dean, the Council is informed that this employe has failed to pass the examination for First Standard Chinese Study. His application will therefore again have the attention of the Watch Committee at its next meeting.

Volunteers, Headquarters and Drill Hall. The Council expresses approbation of the Committee's scheme for locating this building on the Chinese Garden site, provided no practical difficulty presents itself, and it is decided to address letters of enquiry to the riparian owners concerned, with a view to obtaining their sanction to the scheme. Mr Trueman suggests, and his proposal meets with general approval, that the grass plots to the west of the Garden be converted into gardens devoted to the same purpose, so that the scheme may appear rather in the light of transfer than of one involving the abolition of existing native privileges.

Police Estimates. With regard to the proposed additional foreign accommodation at Yangtsepoo Station, the renewal of the lease of quarters adjoining renders the postponement of this work possible, in addition to which the Engineer has stated that the erection of new buildings on the present site would be a matter of considerable difficulty.

In regard to the proposed third block of cells at the Gaol, the Council anticipates a considerable reduction in the number of convicts during the forthcoming year, as a result of the system inaugurated for releasing good-conduct prisoners before expiry of their sentence.

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✓ Matsheds. The Council is not disposed to apply the strict ruling in regard to these structures to the case of Mr Snowdon's projected Skating Rink at Chang Su-ho's Garden. The mat roof will therefore remain in position during the laying of the floor, upon the understanding that plans of the building will be sent in for approval at an early date.

✓ Fire Brigade. The Council is of opinion that the question of the paid engineering staff of the Brigade is one calling for attention, and a report by the Chief Engineer is called for on the subject.

✓ Court of Foreign Consuls. The Council is notified of the re-election of the representatives of Great Britain, Germany and Belgium to constitute the Court for 1910, in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Land Regulations.

✓ General Hospital. A communication from the Senior Consul informs the Council of the re-election of the Consuls General for Great Britain, France and Germany as representatives on the Board of Governors for the ensuing year.

✓ Volunteers, Mobilization Manual. The Captain Superintendent <sup>proposes</sup> ~~suggests~~ no modification of this pamphlet, suggesting merely that it be considered part of the Defence Scheme. The Council thereupon finally approves its issue.

✓ Min Hsu Pao Case. A letter from Mr T. Morgan Phillips is read, forwarding copies of correspondence between his firm and the various authorities concerned in this case; he appeals for the Council's support to his protest against the summary and arbitrary suspension of the native newspaper in question. It appears to the Chairman possible to place the matter before the Consular Body as one of hardship, upon the grounds that no proper trial took place; but he is strongly of opinion that the Council should make no reference to the regularity or otherwise of the constitution of the Court which gave sentence. A letter to the Senior Consul on these lines is authorised.

✓ Case of Ng Ah-dau. A Police report furnishes a detailed statement on the part of this man as to his arrest and subsequent treatment, and therewith are submitted 3 medical certificates as to the condition in which he was found upon liberation. It is decided to furnish copies of these documents for the information of the Consular Body, with the request that the barbarous and cruel action of the Magistrate Tien be brought to the notice of the higher Chinese Authorities in Peking.

*M.L.*

Peking Road Lighting. The Engineer submits proposals for re-lighting this thoroughfare with 7 arc and 20 metallic filament lamps, at an annual additional cost of ¥503. It is decided that this work proceed simultaneously with the widening operations in progress, the lamps being set in the standard curb line. Mr Prentice records the opinion that this expenditure is not justified under the circumstances.

Yuenmingyuen Road Widening. A letter from H.M. Office of Works is read, expressing willingness to set back the Consular wall on the east side of this road, provided full market value is paid for the land in question, i.e. a sum of ¥43,260 for Mow 0.721. The Works Committee is of opinion that the case is one where the improvement is rather for the benefit of the residents on either side of the road than for the public, and the Engineer's recommendation is adopted that no more than one-half of the above sum be offered. The Chairman has seen H.M. Consul General in this matter, and he has promised support to the Council's counter-proposal.

Finance Department Staff. Discussing the question of the appointment of 2 Assistant Treasurers in the light of a further report by Mr Goodale, the Council is still unconvinced as to the desirability of the large increase in pay proposed for Messrs Bosustow and Ford. Mr Heffer points out that not more than 2 members of the Public Works Department staff enjoy the allowances issued to Heads of Departments, viz. the Engineer and Deputy Engineer, and he is unable to perceive necessity in the case of the Finance Department for a third such employe. The documents are ordered for circulation to members, and the Treasurer will be directed to attend the next meeting of Council for further discussion of his recommendations.

Public Rickshas. The application of Mr Denis is submitted, on the subject of the classification of rickshas, and his request for an increased tariff for pneumatic rubber-tyred vehicles is approved. On the subject of ricksha supervision generally, allusion is made to the instructions issued to the Police in July, which appear to the Council to have been disregarded. Unusual stringency on the part of the Louza Station Inspector caused the assembly of about 150 coolies in the Municipal compound during the past week, and it is observed that in this instance Police action after the issue of licence instead of before, was not calculated to lead to satisfactory results. The Council is desirous of improving the class of vehicle plying for hire in the streets by a process of elimination of the worst vehicles, and it is only by organised Police effort at the time of inspection that this result can be achieved.

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✓ History of Shanghai. Mr Lanning's report on the progress of his work in this connexion is submitted and authorised for publication.

✓ Water Supply beyond Limits. A letter from the Waterworks Company is read, definitely suggesting that the point in dispute between the Council and the Company with regard to the supply of water in Chapel be submitted for arbitration in accordance with Clause XII of the Agreement. Mr De Gray is of opinion that this course would effect a suitable and proper settlement of the matter, but the Chairman will see the Directors of the Company in the first place with a view to the possibility of compromise.

✓ Use of Town Hall. Some discussion arises as to an application by the Bandmann Opera Company to play in the Town Hall during the month of May, owing to the fact that the Theatre will be engaged throughout this month. Mr Meuser is of opinion that the application should be refused, as heretofore except upon one special occasion, but the members are generally of opinion that it would be regrettable if a travelling company of this class were prevented from performing in Shanghai. It is therefore decided to reply in the affirmative, with a special reservation that a list of all plays to be performed be submitted to the Council for approval.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David Daudat*

Chairman.

*W. Meuser*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 26, 1910.  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F. C. Heffer  
 W. D. Little  
 H. A. J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 W. A. C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T. E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ Volunteer Headquarters and Drill Hall. The Legal Adviser's letter on the  
 subject of setting aside the trust deed for the Chinese Garden is read,  
 together with the draft application to be made, at Mr McNeill's  
 suggestion, to the present owners of what was B.C. Lot 232, and the  
 latter is approved for despatch.

✓ Min Hsu Pao Case. The Chairman alludes to the fact that Mr Morgan Phillips  
 has published his letter to the Council with its enclosures, and states  
 that owing to divergence of view among the members of the Consular  
 Body, it is improbable that any further action will be taken. In the  
 meantime the Council's letter is read and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of January 21 are  
 read and confirmed. In regard to the questions of:-

✓ Hire Purchase Scheme for Motors )  
Showroom and Canvasser ) The Chairman has gone carefully  
 through the replies received from firms interested in electricity, and  
 is of opinion that the proposal as now modified to meet the wishes of  
 Messrs Scott, Harding & Co., is one which may be adopted with  
 advantage to the Department. Mr Trueman is of opinion that the  
 existing electrical showrooms ~~are~~ under private management suffice,  
 and he is opposed to the project. Mr Heffer points out that the  
 Electricity Committee was appointed to run the Electricity Department  
 upon commercial lines, and that the Council should not interfere in  
 the Committee's proposals so long as they do not exceed the Ratepayers  
 mandate. The Council generally is not opposed to the establishment  
 of a depot for the sale of lamps, nor to the appointment of a  
 Municipal Installation Inspector, but, before arriving at a final

decision, the whole of the correspondence will be circulated for members' perusal.

- ✓ Power Tariff for Traction Supply. In connexion with this minute, a further letter from the Tramway Company is read, demanding a final reply from the Council as to the whole of the matters now under discussion. The unfortunate style in which the General Manager continues to address the Council is the subject of further comment, and, at the Chairman's suggestion, it is decided to make reply in the terms recommended by the Committee, as modified to a slight extent in a note by the Engineer proposing further graduation of the sliding scale. It will be stated that the Council's decision on the subject of the Royalty, etc, is final. Upon despatch of this letter, the whole of the correspondence since these last negotiations began, will be published in a special number of the Municipal Gazette.
- Staff. The salary proposed for the Chief Clerk, Mr Budd, is considered under the circumstances, high, and, at the suggestion of the Finance Committee, this employe will be offered an agreement for three years with salary at the flat rate of £350 per mensem.

- ✓ Yuenmingyuen Road Widening. Noting from the reply of the Surveyor, H.M. Office of Works, that his instructions from London will not admit of other terms than those contained in his former letter, it is decided to take no further step in this matter. The Engineer's proposal to address a private note to the Principal Architect of the Office of Works in London is considered unobjectionable.

- ✓ Finance Department Staff. At the suggestion of the Treasurer, it is decided to leave the question of the appointment of Assistant Treasurer in abeyance until after the Annual Report work is concluded, whereafter he will submit a schedule of the proposed duties of each of the men in the Accounts Office.

- ✓ Water Supply beyond Limits. The Chairman has learnt that the Chapel authorities have declined to take water from the Waterworks Company under any circumstances, and, if this is confirmed by detective enquiry, there remains in his opinion no reason to bring the matter in dispute between the Company and the Council to an issue.

- ✓ Volunteers.

- ✓ Annual Inspection. A despatch from Hongkong informs the Council that General Broadwood hopes to be able to conduct the Annual Inspection of the Corps in person, adding that the proposed date, April 23, will be suitable to him.

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✓ Light Horse. A report from the Commandant states that Captain Dyer has forwarded his resignation for personal reasons. At Colonel Barnes' suggestion it is decided to permit this officer to continue his service to the Corps in the capacity of Corps Staff Officer.

In regard to filling the post of Commandant of the Light Horse, a further report recommends that Major Keylock be re-appointed. Major Keylock stipulates that he retain his present rank, to which, however, there are objections, and the Chairman will see him on the subject, the matter meanwhile remaining in abeyance.

✓ Land Commission. A letter from Messrs Hanson, McNeill & Jones is read, desiring a re-hearing of Case No. LXXI, Central Offices Extension. The Council concurs in the view that no course remains but to forward the firm's communication for the Land Commissioners' consideration, while at the same time it will be stated that the Council is strongly opposed to the application, on the grounds that it is the clear intention of the Land Regulations that the Commission's Awards shall be final. A copy of the Council's letter will be forwarded for Messrs Hanson, McNeill & Jones' information.

✓ Proposed Pagoda. The application of Mr E.J. Muller is submitted, to erect a pagoda about 300 feet in height on Cadastral Lot 667, off the Canton Road, together with a report on the project by the Engineer. The Council is divided in opinion as to the advisability of sanctioning this exceptional scheme, and considerable discussion ensues. In the first place it is decided to inform Mr Muller that it will assist the Council's deliberations if he will ascertain from the owners of the surrounding properties whether they would raise any objection to the proposal. Further enquiry will be made as to what licences will be required for places of public entertainment within the pagoda, a point which it is considered necessary to settle before the building is sanctioned.

✓ Legal Adviser. In the event of Mr McNeill accepting the appointment of Crown Advocate, the Council concurs in the view that the Crown should have the first call upon his services.

✓ Public Band. An application by the French Council for the services of the Band at the Prize-giving of the French School is submitted, and, in accordance with the views of the Band Committee, it is decided to refuse the request, upon the grounds that other educational establishments in both Settlements might claim similar privileges.

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✓ Armed Robberies. Mr Heffer states that certain Chinese have addressed him on the subject of the desirability of a Taotai's Proclamation in the Settlement threatening armed robbers with decapitation. He has learnt that there has been a considerable increase in this class of crime. A Police report on the subject is called for in the first place.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David Laidlaw*

Chairman.

*W. H. Wilson*

Secretary.

*D.K.*

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 2, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F. C. Heffer  
 W. D. Little  
 H. A. J. Maoray  
 O. Meuser  
 W. A. C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T. E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 28, are read  
 and confirmed. With regard to the

✓ Telephone Pole in the Bubbling Well Road, it is understood that Mr  
 Benjamin is willing to defray one half of the cost of the removal of  
 the pole in question.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Light Horse. The Chairman states that Major Keylock is fixed in his  
 determination on the subject of the retention of his rank, and that in  
 any case he is not desirous of resuming command of this Unit. A  
 meeting of the Light Horse is about to take place, at the conclusion  
 of which further recommendations will be made by the Commandant on the  
 subject of officers.

✓ Uniform. A report by the Commandant is read, making proposals for  
 the substitution of Wolseley Helmets for Colonial Hats throughout the  
 Corps. The Chairman is of opinion that this recommendation does not  
 bear evidence of due regard for economy in the expenditure on clothing;  
 on the other hand it is accepted as a fact that the Colonial Hat is  
 insufficient protection during the hot weather, and the stock being  
 low, the present is a suitable opportunity to make the desired change.  
 The requisition is therefore approved.

✓ Paulun Hospital. A letter from the Committee controlling this Institution  
 submits the accounts for the past year, and expresses the desire that  
 the Municipal Grant in aid of the Hospital be fixed at £1000 for 1910.  
 This proposal is unanimously endorsed.

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✓ Tramways, Trailer Cars. The plan of a second type of trailer to be made locally is submitted and approved, upon the condition that adequate brakes are placed therein. It is observed that the entrance to these trailers will be in the middle of the car instead of at the ends, and the Council is of opinion that this arrangement will prove more generally convenient.

✓ Electricity Department.

✓ Lamp Depot and Installation Inspector. The Engineer's reports on these subjects having been circulated to members, discussion ensues as to the extent to which his projects may be adopted. After consideration, and upon the proposal of Mr Macray, the Council approves the establishment of a showroom or depot and of the engagement of a man to take charge thereof, whose duties will also include those of Municipal installation inspector. It is understood that neither canvassing among residents nor the sale of heating and cooking appliances are included in the approved scheme. Messrs De Gray Little and Prentice record their dissent from this decision.

✓ Coal Supply. A note from the Engineer contains a recommendation, which is supported by the Electricity Committee, that the contract of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha for Takaye Coal be renewed for a further year, provided the price be reduced to ₹5.80 per ton. The members consider that the usual course of calling for tenders should be followed, in accordance with the Council's public undertaking, although re-tests of various coals need not be made. The price is not considered sufficiently low, having regard to the present state of the coal market, to warrant exceptional treatment of this case.

✓ Pagoda. The proposal made during the course of the week to consult the leading native guilds as to the advisability or the reverse of sanctioning the erection of a pagoda on Cadastral Lot 667, Central District, is formally endorsed, it being noted that letters have already been despatched in this sense.

✓ Armed Robberies. A report by the Captain Superintendent is read on the subject raised by Mr Heffer at the last meeting. After quoting figures to show that the present number of armed robberies is not in excess of preceding years, Colonel Bruce alludes to the fact that the Native Authorities have as yet failed to punish the culprit in an armed robbery case sent into the City in January of last year, and he deprecates calling for assistance on the part of the Taotai, by way of proclamation or otherwise, in the Police administration of the Settlement.

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Chinese Proclamations. The Senior Consul forwards a copy of a proposed proclamation by the Taotai on the subject of gambling, in reply to which it is decided to allude to the case cited by the Captain Superintendent, to which reference is made in the preceding minute, also to the prevalence of gambling beyond the northern boundary of the Settlement. In the Council's opinion the issue of such a proclamation is unnecessary.

Mental Ward, Case of Mr J. Mann. In accordance with the request of the Shanghai Cricket Club, the Council authorises the reduction of the outstanding accounts for the custody of this patient from £1278 to \$500, the funds available being entirely from charitable sources.

Municipal Employees Club. A letter from the Secretary of this newly formed institution is read, to the effect that the Committee desires to occupy premises at No. 34 Whangpoo Road, at a rental of \$60 per mensem. The Council authorises provision for this purpose in the Budget for 1910.

China New Year. The holidays in connexion with this festival begin on Wednesday next, and it is decided, unless urgent occasion arises, that the usual meeting of Council be not held on that day.

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

*David A. A. A.*

Chairman.

*W. J. J.*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on <sup>16</sup>Wednesday, February 16, 1910.

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale ( Chairman)
- H. De Gray
- F. C. Heffer
- W. D. Little
- H. A. J. Macray
- O. Meuser
- W. A. C. Platt
- J. Prentice
- T. E. Trueman
- The Secretary and
- Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of January 31, are read and confirmed. With regard to

Assistant Conductor Castro, allusion is made to his long and useful services to the Band, and it is understood that the arrangements for terminating his services are not yet finally settled.

Foreign Musicians, Pay. The Chairman is of opinion that some maximum for the pay of Foreign Musicians should be fixed by the Committee, who will therefore give this matter attention at its next meeting.

French Council. Referring to the question of the contribution of the French Council, it is decided to make no proposals in the matter, while the Council's decision as to the services of the Band in the French Settlement is re-affirmed, viz. that it shall only play at national celebrations. With special reference to the renewed application for the Band at the speech-day of the French Municipal School, it is decided to point out that large development of the Band has taken place since these services were last granted without charge, and that the Schools in this Settlement do not enjoy the privilege.

The minutes of the meetings of the Finance Committee of February 8, 9, and 15, are read and confirmed. General discussion ensues on the subject of the Budget for 1910, and the Committee's recommendations relating thereto.

The Chairman states that efforts have been directed towards reducing the amount of the proposed Loan to the lowest possible figure. It is considered a matter for regret that provision for Wood-paving the Nanking Road has been omitted, but the Council considers it probable that steps will be taken for re-introducing this item.

Mr Trueman deprecates the necessity for printing the Budget twice, i.e. in the Municipal Gazette and again in the Annual Report, but the Council regards issue in the former manner of considerable public advantage, while it is admitted that the North China Daily News is unable to print sufficiently well for purposes of the Annual Report.

It is decided to forward copies of the Budget as submitted for the information of the newly elected members of Council, and to invite their attendance at the next meeting for its final discussion.

Policing the Soochow Creek. The reply of the Senior Consul to the Council's proposal on this subject is read, and will be submitted for the consideration of the Watch Committee together with a Police Report containing those further particulars which the Consular Body desires.

Mixed Court, Rules of Procedure. A second letter from the Senior Consul intimates acquiescence in the Council's views on the subject of the recent suggestions of the late Consul General for France with regard to Police procedure.

Tavern Licences. It is decided to issue the usual Notification on the subject of new licences for the succeeding twelve months, and Thursday, March 31, is fixed for the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee for the hearing of protests.

Victoria Nursing Home. A report from the Health Officer contains further particulars as to the necessity for closing the Home for repairs during the months of May and June, and, after some discussion, his recommendation is endorsed. Special directions are given on the subject of the cases in the Home in the early part of May, the arrangements for which must be made with a view to avoiding inconvenience or discomfort.

Electricity Department.

Dixwell Road Godown. The proposal to retain this godown until March 31 is, upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, confirmed.

Installation Assistant. Upon the recommendation of the Engineer, it is decided to offer a salary of £250 per mensem for this position, with a view to obtaining the services of a capable and reliable man.

Tramways. With regard to the letter from the Company of February 3, already published, two points relating to the Power Rate call for reply by the Council.

It is admitted that with a monthly consumption as low as 150,000 units the proposed new schedule will offer no reduction on the present

rates, but the consumption during January has exceeded 170,000 units, and the Council's proposals are based upon the assumption that this figure will not fall.

The Council is unanimously opposed to the Company's suggestion to submit the figures upon which the new rates are based to any local expert, and, upon Mr Meuser's proposal, it is decided to reply that the discussion is closed. At the same time the Council is not averse to the adoption of the Electrical Engineer's recommendation to submit these figures through Messrs Preece & Cardew to Mr S.L. Pearce, the Manchester Electrical Engineer, for his opinion on the new schedule.

Pagoda. Letters from Messrs R.J. Muller and the native promoter of this scheme are submitted, together with the replies received from the Native Guilds. It is understood that a protest from the registered owners of the properties adjoining the suggested site will be received in the course of a few days, and discussion of the matter is deferred until next week.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. The Annual Meeting is arranged for Monday, March 21, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Great Western Road. A letter from the French Council is read, suggesting that the section of this road, which together with Rue Kraetzer now forms a wide thoroughfare, be denoted Avenue Edouard VII. Mr Meuser is of opinion that the character of the neighbourhood does not warrant this step: on the other hand refusal of the French Council's suggestion would appear discourteous. It is therefore decided to reply, while accepting the suggestion, that, in the Council's opinion, official naming of the road should await its completion and some improvement in the adjoining district.

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

*David Landa*

Chairman.

*M. Meuser*

Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 23, 1910.

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H. De Gray	
	F. C. Heffer	
	W. D. Little	
	H. A. J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	W. A. C. Platt	
	J. Prentice	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	

Absent: T. E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ Budget for 1910. Messrs H. J. Craig, H. du F. Hutchison and C. Selby Moore attend for the discussion of the Council's Budget proposals, submitted in complete proof with Introduction.

An amendment of the latter is made in respect to motor licences, the basis of which in England is stated by Mr Hutchison to have recently changed.

The paragraph in respect to the Public Works estimates of Ordinary Expenditure for the past two years is the subject of considerable discussion, Mr Meuser being of opinion that the excess, which is little more than 10 per cent on the total estimate, is not undesirable. The phrase in allusion to the Finance Department is deleted, and, with this exception, the paragraph is permitted to stand.

Mr Hutchison expresses doubt as to whether the reduction of the Tramway Royalty to £1 is expressed in a manner best calculated to afford the Ratepayers an opportunity of giving an opinion as to whether or no this concession should be made. In reply, the Chairman points out that the reduction will cease so soon as funds are available for dividend, i.e. that the re-imposition of the royalty will precede any distribution of profits to shareholders. The Budget is thereupon authorised for issue.

Mr Hutchison then withdraws.

Tramways. Reply to the Company's letter of February 3 is submitted in draft for consideration. Mr Meuser was under the impression that it was not the Council's intention to put the new schedule into practice unless the

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whole of the proposals were accepted by the Company. It is therefore decided to add a clause to the effect that if the Company declines to meet the Council in the matter of the Canton Road track, the Council reserves the right to revert for 1910 to the schedule of power rates in force during 1909.

General Municipal Rate. A report by the Overseer of Taxes draws attention to the fact that the collection of this Rate, as under present conditions for the first two quarters at one time is a serious check on the work of the Office. To correct this it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to insert the words "until the next Annual Meeting of Ratepayers" in the schedule, so that the first quarter's Rates in any year may be collected under the authority of the Ratepayers' Resolution of the year preceding.

Proposed Pagoda. The protest of the owners of the properties adjoining Cadastral Lot 667 is read, from which it is noted that the objections are based upon doubts (i) as to the success of the venture commercially, and (ii) as to the stability of the building, having regard to the known properties of the Shanghai sub-soil. The character of this protest, and the number of signatories, are such that the Council is averse to exercising its discretionary right to permit the erection of this exceptional building, unless specifically so directed by a vote of the Ratepayers. The impending Annual Meeting affords a suitable opportunity for the submission of the matter for public decision and a reply to the applicant concerned is authorised in this sense.

Volunteers, Maxim Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant 12 months' leave of absence is granted to Captain G.E. Stewart. This officer will undergo courses of instructions at Hythe and Chelsea.

Bijou Skating Rink. In reference to certain doubts which have been expressed as to the licence of this establishment, reports by the Engineer and Captain Superintendent of Police are submitted to the effect that (a) there is no danger to building or floor from skating, and (b) that every step has been taken to obviate an outbreak of fire.

A letter from the International Skating Rink Ltd. is read, stating that, in accordance with the Council's request, a second means of exit will be provided in the west wall of the rink, giving access to an adjoining godown, and that the bars in front of the windows are being removed.

Range Road Sewer. A report by the Engineer informs the Council that a length of 225 feet of this sewer west of Woosung Road has become partially choked from subsidence of the sub-soil. He states that it may

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be necessary to lay a new sewer on the north side of the road, at an estimated cost of £1265; Mr Prentice is of opinion that the work should be undertaken forthwith.

✓ Recreation Ground Committee. Noting the resignation of Mr H.G. Gardner of the Honorary Secretaryship of this Committee, owing to his forthcoming departure from Shanghai, it is decided to request Mr P. Peebles to undertake that work.

✓ Loan of 1910. The Treasurer reports that including re-investments of redeemed debentures of the Loan of 1901, provisionnal receipts have been issued amounting to £226,000, and it is therefore decided to raise the price of issue from 105 to 106.

✓ Standing Orders. The supply of copies of the Standing Orders being exhausted, it is decided to re-print them with such clerical amendment as is necessary. The instructions to employes, heretofore part of the same pamphlet, being in need of considerable revision, will be re-issued separately hereafter.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David Dandale*

Chairman.

*W. Musson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 2, 1910, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F. C. Heffer  
 W. D. Little  
 H. A. J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 W. A. C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T. E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 25, are read and confirmed. With regard to the Second Public School for Chinese, the Chairman alludes to the possibility of combining this project with that for the connexion of the Peking and Avenue Roads, by the purchase of Cadastral Lot 114 and the unregistered block on the east thereof for purposes of a school site. Details of area, etc., will be obtained for the consideration of the School Committee in due course.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of February 28, are read and confirmed. In regard to the Building Scheme, the original plans of the building, together with those compiled by the Engineer in 1906, will be submitted for the Committee's information at its next meeting.

✓ Staff. From further letters from Mr Cavalier it appears that he is leaving Shanghai today without formal permission. His name is therefore ordered to be struck out of the Staff List. Mr De Gray points out that this employe has been a source of continuous friction and inconvenience, so far as the Committee is concerned, and, in the Council's opinion, the School is well rid of his services.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 1, are read and confirmed. The Accounts are ordered for circulation to the Finance Committee before the Budget of proposed Capital Expenditure is finally approved. So far, however, as the Loan of 1910 is concerned, the Council adopts the suggestion that it be limited to ₹150,000.

✓ Incandescent Lamps. The necessary direction on the subject of lamps for use in Municipal buildings and quarters is authorised.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ National Rifle Association. The Commandant forwards the names of 8 members of the Corps who are desirous of taking part in the Bisley Meeting during 1910, and their official nomination is approved.

✓ Uniform. A letter from the Commandant suggests acceptance of an offer by Messrs Arnhold, Karberg & Co. of a quantity of khaki woollen cloth suitable for greatcoats for the Corps. The Council endorses the view of the Watch Committee that since the supply of overcoats was not considered of sufficient urgency to warrant provision being made therefor in the Budget, it is inexpedient to authorise the purchase in excess.

✓ Shanghai City Magistrate. A letter from the Consular Body is read, with reference to the cases cited in the Council's recent letter on the subject of the Tactai's proposed proclamation against gambling, viz. that of the murderers of Chinese Constable No. 664 in January of last year. It is noted that the Magistrate's delay and inaction in regard to punishing these men has been the subject of protest.

✓ Public Ricshas. Police Reports are submitted on the subject of the action of certain ricssha owners during the past four days in protest at the Police procedure which has lately been more strict than heretofore. Not more than 750 licences have been issued for March, and these are almost entirely for rubber-tyred vehicles. Meetings have taken place in the French Settlement at which it was resolved not to take out licences, and there is other evidence that the owners are considerably incensed. The Captain Superintendent suggests inspection by the Watch Committee of certain of the vehicles now deposited in the Central Station, but Mr Platt points out that the work properly appertains to the staff, and that the members of Committee should not be called upon for such services. The whole question is referred for discussion at a meeting of the Watch Committee to be arranged.

✓ Public Works Department, Staff. With regard to the pay to be drawn by Mr Dieroking, Chief Clerk, the Engineer reports that he now prefers to remain on an agreement terminable at 3 months' notice. Under these circumstances the Council records the decision that no further increase of pay will be granted during a period of three years.

Financial Statement. The Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1909 are submitted in proof, and after some discussion authorised for publication, with <sup>some</sup> ~~some~~ modifications in respect to Legal Expenses, from which it is decided to exclude the compensation paid for the Alhambra and Jessfield Inn raids, and the costs of the other side in the suit against the Gas Company.

Ratepayers Meeting. The official Resolutions to be proposed by the Council at the forthcoming Annual Meeting are submitted in proof. With regard to that relating to Proxy Voting, a note from the Legal Adviser is read, re-affirming the opinion formerly expressed by Mr McNeill that no legal necessity exists for the proposal. The Chairman points out that the Resolution, as amended, is intended to do no more than obtain the approval of the Ratepayers to the course which the Council intends to follow. It is not certain to whom the appeal would be in the case of a representative of an absent Ratepayer who refused to comply with the Council's procedure, but it would appear that recourse would be necessary to the Consular and Diplomatic Bodies, through the Chairman of the Meeting. The Chairman undertakes to make this clear in his speech introducing the Resolution.

The Resolutions are thereupon approved for publication.

Consul General for Cuba. The Captain Superintendent of Police reports that Mr Tejedor is being seriously inconvenienced by the action of Mr Musso and others concerned in the Jessfield Inn, and that he would be glad to receive a letter from the Council stating that his action in dealing with the deportee Castaneda has met with public approval. Such a letter is accordingly submitted and signed for despatch.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

David Landale

Chairman.

W. Curson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 9, 1910, at 4.30 p.m;  
there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale (Chairman)
	H. De Gray
	F. C. Heffer
	W. D. Little
	H. A. J. Macray
	O. Meuser
	W. A. C. Platt
	J. Prentice
	T. E. Trueman
	The Secretary and Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Consul General for Cuba. The Council is informed by a telephone message  
 from the Senior Consul that the Consul General for Cuba is in receipt  
 of a telegram from his Government to the effect that he has no criminal  
 jurisdiction in the Settlement. The inference from this announcement  
 is that the order of deportation against Mr Castaneda was invalid.  
 Mr Platt explains at some length the difficulties which the Watch  
 Committee has experienced in handling this case, upon Mr Castaneda's  
 return to the Settlement. Colonel Bruce attends to receive the  
 Council's instructions in the matter. While it may be held that Mr  
 Castaneda is now under the jurisdiction of the Mixed Court, the Council  
 is averse to instituting fresh proceedings against him. Colonel Bruce  
 states that the man is desirous of assisting in the management of a  
 cinematograph entertainment, and is willing to give a guarantee that he  
 will not concern himself in public gambling. Under these circumstances  
 it is decided to take no further action against him. A letter will,  
 however, be addressed to the Consular Body pointing out the peculiar  
 position in which Cubans in the Settlement now find themselves, and  
 asking for an official pronouncement on the question of jurisdiction.

The Captain Superintendent then withdraws.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of March 3, are read and  
 confirmed. With regard to the  
Mixed Court, Cases sent into the City, Mr Platt states that the Senior  
 Consul receives a monthly Return of the sentences given by the City  
 Magistrate, and it is decided to write requesting that copies of these  
 documents be forwarded for the Council's information.

Volunteers. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following promotions are approved, and commissions are authorised for issue accordingly:-

Artillery. 2nd Lieutenant R.W. Davis to be Lieutenant.

Light Horse. C.A. McLennan and T.G. Drakeford to be 2nd Lieutenant.

"A" Company. W.K. Stanion to be 2nd Lieutenant.

American Company. W.E. Sauer to be 2nd Lieutenant.

Portuguese Company. A.M. Diniz to be 2nd Lieutenant.

Japanese Company. Toshisada Yamauchi to be 2nd Lieutenant.

Arms. In respect to a permit issued by the Senior Consul for 100 Mauser rifles to be carried through the Settlement for the China National Institute in the North Szechuen Road, the Captain Superintendent submits that it would be highly undesirable for these weapons to be placed in the hands of Chinese students in the neighbourhood of the Settlement. While the Council does not attach much importance to this matter, it is decided to address the Senior Consul on the subject, deprecating granting such applications.

Peking Road Widening. The correspondence with Mr J. Ambrose on the subject of the scheduled portion of Cadastral Lot 311 is submitted, and, from his letter last received, it appears that he disputes the Council's right to submit the case to the Land Commission. From the written opinions of the Legal Adviser and Mr Platt, the Council learns that this contention is not good in law, and it is therefore decided, after due notice, to put the case before the Commission, and thereafter enforce the terms of the Award by reference to the Supreme Court.

Rifle Range Extension. Now that the Council's proposals in this matter have been made public, there exists no further reason that the land remain registered in the name of Mr Algar; it is therefore decided, while thanking him for his services, to transfer the lots to the Council's name. The Municipal Engineer will undertake the work of completing and consolidating the site.

✓ Proposed Pagoda. A report and diagram compiled by the Municipal Engineer is submitted, dealing with this project from a technical standpoint. The documents are ordered for publication.

✓ Tramways. The Chairman and General Manager of the Tramway Company have called upon the Chairman and announced willingness to pay the whole sum demanded by the Gas Company, provided that the Council will withdraw its request for the removal of the track from the Canton Road. They state that the receipts from this section of the track



have doubled during the past few months. The Council is not averse to this suggestion, and the matter will be the subject of official correspondence after the forthcoming Ratepayers Meeting.

✓ Public Band. With the sanction of the Band and Finance Committees a gratuity of £500 has been issued to Assistant Conductor Calistro de Castro upon his retirement after 27 years in the Council's service. This recognition of Mr de Castro's work is now formally confirmed by the Council.

✓ Municipal Debentures. An enquiry has been received as to £35,000 of debentures of the Loan of 1903 for sale at the rate of 103, and discussion ensues as to whether purchases out of the Redemption Appropriation should be made at a premium. Mr Heffer is of opinion that the Council in the future will probably repeat the practice inaugurated last year of allowing re-investment at par of debentures drawn for payment. Under these circumstances it appears desirable to make purchases during the year at cheap rates when offering, and in the present instance purchase is authorised at 102½.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Dandale*

Chairman.

*M. Gerson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 16, 1910, at 4.30 p.m:

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. De Gray  
 F. C. Heffer  
 H. A. J. Macray  
 O. Meuser  
 W. A. C. Platt  
 J. Prentice  
 T. E. Trueman  
 The Secretary and  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: W. D. Little

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Arms. With reference to the proposal to address a communication to the Senior Consul on the subject of the permit issued by himself for the transfer of 100 Mauser Rifles to the premises of the China National Institute, the Council is informed that, so far as the Police are aware, the permit has not yet been availed of. The letter therefore awaits further Police report in the matter.

Volunteers, Artillery. At the suggestion of the Commandant it is decided to address an application to the Chinese Authorities through the usual channel, desiring permission for the Artillery to carry out target practice at Woosung, since there is no apparent prospect of obtaining a suitable practice ground elsewhere.

Native Press. A letter from Mr J. D. Clark, Managing Director of the Sin Wan Pao, Ltd., is read, disputing the statement in the Annual Report just issued that this paper amongst others is officially owned or controlled. This statement rests upon the known association of Mr J. C. Ferguson with the Sin Wan Pao, and, in the light of facts ascertained, is substantially correct. A reply in this sense is authorised.

House Refuse Depot. A second offer by Mr A. E. Algar of land suitable for this purpose is submitted, viz. Cadastral Lots 4432/3, at £2500 per mow, payable on title deed area. It is decided to accept the offer on these or such better terms as the Engineer may be able to arrange.

Pingohiao Quarry. The Engineer's report on his recent visit to the Quarry is submitted, and the suggestion is approved that a letter be addressed

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to the French Council, pointing out that the difficulties of labour and transport recently experienced appear to be due to the attempt of Mr Cornic, the French ex-Assistant Engineer, to establish a small private quarry adjoining.

With regard to the further letter of the Chekiang Bureau of Foreign Affairs of March 2, the proposal is approved to institute negotiations for the renewal of the lease through H.M. Consul at Hangchow. To this end Mr Godfrey will proceed again to the Quarry at an early date.

✓ Electricity Department, Coal Supply. 5 tenders received in response to Municipal Notification No. 2001, are submitted, together with the Electrical Engineer's report thereon. Upon his recommendation, endorsed by the Electricity Committee, it is decided to accept that of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha for Takaye Small Coal, at the rate of ¥5.80 per ton.

✓ Municipal Debentures. A report by the Treasurer is read on the subject of the privilege recently granted to the Staff of investing in Municipal Debentures at par. For reasons which Mr Goodale sets out, and upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it is decided to terminate this arrangement, it being noted that any deserving special case may receive the Council's favourable consideration.

✓ Trust Funds Investment. An offer of the Shanghai Land Investment Company's debentures to the extent of ¥100000, at 104, is submitted, with the Treasurer's proposal that it be accepted, to cover the funds which will require investment at the end of the year. In the opinion of the Finance Committee the proposed rate is high, and it is decided to make a counter-offer at 103 net.

✓ Municipal Service Club. The offer of Messrs Hall & Holtz Ld. to supply a billiard table for the sum of ¥750 is authorised for acceptance, it being noted that the firm may be willing to reduce their price to ¥695, as in the case of the tables purchased for the Shanghai Club. The Budget appropriation for this purpose being thus expended, additional accessories if required must be at the expense of the members of the Club.

✓ Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Tramways. Some discussion ensues as to whether it would have been preferable to embody the Council's proposals in respect to the Tramway service in a special Resolution. In the discussion which ensues the Chairman points out that the exact terms of the Tramway Concession were arranged by the Council without specific submission to the Ratepayers. It therefore appears to him to follow that the conditions

may be changed in a similar manner from time to time. If the Company is dissatisfied with the proposal to discuss the question of the Tramway in connexion with the Budget, it remains for the Company to propose a Resolution upon its own initiative.

Wood-paving. A letter from Mr H.J. Craig is read, announcing his intention to propose a Resolution that the wood-paving of the Nanking Road as originally proposed be now carried out by the Council.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

*David Laudale*

Chairman.

*W. Morrison*

Secretary.

J.K.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 23, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs

H.J. Craig  
H. De Gray  
F.C. Heffer  
H. du F. Hutchison  
D. Landale  
O. Meuser  
C. Selby Moore  
W.A.C. Platt  
J. Prentice  
T.E. Trueman  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

W.D. Little  
H.A.J. Macray

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication, whereupon the retiring members of the Council for 1909, Messrs Heffer and Prentice, withdraw.

✓ Election of Office Bearers. Upon the proposal of Mr Meuser, seconded by Mr De Gray, Mr Landale is unanimously re-elected Chairman; and upon the proposal of Mr Platt, seconded by the Chairman, Mr Meuser is re-elected to the Vice Chair.

The Council resolves itself into standing committees as follows:-

Finance Committee: Messrs Hutchison, Landale and Selby Moore.  
Works Committee: Messrs De Gray, Meuser and Trueman.  
Watch Committee: Messrs Craig, Macray and Platt.

In respect to the appointment of Sub-Committees, it is decided to request the present members to continue their services for another year, and, since it has been ascertained that with two exceptions they are willing to stand if appointed, these Sub-Committees will continue as follows:-

Band Committee: Messrs Burrett, Fink and Meuser.

Parks Committee: Messrs Algar, Ambrose and Teesdale.

Mr Beauchamp's retirement from this Committee leaves the original number of members (3) complete; it is therefore decided, while conveying the Council's thanks to Mr Beauchamp for his services, to make no further appointment.

Public School Committee: Messrs Abraham, Campbell and De Gray, Dr Ivy and Mr White-Cooper.

Committee of the Public School for Chinese: Messrs Ferguson and Maoray, Rev. A.J. Walker and Mr Shen Tun-ho.

The vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr Chu Lan-fong will be filled later.

Electricity Committee: Messrs Collinson, Pearce and Wulleumier. Mr Craig is nominated as the Council's representative on the Public Recreation Ground Committee.

✓ Powers of the Captain Superintendent of Police. A letter from H.M. Judge is read, forwarding a copy of a new King's Regulation affecting British members of the Police Force, together with a Code of Rules for the exercise of summary jurisdiction by the Captain Superintendent. In reply it is decided to convey an expression of the Council's thanks to Sir Havilland de Sausmarez for the care and attention which he has bestowed upon this subject.

Mr Trueman enquires as to the possible effect of these regulations upon the recruiting of the Force, and Mr Hutchison alludes to the possibility of resentment on the part of men already enlisted by way only of civil contract. In reply the Chairman draws attention to the concluding paragraph of the Judge's letter, in which he points out that if the new regulations prove unsatisfactory it is open to the Minister to withdraw his warrant.

✓ Motor Car Licences. The Secretary of the Automobile Club of China forwards the protests of 33 of the members of the Club at the increase in the Licence Fee, stating that graduation by horse power would be preferable to the newly approved flat rates. In reply it is decided to point out that no change can be made until next year's Budget is under compilation, while the opinion is advanced that a graduated scale would necessarily be based upon a minimum quarterly fee of £10.

✓ Mixed Court, Cases sent into the City. The reply of the Senior Consul is read to the Council's application on this subject, in which he states that copies of the City Magistrate's monthly returns of these cases will be forwarded for the Council's information.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

*W. Morrison*  
Secretary.

*David L. ...*  
Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 30, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ Death of Mr W.G. Bayne. The Chairman alludes to a telegram received this morning announcing the death of Mr Bayne, who was for three years (1901/3) a Member of Council, and, during the two latter, its Chairman. Upon his proposal it is decided to record an expression of deep regret, and of sympathy with Mrs Bayne and other members of the late Mr Bayne's family.

✓ Committee of the Public School for Chinese. The Council is informed that Mr Chu Lan-fong has consented to retain his seat on this Committee.

/ The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 29 are read and confirmed. In regard to

✓ Convict Labour, the opinion obtains that the book entries proposed under this heading, while complicating accounts, will not serve any definite purpose. The minute, however, will stand, subject to revision when the Balance Sheet is presented at the end of the year.

✓ Proxy Voting. It is directed that the form of proxy, and letter to the representatives of absent Ratepayers, be submitted in draft to the Legal Adviser.

✓ Volunteers, Staff. The Commandant reports the resignation by the Rev. R.C. Winning of his commission as Assistant Chaplain, owing to his departure from Shanghai.

✓ Mixed Court.

✓ Native Inquests. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards copies of further correspondence between himself and the Taotai on this subject, from which it appears that the Native Authorities are yet unwilling that inquests be held in the presence of the Foreign Assessor except where direct foreign interests are involved. The Watch Committee has approved the suggestion that procedure be inaugurated for holding inquests before the Assessors without the presence of the Magistrate, and it is decided to ascertain whether this proposal would receive support at the hands of the Consular Body.

✓ Cases sent into the City. A Police Report is read on the subject of the case of Chun San-loong, convicted of stabbing a woman on March 17, who subsequently died as a result of wounds inflicted. This prisoner was sent into the City, and has since escaped from custody. It is decided to furnish particulars of the case for the information of the Consular Body, and to allude to this as among the unfortunate results of withholding from the Mixed Court powers of adequate sentence in cases of serious crime. It appears from the Report that the City Magistrate has inflicted a large number of blows on the Tipao responsible for the escape, and allusion will be made in the Council's despatch to the further question of the administration of blows by the Court.

✓ Wood-paving. A draft Notification calling for tenders for the supply of wood blocks for the paving work included in the Budget is submitted and approved, April 30 being fixed for the receipt of tenders.

With regard to wood-paving generally, Mr Meuser advances the view that the present practice of sanding the wood is calculated to have a bad effect. After some discussion it is decided to call for a report from Mr Mayne on the life of wood-paving and the methods in vogue in England for its preservation with water, tar, or otherwise.

The meeting adjourns at 5.15 p.m.

*M. Curson*

Secretary.

*David Davidson*

Chairman.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 6, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of March 31, are read and confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 1, are read and confirmed. With regard to the

✓ Winchester Road Latrine Site, it is agreed under the circumstances to allow the buildings, for which an application has been received, to proceed.

✓ Public Lighting.

✓ Jessfield Road. A Police Report is read upon the subject of the lighting of the Jessfield village, the recommendations wherein are endorsed by the Watch Committee. Mr De Gray maintains the view that the Central District is still in need of further lighting, notably in alleyways, and for this reason he is averse to expenditure on outside districts such as that in question. The Council is unwilling to undertake the lighting of alleyways, which are almost without exception privately owned, and, after some discussion, a further plan is called for, showing the lighting of the Jessfield Road which at present stops at Edna Villas continued up to the end of the village, the number of lamps to be reduced as low as possible.

✓ Dixwell Road. Mr De Gray having inspected this road is satisfied of the desirability of lighting it, and the Engineer's recommendation is accordingly adopted.

✓ Pingohiao Quarry. The Council directs the extensive use of the surplusage of quarter inch chips in the construction of footpaths on country roads.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese

of April 4, are read and confirmed, and, in regard to the question of the appointment of

Mr Dowie, the Council directs that an assurance be given to him in accordance with the Committee's recommendation.

✓ Settlement Extension. A letter from the American Association of China

is read, forwarding a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State on this subject. The Council notes with satisfaction that its application for extension will receive the support of the American Legation and Consulate, and, at the suggestion of the Association, immediate publication of the despatch is directed so that the pointed attention of the new American Minister who arrives on Saturday may be drawn to the matter.

The Chairman states that the Water, Gas, and Telephone Companies are experiencing the greatest difficulty in regard to extensions and connexions in Chapei, owing to the opposition of the native police in that district. These matters are receiving attention at the hands of the British Consular Authorities. He also alludes to the fact that the Chapei Police are attempting to substitute other house numbers for those fixed by the Tax Office throughout the estate of the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. in the Dixwell Road. The Police have been instructed to prevent these tactics, if possible without an active conflict of authority.

✓ Volunteers, German Company. Seven months leave of absence is granted to 2nd Lieutenant Steen, with effect from April 1.

Upon the special recommendation of the Commandant, a Commission as Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr L. Wiegand. This Unit has at present the services of one officer only, and this special promotion is approved in the interests of discipline in the Company generally.

✓ Land Commission. The Awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos. LXXIV, LXXV, and LXXVI, are submitted. These Awards have been transmitted for the information of the concerned, and are ordered for publication as usual.

A letter from Mr Whittall is read, announcing the resignation of his seat on the Commission, owing to his forthcoming departure from Shanghai. It is decided to thank Mr Whittall for his services, and, with the approval of the Council, the Chairman undertakes to invite Mr H.G. Sims to fill the vacancy thus created.

✓ Ratepayers Meetings, Proxy Voting. The Legal Adviser returns the Form of Proxy submitted for his approval with certain alterations marked thereon. These alterations appear to the Finance Committee to be unreasonable and incorrect, the members being unanimously of opinion that the Form as submitted is preferable. It is decided to put the various points again before Mr Jones, and ask for a written explanation of his reasons for the suggested changes.

✓ Trust Funds. Messrs H.R. Boyd & Co. submit an offer of £45,000 of debentures of the Mutual Telephone Co.Ld. at 103 net. Some discussion ensues as to the advisability of accepting these debentures for Trust Fund purposes, the price quoted being also considered high. The offer as it stands is not authorised for acceptance.

✓ Secretariat. The application of the Secretary for six months' leave from <sup>April 23</sup> May-14, is submitted and approved.

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✓ Volunteer Drill Hall. Mr Trueman enquires how this matter stands, and refers to the opposition which appears to exist against the conversion of the Chinese Garden as a site for the new building. <sup>Mr D. Jones</sup> He states that the Board of Officers to whom the matter was formally referred, will not approve this site. The various plans and other documents which have been prepared will be submitted at the meeting of the Watch Committee next ensuing.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*David Laidale*  
Chairman.

*W. Musson*  
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 13, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Settlement Extension. The Chairman recounts his interview with the new  
American Minister on April 9, at which Mr Calhoun stated that he would  
use his influence in the desired direction; he has promised to re-  
visit the Settlement at a later date so that he may study the position  
more closely.

Public Band. The Council is informed of an offer by Mr Withers, the  
professional violinist, to play at the next Sunday concert. Mr  
Meuser is of opinion that compliance with this proposal may create  
difficult situations hereafter, but, acting on the recommendation of  
the Conductor, the Council decides to accept the offer.

Volunteers, Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant,  
the commission of Lieutenant W.H. Bell is authorised for renewal with  
effect from date of expiry, April 16.

Police Legal Assistant. The opinion of the Council is sought on the  
subject of Mr Kirk's services in regard to Police prosecutions. The  
present position is regarded as unsatisfactory, inasmuch as Mr Kirk's  
work for the Legal Advisers firm outside Police matters amounts to  
practically nothing, while the pay which he draws is unquestionably  
insufficient for a man in his position. While in this matter the  
Council is averse to taking any action without the knowledge of the  
Legal Advisers, it is recorded that, if the necessary arrangements can  
be made it will be in the interests of the Police Service that Mr Kirk  
sign an independent agreement with the Council, upon the lines of

ordinary Municipal employees, with a reasonable rate of salary to be fixed. The informal communication of this opinion to Mr Kirk is authorised.

✓ American Land Office. With regard to the case of Mr E.J. Hogg's mortgage on the property which purported to be American Lot 1549, to which reference is made in the minutes of the meeting of January 5, a further letter from Mr Hogg is read, claiming refund from the Council of the amount of the mortgage. From a report in re by the Engineer it appears that the Cadastral Office was at fault in plotting the lot on the official plan upon information obtained privately and without consular confirmation. At the same time the claim is regarded as unreasonable under any circumstances, and it is decided to furnish copies of the correspondence for comment by the American Consul General, with an enquiry as to why the original registration of Lots 1252 and 1549 was not communicated to the Cadastral Office in accordance with standing rules.

✓ Cathedral Compound. A letter from the Honorary Treasurer of the Trustees of the Cathedral is read, accepting the Council's offer in respect to the widening of the roads surrounding this property, with certain stipulations as to the wall to be reinstated. It is decided to embody the whole arrangement in a formal lease.

✓ Rice Money. A note from the Acting Health Officer recommends the re-issue of Rice Money upon the lines in force in recent years, but, upon consideration, this course appears to the Council inadvisable under present conditions. The issue of Rice Money amounts in fact to increase in pay for which there is no appropriation, and its discontinuance when the price of rice falls has invariably the appearance of hardship.

✓ Tramways.

✓ Trailer Cars. The application of the Company to augment the number of trailer cars in use, as may be necessary to meet the requirements of traffic, is, after some consideration, approved.

✓ Fares and Sections. The Company's proposal is submitted to extend the principle of more frequent fares points and to adopt 3 cent fares for distances midway between 4 and 2 cent fares; the scheme also includes denoting 2nd Class for the future 3rd Class. Comments on the details of the scheme by the Captain Superintendent of Police, Engineer, and Electrical Engineer, disclose no reason for non-compliance with these proposals, and, in accordance with the principle enunciated last year that it is desirable to allow the Company as free a hand as possible in such matters, it is decided to sanction the suggested changes, with the usual reservation of right to revert to the status quo if desired.

- ✓ Chapel Waterworks. With regard to a Memorial to the Throne by the Viceroy at Nanking, on the subject of the establishment of independent waterworks for the Chapel District, it is considered desirable to protest in the strongest terms against a scheme for which there is no justification, and which can only be due to the recorded determination of the Native Authorities to thwart foreign expansion on the northern boundary of the Settlement. A letter of protest addressed to the Senior Consul is approved, and signed by the Chairman for despatch.
- ✓ Ratepayers Meetings, Proxy Voting. From the reply of the Legal Adviser to the Council's enquiry on this subject, it does not appear that any good purpose will be served by amending the form of proxy originally proposed, which form is accordingly adopted for issue to the representatives of absent Ratepayers.
- ✓ Municipal Loans. Certain proposals by the Treasurer for the transfer of the whole amount of the Electricity Loan for 1910 to the funds of the Department are approved, and it is noted that a temporary loan of ¥50,000 is required to keep the Department's current account in funds.
- Mr Selby-Moore reverts to the subject of the method of applying the appropriation for Redemption of Debentures, and it is directed that the earlier reports on the subject be circulated for re-consideration by the Finance Committee.
- ✓ Trust Funds. The offer of ¥100,000 debentures of the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. at 104 net is re-submitted, and after some discussion accepted, in the opinion that it is improbable that a more favourable opportunity will arise during the year for the investment of surplus Trust Funds.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

*David Kaudate*

Chairman.

*W. Curson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 20, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 14, are read and confirmed, with the following notes:-

Showroom. The Council is of opinion that the rent for the suggested premises in the Nanking Road is high; the Engineer will, however, be directed to make the best terms he can.

Staff. The question of Mr Budd's salary is deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

With regard to Mr Aldridge, the Chairman speaks in the highest terms of his work as Electrical Engineer, and the Committee's proposal with regard to his new agreement after due consideration is unanimously confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of April 15 are read and confirmed. In regard to the proposed

School Buildings, considerable discussion takes place, the Chairman pointing out that the matter is one which will claim the attention of the Special Committee to be formed in the Autumn for the consideration of educational matters in Shanghai. Mr Macray considers that this Committee may be nominated forthwith, so that the members may begin giving that personal attention to the various aspects of the question which will arise for consideration. Since, however, the Headmasters of both of the Municipal Schools are now proceeding on leave, and since the minute does no more than direct the collection of information on the subject by Mr Billings in England, it is confirmed as it stands.

Staff. The minute on the subject of Mr Gray's salary meets with the Council's approval.

Police Legal Assistant. A letter from Mr C.G. Kirk is read, making a definite enquiry whether, on leaving the firm of Hanson, McNeill & Jones, the Council will engage him independently for Police work. Mr Jones is aware of the contents of this letter, and, at his suggestion, it is decided to reply that the matter will have the Council's consideration so soon as an opportunity has been given to Mr McNeill, now in England, to express an opinion thereon.

Mohammedan Cemetery. A further communication from Mr E. Pabaney, Trustee of the Mohammedan Mosque, is submitted through the British Consulate, in which he suggests the purchase of a piece of land for the purpose of a burial ground near the junction of the Chengtu and Manila Roads. The Chairman is of opinion that this residential district is not suited for the purpose in question, and a report from the Engineer is called for as to whether it is not feasible to make a land grant to the Mohammedan section of the community from among the surplus pieces of land owned by the Council in the neighbourhood of the Rifle Range.

Street Advertisements. A letter from Mr J. Liddell is submitted, complaining of the advertisements placed opposite his residence in the Bubbling Well Road. Discussion ensues as to the Council's deficient powers of control of road-side advertisements which cannot be legitimately described as nuisances. It is decided to address a communication to Mr A.M.A. Evans for Messrs Dombey & Son, desiring that he will remove the offending advertisements, and, in the event of his refusal, the Council will consider the advisability of erecting a bamboo fence within the road line, blocking them from sight.

Yangkingpang Bridge. The Chairman states that the French Council met yesterday and discussed the question of the renewal of the Bund bridge for purposes of tramway intercommunication. Unless a letter is received during the ensuing week announcing approval of the scheme at present under discussion, it is decided to address a further letter to the French Council on the subject.

Cash Balance. A note from the Treasurer informs the Council that the cash balance at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at present approximates £300,000, and he suggests depositing one-third of this amount with the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank for 6 months at 4 per cent. The hope is expressed that the Council's bankers will allow this rate of interest, but in any case it is decided to make the deposit with them at the most favourable rates obtainable.

*W.L.*



In this connexion it is also decided to issue no more debentures of the Loan of 1910 unless and until the money is actually required.

Secretariat Staff. The resignation of Mr Corbett-Smith with effect from October 6, the date of expiry of his agreement, is submitted, and, after some discussion, accepted. In a further letter Mr Corbett-Smith points out that the advertisement in the "Times", upon which his appointment was based, announced a salary of £600 per annum, and after consideration the Council concurs in the proposal that the difference between this rate of pay and the actual amount drawn may be refunded to him. It is further decided, as a special case, to issue the whole sum at his credit in the Superannuation Fund.

American Land Office. The reply of the American Consul General on the subject of Cadastral Lot No 575 is submitted, and ordered for transmission to Mr E.J. Hogg. It is decided further to inform Mr Hogg that the information which the Council had on the subject of this property was obtained from Mr R.H. Parker, that there is no record of an enquiry by Mr Dallas, and finally that the Council does not accept any responsibility for the loss which he has suffered. In view of the possibility of Mr Hogg instituting legal proceedings, this letter will be subject to approval by the Legal Adviser before despatch.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Daudale*

Chairman.

*W. Curson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 27, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs            D. Landale            (Chairman)  
                       H.J. Craig  
                       H. De Gray  
                       H.D. Hutchison  
                       H.A.J. Macray  
                       O. Meuser  
                       C. Selby Moore  
                       W.A.C. Platt  
                       T.E. Trueman and  
                           Acting Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 22 are read and confirmed, with the following notes:-

✓ New Headquarters and Drill Hall. Mr. Trueman records his view that the dimensions of the proposed Hall for Company drills should be the subject of final decision only after the Officers of the Corps have been consulted as to their opinion.

Doubt is expressed as to whether the purchase of Cadastral Lot 171 can be begun this year, but it is recognised that eventually this must follow and the project is referred to the Works and Finance Committees for further consideration in the first place.

✓ Yinghsiangkong Police Post. Mr. De Gray points out that the policing of this distant village should not be allowed to prejudice the Council's relations with the local committeeman who has proved useful in the past in negotiating land purchases for road extensions in the Eastern District. He urges the desirability of vacating as soon as possible the premises now held unless the consent of the owners and a lease can be obtained and in this view the Council concurs.

✓ Hongkew Fire Station. Expenditure for which there is no provision in the Budget is disapproved in the case of this building, the members of the Finance Committee for last year recalling that the item in question was deleted in view of the excess in ordinary expenditure of the Brigade. In view of the necessity as testified by the Chief Engineer of housing men attached to this Station at once, it is directed that endeavours be made to lease suitable quarters in the neighbourhood. Provision for permanent settlement of this matter either by rebuilding or otherwise will be inserted in the Budget for 1911. Tenancy of the

✓ Victoria Company Quarters will be abandoned as soon as possible after the Sinza Station is in use.

*D.L.*

Volunteers.

✓ Annual Inspection. Major General R.G. Broadwood's report on the inspection of the Corps held on April 23 is read and ordered for publication. It is noted that his remarks in respect to the proposed new Headquarters and Drill Hall are in strong confirmation of the Watch Committee's views on the subject as recorded at its recent meetings.

✓ Police Regulations. Letters from the American and German Consuls-General are read in protest on this subject, objecting that the action taken is in conflict with the international character of the Settlement and its administration. Draft reply is submitted and with amendments approved. It is directed that the Consular Body be formally notified of the promulgation of the rules.

✓ Tramways, Joint Running Powers. A note from the French Council refers to a letter from the Manager of the French Company contained in its published proceedings, in which he proposes two changes in the agreement, as sanctioned under the terms set forth in the meeting of July 27 of the Local Board with Messrs Landale and Meuser, the Council's Sub-Committee. Letter to the same effect from the Tramway Company with a fourth proof agreement changed accordingly, is submitted and ordered for circulation to the members.

✓ Pagoda. In reply to an enquiry by the architect as to whether this structure will be permitted south of the Nanking Road, it is directed that he be informed that when details of any such proposed site are submitted, the Council will give it consideration.

✓ Taxation of Vehicles. The changes in the taxation schedule for 1910 were notified to the French Council as early as January 31, and the Budget was transmitted in March as usual. A further intimation was then requested, but it is noted that upon its arrival the tax on motor vehicles was already settled, and that therefore the licence fees in both Settlements will not be identical until after the June Quarter.

✓ Street Advertisements. In reply to the Council's representations Mr A.M.A. Evans has stated his willingness to do what is possible towards satisfying the desires of the residents in Bubbling Well Road.

✓ Case of Overseer Lewis. A note from the Crown Advocate enquires into the circumstances of the dismissal of this employe. No reply to such an enquiry appears necessary and it is further noted that the Crown Advocate has now left for home.

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✓ Agreement of the Captain Superintendent of Police. This agreement will expire in August next, and the terms of its renewal will be considered by the Watch Committee in the near future, the Chairman recording the Council's satisfaction with the character of Lieut-Colonel Bruce's services.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Laidley*

Chairman.

*E. Madinon*

Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 11, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs  
D. Landale (Chairman)  
H.J. Craig  
H. De Gray  
H. Du Flon Hutchison  
O. Meuser  
C. Selby Moore  
W.A.C. Platt  
T.E. Trueman and  
The Acting Secretary

Absent:  
H.A.J. Macray

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ Death of His Majesty the King. Before proceeding to the ordinary business of this meeting, the Chairman proposes a resolution recording the Council's deep regret and sympathy at the death of His Majesty the King. It is unanimously resolved that a letter to this effect be addressed to H.M. Consul General expressing on behalf of the Shanghai community the general sorrow at the death of His Majesty.

At the suggestion of Mr Craig it is decided that the Volunteers shall parade at the memorial service, and at the recommendation of the Watch Committee it is decided to express to the Commandant the Council's wish that the Officers of the Corps wear a black band with their uniform in token of mourning.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 29, are read and confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of May 9, are read and confirmed. In regard to Rice Money, some discussion ensues, but finally the Committee's decision as recorded is confirmed.

✓ Secretariat. In respect to Mr Corbett Smith's claim for an equitable allowance for locomotion of which mention is made in his agreement, Mr Platt reads a letter addressed to himself on the subject. The Chairman states that the Committee's views were substantially as recorded, but after some discussion it is decided that the question shall be fully considered shortly before the expiry of his service.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Light Horse. Six months' leave of absence is granted to 2nd Lieutenant C.A. McLellan, with effect from May 17.

✓ "A" Company. Extension of leave is granted to Lieutenant G.M. Jameson, from June 4 to September 30.

✓ National Rifle Association. A letter from Lieut-Colonel C.R. Crosse, Secretary to the National Rifle Association at Bisley, acknowledges and accedes to the Council's application requesting official nomination of certain members of the Corps to represent the S.V.C. in team matches open to them.

✓ Public Gambling. A Police report is submitted with reference to the re-opening of the Alhambra under the auspices of a Portuguese subject, and stating that information has been received to the effect that gambling is taking place as before. A letter has therefore been addressed to the Portuguese Consul desiring that special conditions of licence be imposed similar to those laid down for French and Spanish subjects. This is in accordance with the Council's decision of December last to approach the respective Consular Authorities to this end. The reply of the Portuguese Consul is submitted, dated May 9, stating that the establishment will be closed within 24 hours, on the ground that it was not opened in accordance with Portuguese law. It is directed that an effort be made to obtain from the Portuguese Consul an undertaking similar to that granted by the former French Consul General and the Spanish and Italian Consuls.

✓ House Refuse Removal. A report by the Health Officer outlines the arrangements made for the year ending April 30, 1910, and these are approved. The system as set forth in the Council's published minute of May 26 last, has proved very satisfactory, and informal agreements for the hire of boats and transport to the Depot as before have been renewed on the same terms, except in the case of carriage from the Fes-on Road, for which an increase of \$5 per <sup>boat</sup> ~~ton~~ is noted.

✓ Slaughter of Pigs. A Police report is submitted as to a slaughter house for pigs and other live stock for native consumption, established in Chapel under the protection of the constabulary authorities. The Captain Superintendent in a further special report submitted, states that if immediate temporary permission is not given by the Council for the slaughter of pigs within Settlement limits under Municipal supervision, there is possibility of serious trouble within 24 hours.

The representations of dealers and butchers in this matter are possibly with a view to the pig slaughtering monopoly within the Settlement attempted at frequent intervals during recent years. The

matter is referred for full consideration to the Watch Committee, and in the meantime in view of the apparent scarcity of pork, temporary facilities for pig slaughtering under the supervision of the Health Department as recommended by Colonel Bruce are authorized.

Yingsiangkong Police Post. With reference to the Council's last minute it is noted that the quarters occupied without payment during the last 16 months have now been taken under lease with the Headman of the Eastern District, witnessed by local shopkeepers; a sum of \$140 has been paid, and for a similar small payment as nominal rental to date, the premises may be occupied until April 30 next. A suitable house with courtyard has also been found, which within the next few weeks can, at the option of the Police, be occupied instead at the nominal rate of \$10 per mensem.

Jessfield Road. In connexion with the scheme of lighting this road as recently approved, reference is made to the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent that a police box be placed in the village. Colonel Bruce requests that the necessary order for this structure be given to the Public Works Department. At present a police box in this position would inevitably lead to severe friction with the native authorities and the project is therefore not approved.

American Land Office. A letter from Messrs Platt Teesdale & Macleod is read to the effect that unless compensation is made in the terms of Mr Hogg's letter of April 5, a petition will be filed against the Council in the Court of Consuls. Mr Platt has no knowledge of this communication and undertakes to intervene and dispose of the matter.

Case of Overseer Lewis. A letter from Mr Wilkinson's partner claims on behalf of the concerned full salary for the month of April, three months salary from May 1 in lieu of notice, and his own contributions to the Superannuation Fund. It is directed that the facts be submitted to the Legal Adviser for an expression of his opinion, with a request for careful scrutiny of the evidence of misconduct sufficient to justify dismissal.

Tramways, Joint Running. A letter from the Tramway Company is submitted with 4th draft agreement between the Company and the French Company containing the following principal differences from the provisions of the 3rd draft and the amendments thereto as decided by the sub-committee of the Council and the Local Board at its meeting on July 27 last:-

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(1) The division of receipts is stated in the form of a principle whereby each company shall receive the proportion of receipts relating to its own lines; the tests being arranged as may be required by the Managers of the two Companies and

(2) The omission of the arbitration clause.

Reports of the Engineer and Electrical Engineer are in favour of the former, in the opinion that it is to the advantage of the Company in this Settlement, but neither favour the latter. Mr Meuser, however, points out that the correspondence shows the intention that arbitration will be as laid down in the 3rd draft, but that it will be the subject of private agreement between the <sup>Managers</sup> ~~Engineers~~ of the two Companies. On the understanding that the Council's approval will be for one year and subsequently be subject to revocation at three months notice, the 4th draft is approved.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*J. Mackinnon*

Acting Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 18, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H.J. Craig  
H. De Gray  
H. Du Flon Hutchison  
O. Meuser  
C. Selby Moore  
W.A.C. Platt  
T.E. Trueman and  
The Acting Secretary

Absent: H.A.J. Macray

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ Volunteers, Headquarters Staff. At the Commandant's recommendation an application to the War Office for the services of Sergeant S. Cox of the Permanent Staff of the 3rd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Sergeant-Major A.W. Studd is approved.

✓ Death of the King. Arrangements in connexion with the memorial service are discussed. At the invitation of the British Authorities the Light Horse and the Mounted section of "A" Company, together with the Artillery Company and 200 men and 15 officers selected from companies of various nationalities will be permitted to take part. Volleys will be fired by the landing party in the Cathedral compound after the service and it is noted that the stoppage of traffic will be necessary in thoroughfares adjacent to the Cathedral.

All the members, together with the heads of Departments, will proceed from the Municipal offices to the Cathedral to attend the service.

✓ Public Gambling. An amended reply from the Portuguese Consul is submitted which falls short of what was promised inasmuch as any action by the Police in respect to establishments such as the Alhambra with which Portuguese subjects are connected, must be preceded by separate authorisation on each occasion. In another communication the Portuguese Consul informs the Council that the Portuguese subject Rangel has severed his connexion with the concern which is therefore no longer under Portuguese jurisdiction.

A general discussion ensues as to the best method of dealing with this matter. The Captain Superintendent is confident that gambling is

taking place but the usual difficulties are experienced in proving it, as also in proving who is the real owner. The Chairman expresses the opinion that a general authority of entry should be sought from the Consular Body, and that the Council should address it officially to this end, stating that in the meantime the Siccawei Road will, as before, be closed after sunset. Mr De Gray points out that there are individual members of the Consular Body such as the American Consul General who are unable to give this authority of entry to the Police upon premises beyond limits for which no Consular permit is held. It seems therefore that it would be of little avail to apply for the general authority in question. Before notifying the Consular Body that the road will be closed, it is directed that the fact that gambling is taking place be established by detective evidence. The difficulty of obtaining this as indicated in a recent Police report is pointed out but members are unanimously of opinion that sustained efforts must be made to this end.

Chinese Proclamations. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai with further reference to correspondence which took place in February last as to a proclamation on the subject of gambling. The Taotai states that heavy gambling takes place in native clubs. The Captain Superintendent in a report submitted again refers to the Li Hongkew gambling sheds the suppression of which as a public resort of the poor and criminal classes, is in his opinion of much importance to the good order of the Settlement. It is decided to point out in the Council's reply <sup>explaining</sup> that gambling in native clubs is prohibited by the conditions of the Municipal Licence and that every effort is made and will continue to be made by the Police to enforce proper observance thereof. There appears to be no reason for withdrawing the privileges of the few clubs of known respectability which are exempt from rigorous police inspection.

Road Construction, 1910. A report by the Treasurer refers to a recent recommendation by the Engineer and decision by the Works Committee to meet the cost of metalling the Gordon and Sinza Roads out of Ordinary Expenditure, though provision for this work was made in the Extraordinary estimates for the year and the item should properly form part thereof. There is some difference of opinion on this point and Mr Meuser expresses his view that it is of little practical importance which account the expenditure is debited to, inasmuch as sufficient provision therefor is contained in the Budget. It is directed that the Treasurer's report be submitted for consideration by the Works Committee.

✓ Lighting beyond Limits. A further application by the Head of the Baptist College beyond the Point is submitted, with reference to the extension authorised under the minutes of the Electricity Committee of March 26. He requests that the material be supplied by the Council at cost price, and that the work be carried out by the Chinese Government, or, in the alternative, by the Council at the cost of the college. The Council's staff is fully occupied with extension work in the Settlement. The Electrical Engineer therefore recommends acceptance of the arrangement under which the material only will be supplied by the Council. The only objection is that this might be cited to the prejudice of extension work beyond limits at points nearer the Settlement. The locality is widely different from that of Paoshan, where land is chiefly in the registered ownership of foreigners, and where foreign residences are spreading. This is therefore a special case and the Electrical Engineer's recommendation is accordingly approved.

✓ Tramways. From the Traffic Return for April, submitted by the General Manager, it is noted with satisfaction that the receipts are again higher than all previous months, and exceed the amount for March by \$1420. They exceed the amount for the same month last year by \$8655.

✓ Land Commission. Awards in Cases Nos LXXVII and LXXVIII, for unregistered land required for Wayside Park and a portion of Lot 311 for Peking Road are noted, and will receive the attention of the Works Committee.

✓ Case of Overseer Lewis. The reply of the Legal Adviser is to the effect that the Council can legally withhold an employe's own contributions to the Superannuation Fund in the event of dismissal for misconduct; and that the wording of the agreement and rules calls for no amendment. He recommends against further payment. While the dismissal of this employe was in his opinion justified, he does not consider there is much evidence forthcoming in support of it. The Council is averse to publicly disputing small claims of this kind with minor ex employes. Provided Lewis will leave Shanghai forthwith payment of salary to the end of April and of his own contributions to the Superannuation Fund is authorised

✓ American Land Office. Mr Platt informs the Council that with Mr Jenner Hogg's consent the matter of Cadastral lot 757 will be left in abeyance for the present.

H.M. Land Office. A report by the Engineer draws attention to the fact that further staff movements are about to take place at the British Consulate among which is a change in the personnel of the Land Office. It is decided to bring this to the notice of H.M. Consul General how important it is for the sake of continuity and efficiency to maintain the same officer in charge so far as possible for at least five years.

Municipal Auditor. A letter from Mr G.H. Thompson is submitted, with reference to Mr C.H. Bell, who has recently joined his firm, asking permission for him to assist in auditing the Council's accounts, and at the recommendation of the Treasurer this is approved. The usual responsibility for and official signature of the Financial Statement will continue to be his personal duty.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Dundale*

Chairman.

*B. M. Achimov*

Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 25, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,  
there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H.J. Craig  
H.De Gray  
H.Du Flon Hutchison  
O. Meuser  
C.Selby Moore  
W.A.C. Platt  
T.E. Trueman and  
The Acting Secretary

Absent: H.A.J. Macray

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of May 24, are read and confirmed with the following notes:-

✓ Constitution of the Committee. Mr Beauchamp's retirement was noted by the Council at the annual election of office bearers, and it was then decided that the number of members should be 3 as originally. Mr Ambrose's absence will extend over six months at least, and to fall in with the desire of the Committee to obtain the services of Mr Peebles, it is decided to invite him to serve.

✓ Hongkew Recreation Ground. The Council favours the suggestion that lawn tennis and other gear for the use of the ground be provided, and the Committee's detailed recommendations on the subject will, when made, receive attention. The Chairman refers to the method of apportioning playing spaces for use by clubs and the public in comparison with that in vogue in the Public Recreation Ground, and it is directed that the system now in force be the subject of special report and consideration.

✓ Roadside Trees. Referring to native thoroughfares such as Sungkiang Road, the Works Committee remarks that this seems hardly necessary and not likely to be successful.

✓ Memorial Procession. Letters<sup>of</sup> appreciation of H.M. Consul General for the part taken by the Volunteers, and of the Vice Admiral for the traffic arrangements made by the Police, are read and ordered for immediate publication.

✓ Volunteers, Corps Staff. A report by the Commandant submits the resignation, owing to physical disability, of Captain W.J.N. Dyer, appointed Corps Staff Officer in January last. This resignation is accepted with regret, and in view of his 20 years service with the Corps, he is granted permission at the recommendation of the Commandant to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform.

✓ Visit of the Regent of Brunswick. From a communication from the German Consul General, it is noted that Their Highnesses the Duke and Duchess Johann Albrecht zu Mecklenburg will visit Shanghai on June 4 or 5. Special arrangements are approved for their reception by the German Company as a guard-of-honour, together with other representatives of the Volunteer Corps, and the provision of the usual escort of mounted Sikhs.

✓ Public Gambling. A Police report refers to the difficulty of Police entry into the Alhambra and the impossibility of obtaining detective evidence of gambling, as directed in the Council's last minute.

The question of proprietorship, which is reported to have been either Portuguese or American, is discussed. The Portuguese interest is officially stated by the Acting Consul for Portugal to have ceased; but in respect to the alleged American interest, Mr De Gray informs the members that a letter which the Captain Superintendent of Police addressed to Mr Wilder, as recently reported to the Watch Committee, received not merely a verbal answer but a reply in writing referring to his letter to the Council of January 4, and now in addition delegating authority to the Police to visit the Alhambra at any hour to maintain order and prevent infraction of law on the ground that it was owned or operated by Sexton, a person under American jurisdiction. If this is so, it remains merely to ascertain that Sexton or another American is in fact the part proprietor or manager.

The Council has been unaware of the existence or contents of the reply in question which has not been submitted for its information. There is consequently much doubt as to the course now to be pursued; but in view of the alleged difficulty of further Police action, and subject to such recommendation as the Watch Committee may make at its coming meeting, it is decided to address the Consular Body enquiring whether in its collective capacity it can assist to enable the Police to deal with the establishment summarily; and to state that it is intended to close the Siooawei Road as before forthwith.

✓ Opium Shops. The Overseer of Taxes reports that while the minimum fee in the French Settlement is uniform with that levied in the Foreign Settlement, the maximum is less by half, and that the scale of fees is graduated differently. It is decided to suggest to the French Council the adoption of the same graduated scale and co-operation between the Tax Offices to this end.

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✓ Pagoda. A further letter from the concerned enquires whether a permit will be granted to construct on Lot 667: the site which was the subject of protest by landowners in February last. At the Ratepayers Meeting as an argument in favour of this structure it was stated that it would be erected in Peking Road, and while by the terms of the Resolution the promoters are not committed to that locality, there is little doubt that it was somewhat a factor in the Ratepayers' assent. Lot 667 is the last site which under the circumstances should be chosen, and before the proposal can be entertained the Council must be convinced that every effort has been made to acquire suitable land elsewhere.

✓ Tramways, Joint Running. A letter from the Company refers to the recent decision that approval of the new agreement will be for one year, and subsequently be subject to revocation at 3 months notice, as agreed by the Sub-Committees of the Council and the Local Board at their meeting on July 27 last. The Company points out that by this arrangement a cessation of through running might take place without compensation to the Companies for their contributions towards the bridges over the Yangkingpang. An interview on this point has already taken place between the Chairman and Mr Wheelley, and it is decided to reply in the sense of the explanation then made, namely that the Council's only object is to provide for revision and amendment of the arrangement in the event of possible prejudice to the receipts from royalty, or other difficulties arising out of the agreement by which the public interest might be affected.

✓ Registration of Architects. Attention is drawn to recent comments in the press on the subject of alleged unprofessional conduct on the part of Mr Marti, an architect who is also a member of the Consular Body as Consul for Mexico. The conduct of Mr Marti, as shown in a recent law case, has been severely criticised by H.M. Assistant Judge.

Mr Marti being apparently a Spanish subject the Consul for Spain has notified the Society of Engineers and Architects that he has no proper qualification to practice but has been permitted to do so because of his membership. The Society has dissociated itself <sup>by letter in the press</sup> from certain statements of Mr Marti reminding the public that membership does not carry with it any guarantee of professional or technical fitness. It <sup>has</sup> also invited Mr Marti to resign his membership.

Such an incident as this is an additional illustration of the need of placing the registration of architects upon an official basis, as intended by Resolution III as to the amendment of Article XXX of the Land Regulations submitted to the Special Meeting of Ratepayers held

in March 1908; and it is decided to bring it to the notice of the Consular Body as such.

✓ Municipal Auditor. Mr G.H. Thomson states that it will be necessary for him to leave Shanghai until October next, and during his absence the signature by Mr N. Thomson on his behalf of the monthly list of Ledger Balances and the June Financial Statement is approved.

✓ Assistant in the Accounts Office. Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer the appointment of Mr F. Francis is authorised, under the terms of Notification No. 2024.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

*David Laundate*

Chairman.

*B. Mackinnon*

Acting Secretary.



*D.P.*  
At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 1, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H.J. Craig -  
 H. De Gray  
 H. Du Flon Hutchison  
 O. Meuser  
 C. Selby Moore  
 W.A.C. Platt  
 T.E. Trueman and  
 The Acting Secretary

Absent: H.A.J. Macray

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 27, are read and confirmed with the following notes:-

✓ Central Offices Site. After some discussion it is decided to appoint a special committee, consisting of Messrs Craig, Trueman and De Gray, for full consideration of the question of re-construction, to make recommendations in respect to the Volunteer Headquarters and Drill Hall, and to formulate a definite scheme with estimates of cost as an aid to the Council in arriving at a conclusive decision upon the whole subject.

✓ Traffic Islands. It is decided to erect as an experiment one temporary wooden structure at the widest part of the junction of the Nanking and Chekiang Roads where the Tramway tracks are widest at a point equidistant from the four road corners, Mr De Gray still recording his conviction that the step is not necessary at all.

✓ Road Construction 1910. After considerable discussion the Committee's minute is confirmed; and accordingly the cost of metalling tracks in the Sinza and Gordon Roads will be debited to Extraordinary Expenditure; but no items on the list of works, other than those referred to in the Committee's minutes of April 27, will be deleted; and at the same time it is unanimously decided to lay down no definite rule for such points but to be guided by expediency, and review of the circumstances as occasion arises.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 27, are read and confirmed. In respect to the

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 ✓ Alhambra, it is noted that in addressing the Acting Consul General for Portugal, no mention of authority of access given by Mr Wilder was included, in the absence of knowledge of his <sup>recent</sup> communication to the Captain Superintendent of Police amplifying his letter of January 4 to

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the Council. A letter as recommended has been addressed to the Consular Body, and the Chairman states that it is likely to bring about more result than was hoped. In the meantime it is decided to inform the Captain Superintendent of Police officially that the Council having sufficient working authority for access to this establishment from the Consuls of four nationalities, desires that the Police shall go there for the purpose of investigation as to the nationalities of owners and managers. If admittance to any part of the building shall be refused, the concerned shall be informed that authority for Police access has been obtained from the Consular officials in question in the case of persons under their jurisdiction; and that enquiry shall then be made as to what Consular protection is held. This course will be pursued without resort to force in any eventuality, and the Watch Committee shall be informed and decide beforehand as to which members of the Force are to be selected for the duty, and the day and hour at which it shall be carried out.

In the meantime the closing of the road will be postponed, and the manner in which it is to be effected will be decided later.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 30, are read and confirmed, the members making the comment that the fixed rate payable by consumers having a demand of over 50 kilowatts will inevitably tend to check additional large consumers, and that the rates payable by them must in practice be the subject of special negotiation and compromise.

✓ Tramways, Running Powers. A further letter from the Company on this subject proposes either that the wording of the proviso contained in the minutes of the meeting held on July 27 last, be amended to the effect that the agreement shall be subject to revision without curtailment of through running; or that it shall stand without change the Council agreeing to refund to each Company its contribution to the Yangkingpang bridges, less a pro rata amount in respect to the period of through running in proportion to the period of the Tramway Concession unexpired. The latter alternative is agreed to, provided always that the revocation of the agreement shall not arise out of any fault or omission on the part of either of the Companies; and no refund shall be made to the French Company nor shall the Chekiang Road Bridge be included in the arrangement.

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✓ Census. Report by the Overseer of Taxes recommends 3 dates in October namely the 10th, 15th and 17th for the distribution and collection of forms and taking of the census, and refers to the fact that the assistance of at least 10 members of the Police Force will be required. The Council approves the notification of these dates to the French Council forthwith, in order that the work may be carried out simultaneously in both Settlements as on the last occasion. No forms or notice in this connexion will be issued until the dates fixed.

✓ Departmental Engineer. The issue of an official warning to Mr Parkhill is approved stating that unless his services prove more satisfactory in the future they will terminate at an early date. As he holds a 3 months agreement the matter presents no difficulty.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

*B. M. Achimov*

Acting Secretary.

*D.K.*

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 8, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H.J. Craig
- H.De Gray
- H.Du Flon Hutchison
- O. Meuser
- C.Selby Moore
- W.A.C. Platt
- T.E. Trueman and
- The Acting Secretary

Absent: H.A.J. Maoray

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 question of

✓ Road Construction during 1910 and the minutes of the Works Committee of April 29 and May 27, Mr De Gray remarks that it was decided that the metalling of the Gordon Road riding track from Avenue to Markham Road, at a cost of £4200, be deferred until next year, and the Committee is unanimous in this decision.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Artillery Practice. A report from the Commandant refers to the Council's application of March 18 to the Consular Body for permission to carry out target practice near the Woosung Forts, and in view of the expected approval of the Chinese Authorities, suggests June 12 as the date. The Chairman states that it is probable that practice can still be carried out at the Point by use of floating targets in mid-stream in place of stationery targets on the foreshore as in former years; thus obviating all risk. The date, usual expenditure, and use of the Council's steam launch are approved.

✓ Police Legal Assistant. In accordance with the Council's decision of April 20 Mr McNeill's opinion as to the independent employment of Mr C.G. Kirk by the Council has been obtained and is given in a reply from the Legal Adviser. While expressing disapproval, he releases Mr Kirk from his agreement, with a proviso, the effect of which is that his undertaking not to practise within 5 years after severance of his connexion with the firm, shall run from the date when he ceases to be in the Council's employ; and on condition that the one third of the cost

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of his passage incurred by the firm shall be refunded by the Council. The Chairman remarks that if Mr Kirk is engaged it should be upon probation for one year in the first place. The matter is referred to the Watch Committee for further re-<sup>reconsideration</sup> consideration.

✓ Votes for Estates. In connexion with Resolution IV of the last meeting of Ratepayers a written opinion by the Legal Adviser as to the exercise of proxy votes in respect to land registered in the name of deceased persons has been fully considered by the Finance Committee. After some discussion it is recognised that a correct procedure in respect to these proxies would be production of the executor's grant of probate, with a proxy form signed by him in the favour of his attorney. But although these votes have been cast for many years, they appear not to have the authority of the Land Regulations, and the Legal Adviser's opinion shows that they have little basis except the uninterrupted practice of the past, which has been the subject of general challenge in connexion with the Ratepayers Meeting of 1908; and therefore it appears preferable to withhold the issue of proxy forms in respect to these votes, thus leaving the matter for discussion at the next meeting of Ratepayers for the Council's guidance.

✓ Proxy Voting. A letter from Messrs David Sassoon & Co. encloses a Power of Attorney, enquiring whether the authority thereby given will suffice for the exercise of votes on behalf of Mr Arthur Sassoon. Questions such as this were foreseen at the last Ratepayers Meeting and remarked upon in the Chairman's speech. It was therein stated that the Finance Committee would consider every doubtful case and give its decision; but the Committee prefers in the first place to see every possible effort made to take the authorised form of proxy into use, and therefore it is directed that the firm in question be again requested to obtain the signature of the concerned to the form; and that no definite information be given as to whether the Power of Attorney would suffice.

✓ Registration of Architects. In accordance with the Council's decision to bring the matter of Mr Marti to the notice of the Consular Body, a draft letter giving the chief points of this case is submitted. There is some discussion as to whether the rules for the registration of architects were intended to exclude persons of untrustworthy professional character or only persons of insufficient technical qualifications. In any case it is <sup>thought</sup> ~~considered~~ that the Consular Body may take offence if ~~it is~~ addressed with reference to the misconduct of one of its members, and therefore on full consideration it is decided to let the incident pass without notice for the present.

✓ Tramways. From the Traffic Return for May it is noted that the receipts are again higher than for all previous months, and exceed the amount for April by \$2,187.36 and the amount for May last year by \$7,880.60.

✓ Pingchiao Quarry. A letter from H.M. Consul at Hangohow informs the Council that the Chinese authorities intend to form a semi-official semi-commercial company to work the quarry on expiry of the lease, and still require the assurance that there will be no renewal of existing arrangements. The Council is aware, however, that there is some possibility of arriving at an understanding on the subject, and negotiations to the end in view will be continued by every available means, at the direction of the Works Committee.

✓ Telephone Poles. A report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted referring to an increase in the estimate of the Telephone Company from \$852 to \$1249 for moving wires in Yangtzepoo Road; and in order to settle this long-outstanding matter an offer of \$1000 is authorised in settlement of this portion of the Company's claim.

✓ American Land Office. Messrs Platt Teesdale and Macleod again address the Council on the subject of Cadastral Lot 757, and it is therefore decided to reply that no responsibility is recognised.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David daudale*

Chairman.

*J. M. Mackinnon*

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 15, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H.J. Craig  
H. De Gray  
H. Du Flon Hutchison  
H.A.J. Macray  
O. Meuser  
C. Selby Moore  
W.A.C. Platt  
T.E. Trueman and  
The Acting Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 13, are read and confirmed. The small expenditure in respect to the Slaughter of Pigs will be subject to further consideration in the event of comment by the Treasurer.

Volunteer matters. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following commissions are authorised for renewal:-

Lieut. R.H. Gaskin, Maxim Company, with effect from June 13.

Captain H. Schelhoss, German Company, with effect from June 20.

Engineer Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant R. King Hiller on his departure for home is accepted.

Police.

Foreign Branch Patrols In reply to an enquiry by Mr Trueman, a report on the subject of the Police arrangements in the Nanking Road at 6 a.m. is submitted, and the Council records the view that at least one foreign constable should invariably be on duty in this road.

Passage Money. The Chairman refers to difficulties which arise in connexion with payment for passages of dismissed members of the Force and the desirability of providing therefor by special deductions from pay. Detailed recommendations on this subject will be made by the Captain Superintendent and receive the Watch and Finance Committees' consideration.

Taxation of Vehicles in Chapai. A letter from the Senior Consul forwards for the Council's information a communication from the Tactai, ~~on this~~ subject. The Council is not in favour of permitting vehicles holding

licences under the Chapel administration to use Municipal roads. A Police report on the subject will be submitted to the Watch Committee and in the meantime no reply to the Taotai's letter appears necessary.

✓ Telephone Poles. Acceptance by the Telephone Company of the Council's offer of £1,000 in settlement of the claim for removal of wires in the Yangtzeppoo Road is noted.

✓ Tramways.

✓ Guard Wires. The Council's attention has been drawn to the still outstanding account of £3750 from the Tramway Company to the Telephone Company for cost of cradling work as agreed at the special meetings of the sub-committees held on January 11 and July 27. There is no doubt that this is the minimum payment which the Telephone Company will accept, and it is accordingly directed that on receipt of the Electrical Engineer's report with respect to the Tramway Company's estimate of the cost of guard wires, formal representations should be made to the Company requesting settlement of the matter as arranged.

✓ Through Running Powers. A further letter from the Company accepts the Council's offer recorded in its last minute but states that the French Company is unwilling to conclude the agreement unless it receives a similar undertaking from the French Council; and requests that the Council use its influence with the French Council to this end. A letter will accordingly be addressed to the French Council on the subject and the correspondence will be published forthwith.

✓ Electric Wires in Jinkee Road. An enquiry by the Telephone Company is submitted as to whether carriage upon its poles of an electric wire in Jinkee Road to the German Club will be permitted. A report from the Electrical Engineer points to the danger of this, and it is decided that the Telephone Company is without right to transmit electricity for other purposes than are laid down in the agreement. On the other hand it is probable that the Gas Company, which has inaugurated the electric supply in question will endeavour to erect the necessary poles. For this a permit will be necessary and when application is made the Council will consider the question of withholding it. In the meantime it is possible that the Electrical Engineer may find means of supplying electricity to the German Club, thus avoiding all difficulty.

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Rice Money. A report by the Treasurer as directed is submitted with opinions of the Acting Health Officer and Engineer, together with details as to the price of rice during past years when this issue began. From a former minute submitted it is noted that the price of rice in 1906 at the time when the grant was made was \$9 per picul. Full consideration and discussion leads to no modification of the recently recorded decisions.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Cardale*  
Chairman.

*J. M. Adinon*  
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 22, 1910, at 3.15 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs            D. Landale            (Chairman)  
                  H. J. Craig  
                  H. De Gray  
                  H. Du Flon Hutchison  
                  O. Meuser  
                  C. Selby Moore  
                  T. E. Trueman and  
                  The Acting Secretary

Absent:  
                  H. A. J. Macray  
                  W. A. C. 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.

✓ Volunteers.        The following commissions are authorised:-

    Captain J. Nolasco, Portuguese Company, with effect from June 12.  
    Captain G. F. Collyer, Corps Staff Officer, with effect from June 25.

✓ Public Gambling, Alhambra.    A reply by the Consular Body to the Council's last letter on this subject is read, and it is noted with satisfaction that 11 consulates have given complete authority to the Police as their delegates to enter any house of public entertainment beyond limits in the event of public gambling, the Consul concerned receiving a report on the subject forthwith. Five members of the Consular Body withhold the authority in question apparently owing to legal difficulties, but promise the issue of a summons or warrant in any specific case. It is noted also that the Consular Body regards the closing of the Siccawei Road at present as inadvisable.

    It is directed that the substance of the correspondence be embodied in a special minute for publication.

✓ Chapel Waterworks.        A reply is read to the Council's letter as to the establishment of independent waterworks for the Chapel district, addressed to the Consular Body in accordance with the decision of April 13. This is substantially in agreement with the Council's views, and the correspondence is ordered for publication.

✓ Tavern Licences.        An application for transfer of the licence held for the establishment known as the Naval Club has been made by an American, who is under two aliases, is wanted for embezzlement, and has also undergone a short sentence of imprisonment on another charge. In view of these facts the Police in the first place reported adversely, and the Watch Committee, as usual in such cases, refused the transfer accordingly.

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A further Police report now withdraws opposition in view of the strong recommendations of the American authorities.

Transfers are permitted during the year if the applicants are suitable, and Mr De Gray refers to the advisability of adhering to the same considerations in this respect as decide issue of licences at the annual meeting of the Watch Committee. Any preference in one case may lead to renewed appeals from applicants formerly rejected, and it is therefore decided that the application cannot be granted.

✓ Land Commission. Mr G.W. Noel submits his resignation but states that he is able to return in October. In view of at least one important matter in Peking Road, in which reference to the Commission may be necessary, it is decided to reply that his resignation will be accepted if it prove unavoidable during his absence, but not otherwise; and the election of a new member to be nominated by land owners will then be proceeded with.

✓ Outside Roads. With reference to the Council's minute of September 22, it is noted that the amount payable for the removal of the native road behind the Rifle Butts, originally estimated at £2,500, amounts to £2,810. The Works Committee has authorised immediate payment of the amount to Mr Algar, in view of the impending departure of Mr Barton, and of the difficulties reported in respect to other deeds in the hands of the native authorities.

✓ Municipal Service Club. Draft rules for this institution are submitted, and approved.

( Traffic Islands. At the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent of Police it is decided to remove the single island placed at the Nanking and Chekiang Road crossing as it has proved to be an obstruction.

✓ Membership of Council. The decision as to absence of members dated December 7, 1904, records a Standing Order that departure for a period of more than three months shall involve resignation. There is for the present some uncertainty as to the length of absence of the two members who have recently left for home but if their return is deferred beyond three months the question will then be re-considered.

The meeting adjourns at 4.45 p.m.

*David Lardale*  
*J. M. Adams*

Chairman.

Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 29, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs            D. Landale            (Chairman)  
                  H.J. Craig  
                  H. De Gray  
                  H. Du Flon Hutchison  
                  O. Meuser  
                  T.E. Trueman and  
                  The Acting Secretary

Absent:  
                  H.A.J. Macray  
                  C. Selby Moore  
                  W.A.C. 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.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of June 23, are read and confirmed.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Engineer Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following promotions are approved, as a result of examination as prescribed under Regulation No. 9: and the issue of commissions is authorised accordingly:-

Lieutenant C.H. Godfrey to be Captain.

C.E. Pearson to be 2nd Lieutenant vice 2nd Lieutenant H.King

Hiller resigned.

✓ Reserve Company. Leave of absence to October 15 is granted to 2nd Lieutenant C. Selby Moore.

✓ Escape of Convicts. A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police, referring to the escape of 30 criminals confined in the City Magistrate's gaol, ~~is read,~~ and a draft letter in accordance with his recommendation to be addressed to the Consular Body is read. It is recognised that criminals of the kind at large with fire arms on the borders or within the limits of the Settlement may be a source of danger, but from past experience it is in the members opinion doubtful whether the Council's protest in the manner suggested will lead to any result but an unsatisfactory retort from the native authorities as to the outbreak in the Gaol in the year 1906, or occasional escapes of one or two Municipal prisoners at convict labour; and therefore on full consideration it is decided to make no comment on the subject.

- ✓ Houses of Entertainment beyond Limits. A letter from M. Dejean de la Batie, Consul General for France, states that he has issued to a French citizen, the proprietor of an undertaking styled the Medium Society, named Gerdessus, a permit to make use of the premises in the Siocawei Road known as the Alcazar for cinematograph exhibitions, under conditions similar to those recorded by M. Ratard last year and enclosed in his letter of May 22, as published in the Municipal Gazette. A copy of the permit submitted is identical in all points with that formerly issued, providing as before for free access by the Municipal Police at any hour.
- ✓ Chinese Building Rules. A report by the Engineer refers to the fact that it remains to submit to the Land Commission the changes involved in Articles 8 and 18 in these rules, as the result of the recommendations of the special sub-committee appointed in connexion with plague prevention. This formality will be carried out ~~as usual~~ so soon as the membership of the Commission is complete, the amendments being thereafter published in a Municipal Notification as usual.
- ✓ Case of Dong Ting-kee. Letters from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips are read which state that a native member of the Force has entered the house of the native in question to watch and prevent him from absconding; and threatens action in the Court of Consuls on account of damage to his credit which has thereby resulted. Messrs Hanson McNeill & Jones are involved in this matter under instructions from Messrs Wangrove & Burrett, and when a full Police report has been submitted an explanation will be sought from Mr Jones.
- ✓ Vehicle Licences. A letter from the French Council requests revision of the arrangement of 1899 as to private vehicle licences whereunder licences taken from one Council are available under the other, and residents outside either Settlement take licences from either Council at option. In respect to the latter provision, the French Council proposes that outside residents should take out licences from the Council under the control of which they reside. In the members' opinion this would not be equitable, since nearly all traffic of vehicles owned by residents on French outside roads, together with the greater part of all other traffic, ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> occupied in the Foreign Settlement during the whole of the day time. It is decided, in reply, to point this out, but to express the Council's willingness to arrange an adjustment of such inequality as may result from the growth of the French outside residential districts during late years; to enquire whether to this end the French Council would be willing to accept a division in suitable proportion of the Council's fees received from such residents on French outside roads as elect to take licences in

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this Settlement. It is preferable that no change should have effect until after next Ratepayers Meeting.

✓ Proxy Voting. A letter from the Commissioner of Customs forwards Power of Attorney signed by Mr Aglen Acting Inspector General, giving authority to vote to the Commissioner of Customs for the time being. The appointment as proxy of such person as may be the temporary incumbent of a fixed office either as a local official or as a head of a firm is open to little objection. But in respect to the form used it is directed that a similar reply be given to the communication in question as was recently given to Messrs David Sassoon & Co, returning the Power of Attorney and requesting Sir Robert Hart's signature of the new form of proxy.

In respect to the Council's last minute on the subject of votes for estates a further note from the Legal Adviser which has been considered by the Finance Committee is discussed. It appears that according to home practice an executor cannot vote, but only the actual beneficiary in respect of rents. The Council having been authorised by Ratepayers Resolution to register written authority from absent Ratepayers, remains in doubt as to who can give the authority in the case of these votes. Therefore it is necessary to withhold the issue of proxy forms in respect thereto until a definite indication is given as to what authority may best be accepted. If such indication is given by the Legal Adviser in set terms suitable for publication there will be satisfactory basis for further action and the matter will have been sufficiently brought to the public notice. It is directed that the Legal Adviser be requested to frame a formal opinion on the following points:

(1) whose authority shall be accepted, that of an executor or that of a beneficiary.

(2) will the apparent absence of provision for these votes in the Land Regulations justify withholding proxy forms.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Kaudate*

Chairman.

*John Adamson*

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 6, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H.J. Craig  
H. De Gray  
H. Du Flon Hutchison  
O. Meuser  
T.E. Trueman and  
The Acting Secretary

Absent: H.A.J. Macray  
C. Selby Moore  
W.A.C. 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.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 1 are read and confirmed. With reference to

Gasol Buildings, the recommendation of the Watch Committee is that provision for bathing arrangements being a matter of urgency should be taken in hand at an early date. The Engineer will therefore be directed to give preference as far as possible to this work.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee <sup>of July 4,</sup> are read and confirmed. With reference to

✓ Charges for Power. It is directed in respect to the last paragraph of the Committee's minute that this point be submitted to the Legal Adviser in order that amendments or additions to the supply of power agreement may if necessary be embodied therein. The Chairman refers to the fact that the Company appears unlikely to accept the Council's decision as to the amount payable to the Telephone Company for cradling wires, and until this matter is brought to a satisfactory conclusion it seems preferable to delay notifying the Council's approval of outstanding proposals.

✓ Staff. Sanction of the recommendation as to Mr Thwaites' agreement will be withheld pending consideration by the Watch Committee of the reckless driving of the Department's motor car by this employe.

✓ Case of Dong Ting Kee. Police reports and memoranda by Messrs Hanson McNeill & Jones on this case are submitted.

Mr Hutchison remarks upon a discrepancy as to the actual date on which according to Police reports the incident occurred, pointing out also that the debt claimed was not in fact due till two days later.

The members do not however consider that this native in view of his conduct is entitled to sympathy, but are dissatisfied with the Police action since it is clearly established that definite instructions were not given to the detective before he left the station on his errand.

The matter will be investigated by the Watch Committee at its forthcoming meeting and in the meantime Dong Ting Kee will be interviewed and informed that although the Council does not necessarily recognise any liability, it is willing to consider his complaint by communication with him direct, and to repair any alleged grievance either by publishing some reference thereto with the minutes or otherwise dealing with the matter amicably; but without question of payment for any alleged damage.

✓ Public Gambling. From reports submitted it is noted that the American Vice Consul has notified the Police of the adjournment of the case against Sexton for two days pending Colonel Bruce's return, in spite of the latter's expressed unwillingness to approve or recommend any compromise in the matter.

✓ Native Press Advertisements. Particulars are submitted as to certain advertisements in respect to which warnings were given to various papers in 1908. Mr Ferguson on behalf of the Sin Wan Pao addresses the Council pointing out that on this occasion the paper has offended through inadvertence, and expressing regret. This paper is of a respectable character and is a British Company under responsible foreign management. In the members' opinion it is thus reasonable to stay proceedings if possible. At the same time it is recognised that if this treatment is extended to one it must be extended to all the three papers concerned, and it is accordingly decided to obtain withdrawal of the proceedings and thereafter address a strong official warning to all the concerned.

✓ Tramways. From the traffic return for June it is noted that an apparent diminution in receipts as compared with those for May is accounted for by the difference in the number of days. They thus remain higher than for previous months showing a proportionate increase above last month of about \$1,000, and exceeding the amount for June last by \$12,165.

The Chairman states that he has been approached by representatives of the Company in order to ascertain if quarterly payment of royalty can be deferred to the end of the year, in view of a proposed land purchase needed for additional car accommodation. The Ratepayers having declared against postponement of payment of royalty it is difficult to permit it even for the short period of the half year. The Company will be notified accordingly.



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Land Office. A reply from H.M. Consul General is read to the Council's recent representations, stating that H.M. Minister has decided to retain Mr Bristow in charge of the Land Office for the present; and that the incumbent of his post will be changed as rarely as possible, though the exigencies of the service render it impossible to give a definite undertaking on the subject.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Laudate*

Chairman.

*Bmachimori*

Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 13, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs            D. Landale        (Chairman)  
                  H.J. Craig  
                  H. Du Flon Hutchison  
                  H.A.J. Macray  
                  O. Meuser  
                  T.E. Trueman and  
                  The Acting Secretary

Absent:  
                  H. De Gray  
                  C. Selby Moore  
                  W.A.C. 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.
- √ The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of July 11, are read and confirmed.
- √ The minutes of the meeting of the Public School for Chinese Committee of July 12 are read and confirmed.
- √ Ellis Kadoorie School Site. The views of the Committee on the subject of the Engineer's recent proposals are noted, and it is directed that a report be submitted as to the reasons for which increase of the accommodation at the Sinza Depot appears to him to be necessary. The matter is referred for further discussion by the Works Committee.
- √ Volunteers. The application of Lieut-Colonel Barnes for 12 days leave from July 20 to July 31 is granted, on the understanding that the Captain Superintendent of Police will not be absent from Shanghai during that time.
- √ Artillery Company, Stud. Reports by the Commandant refer to the disadvantages of the existing stabling accommodation for Artillery ponies. He gives alternative estimates for keeping the ponies at the Shanghai Horse Bazaar, at the Dallas Horse Repository, or at the Say Zoong Stables. There are at present 23 ponies of which the keep costs about £10 per month and the additional cost of the three proposals will be:-

Shanghai Horse Bazaar	£200	per	mensum
Dallas Horse Repository	178	"	"
Say Zoong Stables	109	"	"

At his recommendation, it is decided to place the ponies with Say Zoong

at once at a cost of £15 for each pony per month. The amount of the Budget appropriation will consequently be exceeded by £550.

Public Gambling, Case of Sexton. From Police reports submitted it is noted that as a result of an interview between the Captain Superintendent, the American Authorities, and the lawyers for the prosecution and defence, Sexton having been sentenced to a fine of G.\$100, has signed a bond never to gamble again in Shanghai, nor to let the Alhambra or any other buildings for that purpose, and to quit within 60 days and not to return. This ample period was fixed in order that he might not suffer undue loss in the sale of his property.

From a further report submitted it is observed that the cost to the Council for proceedings in connexion with the recent suppression of the Alhambra amounts to \$420. This expenditure has been chiefly involved by the services of the principal witness. The Captain Superintendent has already paid this sum in order to ensure his immediate departure. All efforts to obtain payment either by the American authorities or Sexton himself have failed. Payment of the amount is accordingly approved.

Case of Dong Ting Kee. In accordance with the Council's instructions an interview has been held with this native and though he appeared not unwilling to arrive at an amicable understanding as suggested, he stated that he preferred to inform his Legal Adviser first. Before he could be interviewed again a petition filed in the Court of Consuls has been forwarded from H.M. Consulate. This document is read together with an opinion by the Legal Adviser that the Court has doubtful jurisdiction to try a case such as this, and that the petition discloses no cause for action. The Council is of opinion that it is preferable before advancing arguments of this kind, to endeavour to obtain the favourable opinion of H.M. Consul General thereon, and to this end the Chairman undertakes to confer with him forthwith.

Pig Slaughter. Reports by the Captain Superintendent of Police refer to the irregular arrest of a leading pork-dealer in the Settlement. At the direction of the Watch Committee, personal representations have been made to the Chapei Authorities with Consular aid, and as a result the prisoner was released at 11 p.m. on the same day, after a confinement of 3 days. From Police information it is understood that pressure is still being exercised on this native and it is accordingly decided to address a protest to the Consular Body in respect to the irregular detention, and the attempt to extend the proposed monopoly to the Settlement.

✓ Tramways. A letter from the Company informs the Council that on the resignation of Mr W.D. Little from the Local Board, Mr G.M. Wheelock has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

In respect to the purchase of land to which reference was made at the last meeting the Chairman states that he has been approached on behalf of the Company with a request that the Council buy the lot in question for them for £28,000 on which they are prepared to pay interest at 6 o/o. It appears that this request is necessitated by the fact that the Company is under obligation not to negotiate further loans on their property; but Mr Meuser points out that this obligation cannot apply to property of which the acquisition has not yet taken place, and that therefore it is probable that the requisite funds can be obtained from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, treating the land as security therefor. The Chairman will enquire further in this matter.

✓ Rifle Range Extension. A report by the Engineer states that the Chapel authorities have acquired a Lot measuring approximately 4 mow, the only portion of the Rifle Range Extension unpurchased by the Council, and situated in the middle thereof. It appears that the native owner has been forced to sell his property to the authorities and that the motive for this action is to obstruct completion of the Extension. The matter has been placed in the hands of H.M. Vice Consul and will be the subject of negotiation with the Taotai forthwith.

✓ Recess. In view of the departure from Shanghai of a number of members the Council decides that the Annual Recess shall begin either on August 10 or August 17, probably the latter date, and shall end on September 10.

✓ Votes for Estates. A formal opinion for publication is submitted by the Legal Adviser in accordance with the Council's last decision. After some discussion it is decided that in accordance with his recommendation Proxy Forms shall now be sent out. Final decision as to whether the proxies thus obtained are acceptable or not will be deferred until later in the year.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*David Landale*  
*J. M. Actinor*  
 Chairman.

Acting Secretary.

At the special meeting of the Council held on Saturday, July 16, 1910,  
at midday, there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H. Du Flon Hutchison	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	T.E. Trueman	
	The Captain Superintendent of Police and	
	The Acting Secretary	

Absent:

H. De Gray
C. Selby Moore
W.A.C. Platt

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Watch Committee of this date  
are read and confirmed.

A report by the Captain Superintendent of Police is now submitted giving details of what took place at the Sikh Parade on July 15. While he recommends that the Sikhs in question be charged before the Supreme Court forthwith in accordance with the Watch Committee's views, he also requires their dismissal, and advises arrangements for their deportation.

The Chairman states that at the interview which has taken place since the meeting of the Watch Committee between Sir Pelham Warren, H.M. Supreme Court Judge, himself and the Captain Superintendent of Police, it was manifest that there will be considerable difficulty in deporting these men.

It is pointed out that if they are dismissed and yet are not deported they will then be in a position to remain a nuisance to the community, and therefore the advisability of their dismissal en bloc after punishment appears to be a question which requires careful consideration.

The Chairman remarks, however, that Colonel Bruce is in any case quite immovable in his recommendation of dismissal of the whole of the men in question, as an imperative necessity, irrespective either of their receiving adequate punishment as a deterrent for the future, or of uncertainty as to their subsequent departure from Shanghai.

Colonel Bruce is requested to explain the reasons for his recommendation, and in reply again recounts what occurred, and states that none of the men will be fitted for Police service again.

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The members remark that some of the men may have been led away or intimidated as in 1906, and suggest an attempt to discover the ring-leaders as on that occasion. Colonel Bruce states that this appears impossible.

Further discussion ensues, but it is borne in upon the members that the only course is to concur in the Captain Superintendent's recommendations. The men will be taken into custody and brought before the British consular authorities on July 18.

The meeting adjourns at 12.55 p.m.

*David Laidlaw*

Chairman.

*J. Macdonald*

Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 20, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H. De Gray	
	H. Du Flon Hutchison	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	T.E. Trueman and	
	The Acting Secretary	

<u>Absent:</u>	C. Selby Moore
	W.A.C. 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.

The minutes of the special meeting of July 16, are confirmed with the following observations:-

The Council records its view that the sense of the special meeting is its desire to uphold the authority of the Captain Superintendent of the Force, and its particular determination to avail of every means to instil into the Sikhs a conviction that the orders of their officers must be obeyed. But in its opinion the first essential to this end is punishment, not dismissal. This point will be discussed after completion of the proceedings now taking place.

The Council has not formally approved the dismissal of these Sikhs, and the Captain Superintendent though present at the special meeting when the members expressed a general desire to support his views, has not been notified of any intention to dismiss them. At present they are merely suspended from duty and must remain so until further directions are officially notified. It appears necessary to point this out clearly to the Captain Superintendent of Police. The Council is strengthened in this view by the Police report dated July 20 on the subject of the replacement of the offenders by Chinese constables disclosing that instructions for the immediate engagement of 50 constables have already been given. The punishment of the Sikhs has not yet ensued; their dismissal has not yet been approved; and their replacement must likewise as a matter of course be deferred.

The matter may be found to affect the Force as a whole, and to involve questions both of policy and finance which may be the subject of much discussion by the Ratepayers. These are not the only reasons which cause the Council to feel that <sup>it</sup> treatment ~~of this matter~~ must be more deliberate and circumspect than the pressing nature of the Captain

Superintendent's proceedings have so far permitted.

In reply to questions by the members, the Chairman recounts how, at the interview which took place between himself, the Supreme Court Judge, H.M. Consul General, the Legal Adviser, and the Captain Superintendent, the latter affirmed that he would relinquish his post if all these Sikhs are not dismissed en bloc. The opinion is unanimously expressed that while due weight must be attached to Colonel Bruce's recommendations, the Council's deliberations must proceed without reference to this remark and must be directed by considerations of ordinary expediency.

A letter from Mr Douglas is submitted stating that action in this case has been unduly hasty, the men having become involved unawares in a technical breach of discipline. Beyond acknowledgment of this letter no reply appears necessary. The facts as the Captain Superintendent vouches for them cannot be disputed; and since in his opinion they are too serious to admit of the summary penalties which the recent King's Regulation now gives him power to inflict, they certainly demand application in the first place of the simple remedy of punishment by imprisonment which the same Regulation supplies. The members are nevertheless unanimous in the view that though this breach of discipline has been committed, and shall be punished, it was apparently precipitated by hasty action.

It is directed that care be taken to prevent introduction at the forthcoming proceedings of all irrelevant matter such as the undecided question of the Council's subsequent treatment of the men; or any proposal by the defence or the Court that if punishment is not pressed they will undertake to leave Shanghai; or any similar undesirable compromises of which suggestions have been made. It is also directed that pains be taken to bring home to the men that there is now only question of punishment for breach of discipline, and of nothing else.

A memorandum by Mr Hutchison refers to various points in connexion with the Sikh Branch which appear to require explanation. ~~and~~ the members are unanimously of opinion that this particular incident and the whole question must be the subject of thorough enquiry by the Watch Committee in due course.

✓ Settlement Defence. Mr Maoray refers to the fact that the Commandant of Volunteers considers he should have been notified of an event such as the Sikh difficulty which might be likely to lead to disturbances in the Settlement. The Chairman considers that when the Captain Superintendent officially informs the Watch Committee, through the medium of the Secretary, of any event likely to lead to disturbances, the latter should then inform the Commandant. In cases of urgency it is expected that



there will be the free informal communication between the heads of the Police and Volunteers, and the ready co-operation one with another which is inseparable from efficiency in the Council's service.

✓ Case of Dong Ting Kee. In view of the connexion of the Council's Legal Adviser with this case in his capacity as adviser to Messrs Wingrove & Burrett, it is decided to invite Mr Macleod to represent the Council should litigation prove unavoidable.

An application to the Court of Consuls by the Legal Adviser for dismissal is submitted in draft. It is decided that the first section of this document referring to jurisdiction of the Court should in any event be excised, together with references to the peculiar status of the Council in a case of this kind. These points have been sufficiently impressed upon Sir Pelham Warren privately.

In the meantime it is understood that the Legal Adviser is addressing Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips, expressing to them by letter what has already been stated to the plaintiff, namely that the Council is willing to consider any complaint and enquire into and repair any alleged grievance of this as of any other native resident; but without question of monetary compensation.

✓ Settlement Extension. A letter from the Consular Body is submitted, requesting information as to the work of the Chapei administration in improving police and sanitary conditions, and this is in course of preparation by the Heads of Departments concerned.

✓ Mixed Court, Transfer of Prisoners to the City. From a reply by the Consular Body it is noted that the Council's recent representations on this subject in connexion with the escape of a number of prisoners from the City penitentiary have been communicated to the Diplomatic Body in Peking.

✓ Native Guilds. It is noted with satisfaction that the Consular Body has informed the Mixed Court Magistrate in connexion with the summons recently issued against a native barber at the instance of the Barbers Guild, that he should on no account recognise the arbitrary rules of native guilds of this character, or any rules which deprive a resident of the Settlement of his entire freedom of trade; and that the summons in question cannot be executed.

✓ Consular Body. A letter from the Consul General for Belgium informs the Council of his departure from Shanghai for home on July 15, and states that the duties of doyen of the Consular Body devolves upon Sir Pelham Warren, H.M. Consul General.

It is noted also that Mr G. Van Schendel, Vice Consul, will be in charge of the Belgian Consulate-General.

✓ Court of Foreign Consuls. A further communication is to the effect that the vacancy in the Court of Foreign Consuls created by Mr Siffert's departure has been filled by the election of the Consul-General for Norway.

✓ Tramways.

✓ Guard Wires. A report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted dealing fully with this question, wherefrom it appears that the Telephone Company's claim of £3750 may reasonably be reduced to £3000, on account of the absence of cradling; that he certifies the Tramway Company's offer of £1875 to be reasonable, since it would in any event have been willing to provide the necessary guard wires; and that the Council having secured additional safety to the public by the insulated instead of the guard system should equitably pay the balance of £1125.

It is recalled that the Tramway Company was certainly approached with reference to the installation of guard wires and might certainly in the first ~~fix~~ instance have shown a more accommodating attitude; and further that it has definitely left this question in the Council's hands for settlement. After brief discussion it is decided at Mr Meuser's suggestion to request the Tramway Company to contribute a sum of £2000, the Council paying £1000, and the Telephone Company meeting the balance of £750 itself.

✓ Royalty. A list of the amounts received during the past 18 months is submitted from which it is noted with satisfaction that the amount for the June quarter is £6696 as against £5261 for the same quarter last year

✓ Vehicle Licences. A reply to the Council's letter on this subject is submitted taking note of the fact that the basis for the future arrangement of this matter must be deferred till the end of the year. The correspondence is ordered for publication.

✓ Passenger pontoons, Drowning Fatality. Reports by the Engineer on this subject with statements by the clerk of the works and a native foreman and watchman are read. Therefrom it is noted that ordinary precautions against accident were duly taken.. In order to refute incorrect references to this matter which have appeared in the press, immediate publication of the Engineer's statement is authorised.

✓ Quarry, Purchase of Stone. As a preliminary to the purchase of 3000 tons of stone, now lying at the disused quarry of which Mr Cornic was the promoter, the payment of £500 to the Pingchiao tipao is authorised.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*B. Mackinnon* *David Dundas*

Acting Secretary.

Chairman.

July 26'10. 87.

At a special meeting of the Council held on July 26, 1910, at 3 p.m.,  
there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H. De Gray	
	H. Du Flon Hutchison	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	T.E. Trueman and	
	The Acting Secretary	
<u>Absent:</u>	C. Selby Moore	
	W.A.C. Platt	

The Sikhs having been punished by 9 days' imprisonment and released on July 23 have since been suspended from duty at the direction of the Watch Committee, without loss of pay pending decision as to their final treatment. Colonel Bruce has stated that he is strongly of opinion that the present state of suspension from duty must not continue more than a few days as it gives too much opportunity to the men of causing further trouble; and that it is urgently necessary to conclude forthwith and finally upon the further treatment they are to receive.

The Chairman states ~~however~~ that Sir Pelham Warren has pointed out that by dismissal, the whole number of men will be thrown upon the Settlement freed from the restraint exercised by virtue of the King's Regulation, and that he much doubts whether their deportation could thereafter be arranged.

The Watch Committee having held a short preliminary meeting before the members arrive expresses the view that it is not practicable to fall in entirely with Colonel Bruce's recommendation of dismissal of the whole number of the men. At the same time it is impossible to run entirely counter to his views. The Committee is thus convinced <sup>of</sup> the necessity of arriving at an understanding acceptable both to him and to the Council, and in this hope recommends dismissal of the most indifferent characters only; over ten in number.

In the course of a lengthy discussion which ensues, Mr Trueman and Mr Hutchison point out that the men have undergone their punishment, which in their opinion should be enough by itself. The proceedings in Court shew that the men have not been so greatly at fault as was thought; for they appear to have gone to the parade under the impression that they were to air their grievances and this, with their desire to go back to duty clearly extenuates their misconduct. The sentence passed indicates this.

July 26'10. 88.

The Council has sympathy with this view and feels that no general or large dismissal is warranted or suitable under all the circumstances. It is necessary to meet the Captain Superintendent's views as far as possible and with this in view the recommendation of the Watch Committee is accordingly confirmed.

Colonel Bruce is now invited to attend.

The Chairman enquires what measures he considers should be taken, and he replies that he considers that dismissal of the whole number of the men as originally recommended is necessary in the interests of the Force, and for the security and good order of the Settlement. If the Council is reluctant to proceed in this way he is willing to make the suggestion that 25 or 30 of the worst characters be dismissed forthwith.

The Chairman reminds the members that Colonel Bruce should receive their unstinted support as far as circumstances permit; and after referring to the advisability of reducing the number of <sup>immediate</sup> dismissals to a minimum they leave the details of further action on this basis to the direction of the Watch Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 4.10 p.m.

*David Daudate*

Chairman.

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Acting Secretary.

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July 27'10. 89.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 27, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs            D. Landale        (Chairman)  
                     H.J. Craig  
                     H. De Gray  
                     H. Du Flon Hutchison  
                     H.A.J. Macray  
                     O. Meuser  
                     T.E. Trueman and  
                     The Acting Secretary

Absent:

C. Selby Moore  
W.A.C. 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.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of July 21 of the Special Committee appointed in connexion with the Central Offices Site, are read and confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the special meeting of Council held on July 26, are read and confirmed.

✓ The minutes of the special meeting of the Watch Committee of July 26, are read and confirmed.

Deportation of the men proves to be impossible. Therefore if they leave by the s.s. 'Kutsang' on Saturday, July 30, their passages will be paid. It appears however that there is little prospect of any of the men leaving on this date, and therefore further difficulty may be anticipated.

After the Recess, the Watch Committee will hold a close enquiry as a result of the incident, to elucidate the following points:-

Why although Captain Barrett gave directions before the Parade that the sergeants only should speak, the men appear to have received the wrong impression that they were allowed to speak themselves.

Why as pointed out by Mr Hutchison and acknowledged by Colonel Bruce at the Council's meeting of July 26 and apparently shown in his evidence in Court, the latter had no knowledge that the men were definitely informed that grievances would be allowed to be exposed at the Parade, either through sergeants or otherwise.

Why the Parade was held at all in view of the known circumstances.

Whether the arrangements as to Interpreters and Office Staff

which are the alleged cause of the incident, are now in a satisfactory state.

Whether in view of this incident, and these questions arising in respect thereto, the Sikh Branch has adequate management.

The Committee will also record directions as to the course to be followed on a like occasion in the future, viz. to begin by summary punishment by Colonel Bruce under Article 6 of the King's Regulation in the first place, without publicity or formal hearing; thereafter proceeding in a methodical way to exhaust the powers given by that Regulation.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of July 26, are read and confirmed.

✓ Case of Dong Ting Kee. A reply by Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips to the communication of the Council's Legal Advisers, is submitted and it is noted that there is no prospect of an arrangement of the matter out of Court.

It is understood that Mr Jones is prepared to admit that the native detectives on this occasion acted as his servants on behalf of Messrs Wingrove & Burrett, and subject to the tenour of certain applications of the Police statements so far submitted, it appears probable that this defence can be adopted. An extension of time until July 29 for submission of the Council's answer having been obtained by Mr Macleod it will be submitted to the Finance Committee before it is filed.

✓ Tramways, Joint Running. The reply of the French Council to the Council's letter of June 20 published in the Municipal Gazette, records its willingness to enter into an understanding with the French Company as to refund of its contribution to the cost of the Bund Bridge in the event of the revocation of through running powers, similar to the understanding into which the Council has entered. The Tramway Company will accordingly be informed of this officially.

✓ Native Theatres, Fire Precautions. A report by the Engineer refers to the absence of provision of fire proof construction in the internal staircases of a native theatre to be erected at the corner of the Foochow and Hoopoh Roads. It is decided to inform the architects, Messrs Davies & Thomas, that a licence for this theatre will not be granted unless the Police requirements in this respect are complied with; thus giving them due warning, so that additional expense to the owner after the building has been completed may be avoided.

✓ Removal of House Refuse and Detritus. A letter from the Harbour Master on this subject refers to the practice of dumping in the Soochow Creek and a report by the Engineer is submitted on the subject. In respect to the removal of refuse it is evident that little dumping can possibly occur, and as to road detritus it is clear that this should be prevented by action on the part of the River Police. The fact that this force is inadequate for such proper supervising of the Creek, is a further indication of the desirability of its being placed entirely under the Council's control. A brief acknowledgment of Mr Carlson's letter is authorized and the matter will be further considered by the Works Committee.

✓ Mahomedan Cemetery. Report by the Engineer states that the beneficial owner will keep open his offer of sale of the property at Pahsienjao for £14,700 till February next, on condition of immediate payment of £600 bargain money, in addition to the purchase price. After some discussion it is decided to make an offer of £12,500 for purchase forthwith.

✓ Cash Balance. A note from the Treasurer informs the Council that the Cash Balance at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at present, is about £450,000, and he suggests depositing £100,000 on fixed deposit at the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank for six months at 4 o/o. It is decided, as recorded on a similar occasion in the minutes of April 20 to make the deposit with the Council's bankers at the most favourable rate obtainable.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Dardale*

*F. M. A. S. W. G.*

Chairman.

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 3, 1910, at 4.30 p.m.

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H. De Gray	
	H. Du Flon Hutcheson	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	T.E. Trueman and	
	The Acting Secretary	
<u>Absent:</u>	C. Selby Moore	
	W.A.C. 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.
- ✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 29, are read and confirmed. In respect to the
  - ✓ Ellis Kadoorie School site, it is noted that the School Committee has not yet recorded a final recommendation, pending further enquiry in respect to land neighbouring Lot 970. It appears doubtful however, whether this or any further steps will lead to the acquisition of suitable land for the School at a cost much closer to the estimate; and since it is understood that payment may without difficulty be postponed until next year there need be no actual excess over the provisions of the Budget.
  - ✓ Nanyang Road Ditch. Mr Craig remarks that it should be possible to fill this ditch, and he understands that in this case Captain Bassett will contribute half the cost of any culverting work which may prove necessary in Ferry Road. This will be the subject of further enquiry and report.
- ✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of August 2 are read and confirmed.
- ✓ Advertising and Hire of Cooking Appliances. These two subjects are carefully discussed, and the Electrical Engineer attends in order to explain at full length any question which arises in respect thereto. It is evident that the trade of local firms is in no way interfered with, but on the contrary encouraged, and the Council finds no objection from any point of view.

The hire of fans by the Department ceased when it relinquished the work of wiring for consumers; but their general adoption throughout the Settlement is undoubtedly to be traced thereto. The Electrical



Engineer cites this as tending to illustrate the useful results of the hire of cooking and other household appliances as proposed.

In respect to the scheme of advertising it is pointed out that the hesitation of certain members when last the matter came forward referred particularly to the proposed practice of canvassing, but not in principle to ordinary forms of advertisement.

The members are wholly in agreement with the view of the Committee that the uses of Electricity are arriving at a stage which renders it important in the public interest to ensure that Ratepayers shall be fully aware of the advantages at their disposal. Both the proposed measures tend chiefly to this end, and are accordingly unanimously approved.

✓ Failure of Native Banks. A proclamation by the Taotai dated July 26, relating to recent financial difficulties in native banking circles, is transmitted by the Consular Body for the Council's seal and for issue in the Settlement. This document with the Council's reply is ordered for publication.

✓ Settlement Extension. Reports by the Engineer and the Health Officer as requested in the Consular Body's recent letter are submitted. These, with a Police report which is forthcoming, will be forwarded to the Consular Body with a brief covering communication as soon as possible.

✓ Native Theatre, Fire Precautions. Replies from Messrs Davies & Thomas to the Council's representations as to the provision of fire-proof construction in the internal staircases of the projected theatre at the corner of Focohow and Hoopen Roads, question the Council's power to enforce requirements under condition 11 of the licence, in the absence of reference thereto in the Building Rules; and state that the contract having already been completed considerable additional expense is involved.

The members realise that only reasonable requirements in this respect should be insisted upon. A report by the Engineer on the subject when forthcoming, will be submitted to the Works Committee for final decision.

✓ Central Offices Site. A letter from Messrs McBain is read stating that the Council's communication as to Cadastral lot 171 has been transmitted to Mr McBain in England with the request for an early reply.

Sikh Breach of Discipline. The Captain Superintendent has verbally reported that none of the recently dismissed men are willing to leave Shanghai, but nevertheless H.M. Consul General sees some prospect of arranging their departure if the Council will agree to pay their passages in spite of the fact that they have not left at once. It is decided that an undertaking to pay these passages may be given on the understanding that it is only open for a reasonable space of time. The matter will be further discussed by the Watch Committee.

Mr Hutchison gives the numbers of eight of the dismissed men as to whom it is stated that only trifling defaults are recorded and whose character and services in the Indian Army have been certified and recognized by the award of medals or otherwise. A Police report as to the cases in question will be obtained and thereafter submitted to the Watch Committee for consideration.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David Hardale*

Chairman.

*J. M. Adams*  
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 10, 1910.

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H. De Gray	
	H. Du Flon Hutchison	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	T.E. Trueman and	
	The Acting Secretary	

Absent:

C. Selby Moore
W.A.C. 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.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of August 4, are read and confirmed with the following notes:-

✓ Native Clubs. In respect to the application of the firm of Ching Chong the Chairman points out that the proposed institution will be a place of assembly for members of the firm and its constituents from the outports, and that therefore permission to introduce guests should be given. The members are unanimous in the view that there must be reasonable latitude in the enforcement of the licence conditions in *all* cases of this kind. Messrs Ching Chong will accordingly be informed that guests may be introduced, but that in other respects the licence conditions must be observed.

✓ Assistant Superintendent for Chinese. The members concur in the opinion of the Watch Committee that Captain Hilton-Johnson's services merit the increase in salary recommended. It is pointed out that in the first decision as to the appointment, the salary of the Assistant Superintendents was fixed at £350; that the posts of Captain Barrett and Captain Hilton-Johnson are ~~this~~ equal in rank; and that the post of Assistant Superintendent is not that of an immediate sub-head of department but of a third in command in the Force. It is realised that the increase of pay proposed not only involves change in the relative position of this employe and Captain Barrett, but is at variance with arrangements in the other branches of the Council's service and may also tend to bring about increased rates of pay therein. Hence the view is recorded that a change in the status of this employe in the Force appears necessarily to follow from the proposed increase of pay, and that later in the year the Captain Superintendent should report on that point.

Captain Milton-Johnson's period of secondment cannot be extended and he awaits immediate decision as to the rate of pay he will receive before resigning from the Army. He is unwilling to do so unless he is assured of the increase recommended. The decision of the Watch Committee is accordingly confirmed.

Foreign Branch.

✓ Passages. It is noted that the suggested deductions will be the subject of further discussion by the Finance Committee. If they are put into effect the sum in question or a portion of it should, in the members' opinion, preferably be paid by all new arrivals in the Force, whether they become defaulters or not.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Reserve Company. Eight months leave of absence is granted to 2nd Lieutenant W.H. Bell with effect from August 6.

✓ Portuguese Company. The Commandant recommends that permission be given to 20 members of the Portuguese Company under Captain Nelasco to proceed to Macao from August 22 to September 5, fully armed and equipped, to participate in ceremonies at the transfer of the remains of Colonel Mésquita. The Chairman will approach Sir Pelham Warren on the subject in order to ascertain whether any question of an international kind can arise.

✓ Police.

✓ Sikh Branch. A report by the Captain Superintendent in accordance with the Council's last minute comments upon the eight cases referred to by Mr Hutchison. This member points out that therefrom it is evident that the chief consideration which has led to dismissal of 5 out of the 8 men mentioned, is that they are held to have taken a more prominent part than others in the recent breach of discipline. It is his impression that the Council approved dismissal only of men whose official records show previous bad character. The members of the Watch Committee state that the Council's assent to the recommendation to dismiss 25 men of bad character was interpreted broadly and taken to include not only bad records but also a general bad opinion by their officers. All the 25 men dismissed were reported to the Committee as of bad character; in some cases evidenced during the recent misconduct. Captain Barrett made a statement as to their character firmly supported by the Captain Superintendent and recorded in the Committee's minutes of July 26, with its decision. Both the Committee and the Council took every care to show its view that dismissal of at most half the number would amply suffice, but the recommendations submitted were

of a kind so very pressing that no course was left but to accede. Other action would have proved entire lack of confidence in these officers and would have been in direct neglect of their advice to the best means of formally given as preservation of discipline for which they are responsible.

At the end of the same Police report is a warning that unless the dismissed men are deported forthwith the discipline of the Force will deteriorate rapidly. The Chairman repeats his former statements that he has been assured quite clearly by H.M. Authorities that deportation cannot and could not from the first have been arranged except in a regular way after an offence clearly justifying it; and that the men have not so far committed such offence.

In view of this warning it is directed that the Captain Superintendent be requested to forego his leave until he is confident that the discipline of the Sikh Branch is somewhat more secure. It is at the same time noted that Colonel Bruce has been absent on short leave at various times for about 14 week days during the current year.

Mr Hutchison enquires if the Watch Committee is aware that certain certificates of the dismissed men have in some way suffered defacement <sup>as irregular</sup> vised by H.M. Vice-Consul. The Chairman is unofficially acquainted with some facts on this point. A Police report will be sought for the Committee's full information.

The Captain Superintendent requests immediate publication of his monthly report containing reference to the state of the Sikh Branch as recently criticised in newspaper correspondence. The tendency of Colonel Bruce's remarks is to show that grievances are non-existent, and they end with the advice that if any enquiry takes place as advised in the Press it should be carried out by Army experts. The Captain Superintendent will be requested to change this passage in such a way as not to commit the Council to any course; merely giving his view that if such enquiry is held it should be guided by a single expert. Another change directed is the elimination of a statement that the recent incident was the work of bad characters wellknown to the officers. This may, it <sup>is</sup> feared lead to misunderstanding on the part of the public.

At the meetings of the Council and the Watch Committee, at which the Captain Superintendent attended, it was frequently enquired whether it was not possible to ascertain the ring-leaders and to confine both punishment and dismissal to them alone under Art. IX of the King's Regulation. It was pointed out that in 1906 Major Hall discovered ringleaders and made a list of them and full attention was drawn to this point when the recent trouble occurred. In reply the members were assured that no ringleaders existed, that they therefore could not be

found, and that no attempts to this end would be of any avail. This should be an additional point for investigation when the enquiry of the Watch Committee takes place.

✓ Taxation of Vehicles in Chapei. A letter from the Consular Body forwards for the Council's information a communication from the Taotai in continuation of the previous correspondence on this subject, to the effect that it is intended to extend this taxation to motors and carriages. It is decided to reply in the same sense as before.

✓ Sinza Stone Bridge. From information in the native press it is noted that the <sup>re-</sup>construction of this bridge is imminent. A report by the Engineer points out that the proposed structure which is apparently to cost £20,000 will be quite unsuited to requirements. It is understood that the contract has already been settled but a communication will forthwith be addressed to the Senior Consul, requesting that verbal representations be made to the Taotai without delay, offering a contribution by the Council of half the cost of a suitable structure, the cost of which the Engineer roughly estimates at £50,000. The Chapei authorities having expressed their willingness to co-operate it appears possible that some such arrangement is feasible.

✓ Nanking Road Woodpaving. A report by the Engineer refers to an estimated saving on the estimates for woodpaving between Kianglee and Chekiang Roads of £10,000 and states that the estimated cost of continuing the paving to the western end of the Defence Creek Bridge is £27,400. If this additional work is approved it is unlikely that any payment will be necessary until it is authorised by the provisions of the Budget for 1911. At the recommendation of the Works Committee it is accordingly decided forthwith to call for tenders for the requisite wood blocks, in order to avoid unnecessary delay later on.

✓ Tramways. From the Traffic Returns for July it is noted that the receipts are again higher than those of all previous months. They exceed the amount for June by \$4080, and for July last year by \$12,147.

✓ Public Lighting. With reference to the minute of the Works Committee of July 29 the reports of the Electrical Engineer, the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Engineer have been read by the members. Much discussion ensues as to whether the practice of turning off lights at 12.30 on moonlight-nights should be discontinued as recommended. The extra cost involved inclusive of gas

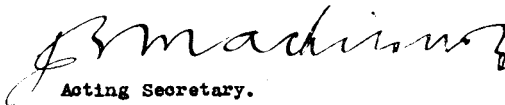
is \$3,600. The Treasurer in a report submitted suggests that the question whether it is necessary to use light or not should be decided by the Police, who would use their discretion. In the opinion of the Watch Committee this is not possible. The question is finally put to the vote and the recommendations are approved, but it is decided to endeavour in the first place to obtain a reduction in the estimated increase charges of the Gas Company.

Finance Department. Recommendations by the Treasurer as to short leave for his office staff are submitted. With the exceptions of Messrs Goodale, Bosustow and Ford, these employes are not entitled to leave having completed only between 10 and 14 months service. A further report by the Treasurer puts forward the view that these employes were engaged locally, and that therefore the decision whereunder short leave is not granted until the completion of 2 years service should be relaxed in their case. He refers also to the extra work which the office is called upon to perform. Mr Meuser points out that locally employes both in the Council's service and elsewhere habitually work beyond office hours when it is necessary. A very few exceptional cases may receive exceptional treatment on special application, but the Council's ruling has on the whole been uniformly observed. The Treasurer's recommendations which involve a general departure therefrom are therefore disapproved.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 17, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H. De Gray	
	H. Du Flon Hutchison	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	T.E. Trueman and	
	The Acting Secretary	
<u>Absent:</u>	C. Selby Moore	
	W.A.S. 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. In respect to

✓ Public Lighting, some discussion ensues as to the decision as recorded and this is finally rescinded. There will therefore be no additional street lighting on moonlight nights, but at the proposal of Mr Trueman, in substitution for the existing arrangement, the lamps will be extinguished on the first day of the full moon and on six days thereafter.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of August 16 are read and confirmed, with the following note:-

✓ Safes. In a report by the Overseer of Taxes on the subject of the organisation of the Tax Office, he has pointed out the need of a safe of sufficient size for custody of the more important books of the office. Therefore in addition to the order for safes for the Finance Department, provision of an additional safe of the same kind for the Tax Office is authorised.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Portuguese Company. In respect to the proposed visit of 20 members of the Portuguese Company to Macao on August 22 it is decided that provided <sup>they</sup> that go without arms no objection need arise. This course is accordingly authorised.

✓ Police.

✓ Sikh Branch. The Council has recorded its decision that special features of the recent incident which have come to the notice of members at various times during the last few weeks shall be the subject of careful enquiry by the Watch Committee. These are set forth in the Council's minutes of July 27 and in subsequent minutes.



To them must now be added the irregular endorsement and its erasure on the certificates of the dismissed men. As directed at the last meeting a Police report thereon is submitted from which it is noted that this was done by the instructions of the Captain Superintendent of Police. In his opinion this proceeding was only fair to the Army authorities who issued the certificates, and he states that it would be unusual to act otherwise. Certain of the members hold very pronounced views on the subject. It is evident that as soon as the question arose it should preferably have been the subject of a Police report for the Watch Committee's consideration and it should also have been reported when the aid of H.M. Consulate was invoked.

The solicitors for the recently dismissed men have submitted to H.M. Consul-General a petition by 20 of their number for full enquiry into the events leading to their dismissal, and therewith is enclosed what is alleged to be its complete history. They have sent copies of the document to the Chairman and members of the Watch Committee. The circumstances described in this petition appear to be exaggerated. The members however conclude that they centre in the single allegation that Captain Barrett is insufficiently conversant with the language of the men to be capable of ensuring that they shall receive fair treatment; this is the apparent origin of all alleged grievances; and their verification will be investigated as requested and will thus form the part of the Watch Committee's intended enquiry. For points such as this, the aid of an expert officer will be needed as suggested by the Captain Superintendent in his recent monthly report. Before advising the Committee thereon, this officer should be given sufficient time to gather information. Therefore an application for the services of such an officer will be made to the General Officer Commanding at Hongkong forthwith, or in such other quarter as may be found advisable.

Police reports are submitted in respect to the action of Messrs Pope and A.M.A. Evans in instigating discussion among the dismissed Sikhs and giving funds with a view to taking action against Captain Barrett. As the men are no longer in the Force Messrs Pope and Evans appear not to have rendered themselves legally liable. The reports will however be carefully considered by the Watch Committee.

In respect to his short leave the Captain Superintendent submits remarks tending to show that deterioration of discipline in the Sikh Branch is not likely to lead to serious active results. His leave is therefore approved provided that he remains of this opinion. It is understood that it will be likely to be curtailed to three weeks, but the Council has no wish to emphasise this point.

Native Bank Failures.

Chinese Proclamation. A proclamation by the Taotai forwarded to the Council for seal and posting has been submitted. It involves arrest by him of debtors to the three banks which have failed and enjoins payments of all debts to these banks by August 19. It appears open to many objections, and therefore certain necessary modifications have been indicated, and it is now understood that H.M. Vice-Consul has expressed willingness to approach the Taotai with a view to the issue of a less objectionable document; providing not for immediate payment, but for prompt notification by debtors of the arrangements which they are able to make in order to meet their liabilities.

Transfers to the City. Newspaper reports are read as to the transfer of six civil suit defendants from the Mixed Court to the City on August 15, at which protest was made by the Police as usual.

Considerable discussion ensues. The Chairman recounts the reasons within his knowledge which have led H.M. Consul-General to approve this procedure, which cannot in his opinion possibly be cited as a precedent. The members express the view that this should be the subject of prompt official protest by the Council, but in view of the unusual difficulties of the position which the Chairman indicates it is decided that Sir Pelham Warren shall be interviewed by him and by the Vice-Chairman in the first place, with a view to ascertaining whether immediate protest against the irregularity would seriously hinder the difficult negotiations which are proceeding.

Fruit Hawkers. As a result of agitation by fruit hawkers in Nantou and in the Settlement, the Taotai has made official representations with a view to some relaxation of the repressive measures taken against them. The strictness of Police action having been increased with suddenness, appeared likely to lead to further disturbance. The Watch Committee has accordingly decided that proceedings shall be more gradual for the present, and that arrests shall stop except in flagrant cases of sale of bad fruit.

A report by the Acting Health Officer deploras this decision as tending largely to increase mortality among Chinese, to discredit the Health Office and its Staff in their eyes, and to increase its difficulties.

The existing system seems to permit hawkers to ply during the winter months without active intervention by the Health Department or Police; but during the summer months when fruit is most plentiful, it is directed towards entirely prohibiting all hawkers of fresh fruit and food. In the opinion of Mr De Gray this is a method both inequitable and impracticable, and he comments on the lack of discrimination shown

especially on the part of the Police. This will receive the Watch Committee's careful attention when Dr Stanley returns and he will be requested to advise if possible a method of repressive control which shall have equal effect throughout the year and shall tend not to the expulsion of all hawkers of fruit, but only to strict limitation of their number and prevention of the sale of bad fruit. It is realised that this may tend somewhat to increase expenditure, but the members favour this rather than measures which are so stringent or sudden as to provoke disturbance.

✓ Tramways, Through Running. A letter from the Tramway Company states that the French Council has expressed its willingness to refund to the French Company its contribution to the Band Bridge when either Council stops through running provided that revocation does not result from fault or omission by either Company.

The Council has only assented to refund when revocation comes from itself. After some discussion it is decided not to recede from this position, and a reply is directed accordingly.

✓ Nanking Road, Woodpaving. A report by the Treasurer submitted, suggests that no order for wood blocks be made until the beginning of next year owing to the fact that re-metalling beyond Chekiang Road is almost completed and is estimated to last until the end of February. This repair work was undertaken at the special directions of the Works Committee because it was becoming indispensable.

If the order is not placed until next year further re-metalling may again be necessary. If, on the other hand, the notification calling for tenders is published immediately, no order could be placed until after the first week in October and the work might thus be begun at the opening of the year, arrangements being made for payment under the provisions of the Budget for 1911. This course is unanimously approved, and the decision will be published.

✓ Soochow Creek Dumping. Reports by the River Police have been forwarded by the Harbourmaster, referring to seizures of boats detected in dumping road sweepings, and a report by the Engineer also refers to the fact that a contractor has been detected making use of a subterranean channel for disposing of the material into the Creek. The necessity for additional supervision is evident to the Works Committee and it is directed that special recommendations be submitted by the Engineer with this in view.

✓ Passenger Pontoons, Case of Hourihan. Mr Fleming, a lawyer, has personally stated that it is the intention of the widow of the man Hourihan, whose death was the subject of a special minute in the Municipal Gazette of July 21, to proceed against the Council before the Court of Consuls for damages, unless some compassionate donation is made. If the widow applies herself the request will be favourably considered. Such donation may suitably take the form of a contribution to the fund raised by the Volunteer Corps. It will be clearly understood however that she has no claim upon the Council.

✓ Finance Department, Short Leave. Further report by the Treasurer submits notes by Messrs Lemaire, Macphail and Middleton to the effect that the first named has not left Shanghai during the last five years, and the two latter not during the last three years. Under these special circumstances it is decided to grant each of these employes short leave of fourteen days upon dates recommended by the Treasurer.

✓ Recess. The members' arrangements in respect to their departure from Shanghai during the recess are noted and it is observed that Messrs Craig, Hutchison and Macray will remain until the Chairman returns. Mr Macray is invited to act as Chairman and on the Chairman's arrival will leave and return during the last half of September. Messrs De Gray and Trueman will leave about the beginning and return about the end of that month. Throughout the recess there will thus be a quorum for the despatch of business.

Mr Meuser notifies the members of his intention to leave for home about the first week of September and states that Mr Figge will probably be willing to replace him, but cannot be present until October. An invitation to accept membership will accordingly be made to Mr Figge in due course.

The Chairman then proceeds to express the thanks of the members to Mr Meuser for his invaluable services during an unbroken period of nine years, and voices the deep regret of the members that he is now obliged to sever himself from the Council. The Chairman's remarks are endorsed by a unanimous vote of the meeting which joins with him in an expression of appreciation and goodwill.

The meeting adjourns at 7.20 p.m.

*J. Mackinnon*

Acting Secretary.

*David Handale*

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on August 18, 1910, at 4 p.m.,

there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H. De Gray	
	H. Du Flon Hutchison	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	O. Meuser	
	T.E. Trueman and	
	The Acting Secretary	

Absent:

C. Selby Moore  
W.A.C. Platt

This special meeting is called for discussion of the transfers of certain civil suit defendants connected with the native banks which have recently failed. In accordance with the Council's decision the Chairman and Vice-Chairman visited Sir Pelham Warren this ~~evening~~ <sup>fore</sup>noon in order to ascertain his attitude officially.

In this interview Sir Pelham Warren stated that the six civil suit defendants were so transferred under the assurance of their prompt return and that the continued retention in the City of the sixth prisoner would be the subject of enquiry this afternoon; that the treatment of this case was of a special kind warranted by the special Imperial Edict issued in respect thereto; that he would take every care to ensure that it shall be recorded as creating no precedent whatever; that it would be most injudicious for the Council to interfere; and that in respect to the remaining defendants his only intention was to permit them to be transferred for interrogation; that he had received assurances of their return thereafter unharmed; that their case would then be investigated in the Settlement and that for their permanent transfer a criminal charge in the Mixed Court would be necessary as usual. He added that he was afraid the Taotal was seeking an excuse to avoid fulfilment of his obligations to foreign creditors, and intimated that if the Council interfered the Taotal would remit his efforts towards effecting a settlement.

The Chairman is very strongly of opinion that the Council should record no official protest on the subject for the present and states that he personally would feel bound to disassociate himself from any such action.

A draft letter is read addressed to Sir Pelham Warren referring to the fact that a breach of established procedure has occurred, enquiring as

to the reasons which have rendered this necessary, and pointing out that the sixth prisoner, the shroff, has not yet been returned to the Settlement. After a short discussion the members express the view that the visit of the Chairman and Mr Meuser is in itself a sufficient evidence that the Council has not acquiesced in the departure from regular procedure. Any written communication is unanimously disapproved for the present, but the publication of a brief minute in the next issue of the Municipal Gazette tending to indicate what has passed is authorised.

As an indication of the reasons for the temporary transfer it is stated that the Taotai alone has the requisite powers to issue attachment orders in respect to certain of the property involved, and that therefore a hearing before him at this stage is necessary. Messrs Macray and Hutchison question why it is unavoidable that this should take place in the City, and for this there appears to be no satisfactory explanation; the Taotai's insistence upon the temporary transfer to the City appears to be actuated by considerations of his official dignity, and on similar grounds, but Sir Pelham Warren states that if this wish is resisted the Taotai will probably refuse to aid in arriving at a settlement.

It is unanimously decided that both past and future procedure in this matter must be left with entire confidence in the hands of Sir Pelham Warren, and that in the public interest any action which in his opinion will hamper his proceedings with a view to settlement must be carefully avoided. Mr Hutchison suggests that a short paragraph be prepared for immediate insertion in the N.C. Daily News forthwith in order to allay the enquiries of individuals as to the Council's intentions, and directions are given that this be drafted and shown to Sir Pelham Warren forthwith.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

*David Kaudale*

Chairman.

*J. Macdonald*

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 14, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Lmdale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H.Du Flon Hutchison	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	T.E. Trueman and	
	The Adting Secretary	
<u>Absent:</u>	H.De Gray	
	C.Selby Moore	
	W.A.C. 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.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of September 1, are read and confirmed.

✓ Kiosks. In respect to the decision as to lighting the kiosk in the Public Garden, it is directed that reports by the Electrical Engineer be submitted, giving fully the reasons for his objection to making the necessary connexion.

✓ Volunteers.

American Company. At the recommendation of the Commandant, the application of Captain S.A. Ransom for 9 months' leave of absence is granted, and his request for permission to attend courses of instruction with the U.S. Army is sanctioned.

✓ Fire Brigade - Staff. The resignation of the Departmental Engineer, Mr Parkhill is submitted and accepted, and the Watch Committee will at its next meeting consider the steps to be taken for appointing his successor.

✓ Sikh Branch. Discussion ensues as to the steps taken in order to obtain the assistance of an expert Officer for the investigation which is pending. The Chairman states that during his absence he has ascertained that there is no officer in Tientsin of suitable seniority. During the recess a request has been addressed to Major General Broadwood at the direction of the Watch Committee, with the result that he has selected Colonel Prior. It is noted that he is Commandant of the 13th Rajputs, but he does not appear to have experience of Sikhs although this qualification was emphasised when the Council addressed Major General Broadwood. The Chairman undertakes to communicate unofficially with him endeavouring to ensure that the Officer chosen shall have all the necessary qualifications.

✓ Chapei Slaughter Monopoly. A letter from the Consular Body is submitted transmitting a despatch from the Taotai as a result of the Council's representations on the subject of the irregularity detention of a leading dealer by the Chapei constabulary; and its attempted monopoly of the slaughter of pigs intended for the food of native residents in the Settlement. A draft reply is read and approved, referring to certain misstatements which are made by the Chapei Administration; again objecting to the monopoly; and forwarding the petition of the dealer, requesting cancellation of the bond which has been forced from him, and his relief from further pursuit.

✓ Native Bank Failures. Reference is made to the Council's published intention that the circumstances of the temporary transfer of civil suit defendants concerned shall be recorded in correspondence. It appears preferable to await Sir Pelham Warren's return before proceeding to this end.

✓ Victoria Nursing Home. A letter from Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips is submitted, protesting against a refusal of the Acting Matron at the Home to admit Mr Tata, a Parsee.

Recommendations by the Health Officer are strongly adverse to the admission of other than European patients. Nevertheless the Parsees are British subjects, ~~contributors to the fund for the Home,~~ and ratepayers. Moreover there are several precedents for admission; though the Acting Health Officer states that these were the result of accident or mistake. It is therefore decided to admit Parsees for the future provided separate accommodation can conveniently be given them. Under the circumstances a reply to Messrs Drummond, White-Cooper & Phillips is authorised to the effect that the refusal of the Acting Matron was the result of a misunderstanding.

The terms of service notified to nurses on their appointment contain a statement to the effect that all the patients will be Europeans. This should be suitably modified for further appointments, and the Acting Health Officer will gradually ascertain which nurses would be willing to attend the rare cases of Parsees which may claim treatment at the Home.

✓ Tramways. From the Traffic Returns for August it is noted that the receipts, though \$622 less than for last month, exceed the amount for August last year by \$11,091.

✓ Joint Running. A further letter from the Company is read, demurring to any arrangement which does not involve refund to the Company when the French Council terminates through running. The question is again discussed at length, and it is finally decided to accede to the



Company's request, adding that the Council's approval of the agreement for through services on the terms outlined in recent correspondence, and its signature of the revocation agreement submitted by the Company will not take effect until receipt of the Company's contribution, which should amount in the first place to \$15,000, to be supplemented, or reduced by refund, as the actual cost of the work may hereafter indicate. In the meantime the draft revocation agreement will be submitted to the Legal Adviser.

✓ Cathedral Compound. A report from the Engineer is submitted, stating that compliance with the request of the Trustees for the use of red brick in the construction of the wall involves an extra cost of \$200; and this expenditure is sanctioned. The land cannot be cleared for public use until November 30. This is in part due to some unavoidable delay which has taken place in submitting a suitable plan to the Trustees. Payment of rent under the lease is accordingly approved as from October 16.

✓ Secretariat Staff. A letter from Mr Corbett-Smith requests that the Council's definite decision in respect to his locomotion be now recorded, and makes various statements at length, designed to indicate that his resignation in April was forced upon him; that he has been denied a hearing by the Finance Committee; and that he is thus suffering unfair treatment. Each member has carefully reviewed all the circumstances, and has read and re-read the voluminous correspondence and papers both in connexion with the appointment of Mr Corbett-Smith and the termination of his services. The circumstances of his resignation were wellknown to all the members officially before its acceptance; and it was fully realised that this resignation was advised by the Chairman of the Finance Committee on the Council's behalf, out of consideration to Mr Corbett-Smith, and lest it might be necessary that the Council should take the initiative of formally notifying him that his agreement would not be renewed upon expiry. This it was evidently desirable to spare him in his own interests. The Council is unanimously of opinion that in this matter it is and has been in possession of every circumstance such as is in any sense material, but will readily afford the desired interview at the next meeting on September 21, and <sup>is</sup> willing to give Mr Corbett-Smith a careful hearing.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

*B. Mackinnon*  
Acting Secretary.

*David Dundale*  
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 21, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)

H.J. Craig

H. Du Flon Hutchison

H.A.J. Maoray

T.E. Trueman and

The Acting Secretary

Absent:

H. De Gray

C. Selby Meere

W.A.C. 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.

Volunteers.

Marim Company. At the recommendation of the Commandant the attachment to this Company of Lieutenant J.S. Gubbay of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps is authorised until his return to Hongkong in the course of next year.

Police.

Sikh Branch. The Chairman reads a private telegram which he has received from Hongkong to the effect that in view of the representations made to Major General Broadwood, he has decided to cancel the appointment of Colonel Prior for the proposed enquiry, and is advising application to the Indian Government. From this it is evident that this Officer has not the special knowledge required. In discussion that follows it is decided to await Major General Broadwood's official intimation in this sense; and thereafter to ascertain if Major E.S. Hall who appears to be serving as second in command of the 47th Sikhs near Karachi is in a position to give his services as before.

Cattle Plague. A report by the Health Officer states that rinderpest has broken out in 7 dairies and that 50 animals have already been lost. The usual preventive methods are being placed at the disposal of dairy-keepers free of charge, and it is noted that the milk supply will not be affected but that a shortage of beef is anticipated.

Rifle Range Extension. A report by the Engineer recommends acceptance for offers of Mow 10.06 at £1,500 per mow; Mow 5.4 at £2,000 per mpw; and Mow 5.619 at £2,200 per mow.

These involve a total expenditure of £38,252 and an approximate excess of about £10,500 above the provision made in the Budget for

completing the scheme. An area of Mow 4.302, not indispensable for the extension of the Range, is obtainable at £2,063 per mow and at the recommendation of the Works Committee it is decided to defer its acquisition unless it can be obtained at £1,500 per mow. After this purchase there remains to be acquired a narrow strip immediately behind the existing butts, in respect to which the Engineer anticipates considerable difficulty.

✓ Tramways.

✓ Joint Running. A letter from the Tramway Company is read acknowledging the final concession recently decided upon, but demurring to the request for a contribution of £15,000. It maintains that the promised contribution was limited to £10,000. At the meeting held by the Sub-committees of the Council and the Local Board in the previous July, the Company's representative expressed doubt as to whether it would contribute one-quarter towards a bridge to cost £60,000; but the Engineer reports that at the meeting held on August 18 last year between himself, the French Municipal Engineer, the French Tramway Manager and Mr McColl, it was understood that all parties were in agreement that the cost of the bridge would be £60,000, to which each would contribute one-quarter. The Council's letter to the French Council dated August 28, and published in the Municipal Gazette of November 11, referred to this meeting and submitted a plan for a bridge to cost this amount. The arrangements in train with the French Council must thus have been known to the Company and were a matter of public knowledge. It is understood that the French Company has expressed in writing to the French Council its willingness to contribute £15,000 accordingly. While thus apparently acquiescing but permitting the point to remain open to further prolonged negotiation, the Company alone has given rise to additional delay which must now ensue. It is accordingly directed that the letter submitted be published forthwith, prefaced by an explanatory minute to this effect for general information.

✓ Educational Grants. A letter from the Institution of Sisters in North Honan Road is read, requesting a grant in aid, and stating as a basis for this request, that 17 children are completely cared for and educated free; 30 are educated and partly fed free; and 133 are educated free; while 50 are educated at reduced rates. There appears to be ground for favourably entertaining this request, making provision therefor in the Budget for 1911; but before arriving at a decision it is directed that further particulars be submitted in respect to the finances of the institution.

✓ Mohammedan Cemetery. The representative of the Mohammedan Community has enquired verbally as to the conditions upon which a portion of the recently acquired extension for the Pahsienjao Cemetery may be placed at its disposal. It is decided that if a contribution of \$1650 is made representing cost of removal of houses, an area of 2 mow will be set aside free of cost, and if land is needed in addition to this, payment at the original cost, \$3000 per mow, will be required therefor.

✓ Secretariat Staff. A reply by Mr Corbett-Smith is read together with an informal letter in respect to the Council's communication and its recent decision. It is noted that Mr Corbett-Smith now does not wish to address the Council in person.

The members have very carefully considered again at this and the last meeting, those features of Mr Corbett-Smith's services and general character which are known to them from their personal observations, and if his resignation and all and any circumstances connected with it were set aside, they have arrived at a unanimous decision de novo that his abilities and temperament are unsuited to the position which he has held; and that the Council would undoubtedly not be justified in offering him continued employment, and could not renew his agreement upon its expiry in the near future.

The meeting adjourns at 6. p.m.

*David Dauder*

Chairman.

*J B Mackinnon*

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 28, 1910.

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

• Messrs D. Landale (Chairman  
 H.J. Craig  
 H.De Gray  
 H.Du Flon Hutchison  
 H.A.J. Macray  
 T.E. Trueman and  
 The Acting Secretary

Absent: C.Selby Moore  
 W.A.C. 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.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for Chinese of September 22, are read and confirmed.

✓ Ellis Kadoorie School Site. Mr Trueman expresses doubt as to whether it would not in the end prove preferable to select Cadastral lot 809 as formerly suggested, thus at the same time acquiring the land for the proposed extension of the Sinza Road Depot and for the Tatung Road Extension. Mr Hutchison refers to <sup>the</sup> large excess over the provisions of the Budget which that proposal involves and accordingly <sup>prefero</sup> adopting the recommendation of the School Committee which is strongly in favour of the Carter Road site. It is recognised that the advantageous extension of the Depot does not alone sufficiently justify the use of Lot 809 for the School, but after some discussion it is decided to await a further formal expression of the views of the Works Committee. In the meantime an option on the Carter Road site will be sought.

✓ Volunteers.

✓ Customs Company. At the recommendation of the Commandant the resignation of Captain W.G. Lay is accepted on his departure for home for 2 years.

✓ Portuguese Company. At the recommendation of the Commandant the resignation of Lieutenant B.M. Carion is accepted with effect from August 26.

✓ Headquarters Staff. A letter from the London Agents in respect to the engagement of Sergeant Samuel Cox for which application has been made through Major-General Broadwood, transmits 6 conditions under which men are now and for the future to be lent for service. The second of these lays down that in the event of invaliding, the Council will pay salary from the time of invaliding until the employe rejoins

the Army; but leaves the period of this entirely without limit. The same rule provides for similar payment of salary from the time of dismissal until he rejoins the Army or is discharged. In respect to the latter point the Commandant states, in comment, that after dismissal the employe would certainly return to regimental duty forthwith; but in respect to invaliding, the time during which the Council might be called upon to pay salary must remain in doubt. The remaining conditions contain provision for payments towards pension, and to various other charges of less importance. In the opinion of the Watch Committee it is advisable to accept these conditions without question, and assent will be given by telegram.

✓ Visit of the German Crown Prince.

The Chairman states that he has been approached by the German Consular authorities urgently asking for information as to whether the Council would authorise a parade of the Volunteers on this occasion, and whether it would hold a dinner in his honour. After consultation with certain of the members he has intimated the Council's probable willingness to act as suggested. These duties will devolve upon the Council for 1911.

✓ Police, Sikh Branch.

✓ Enquiry. A communication from the Hongkong Military Authorities states that the orders detaching Colonel Prior have been countermanded, and expresses regret that there is no Officer of the necessary qualifications who is considered competent to undertake the work required. An application will accordingly be addressed to the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, who will be asked to arrange if possible for the services of Major E.S. Hall.

✓ Passages of Dismissed Men. Discussion follows as to the time during which payment of passages may be continued, the usual limit of one month having long since elapsed. The Watch Committee is of opinion that the 10 men who still remain should be informed that unless they do so within a fortnight, no passage will be paid. After some discussion it is decided to lay down no definite time limit; but it is directed that no passage be paid for men who have obtained other local employment.

✓ Health Department.

✓ Plague. The Acting Health Officer reports the finding of two plague rats near the Ewo press packing godown and the death of two coolies employed there under circumstances highly suggestive of plague. The Chinese staff will be supervised until expiry of the period of incubation and thorough disinfection measures will be carried out. In respect to the contents of the Godown it is directed that before

decisive disinfective action is taken samples should first be experimented with, and retained for purposes of testimony if necessary; and further that the native owners permission and acceptance of responsibility for damage should if possible be obtained.

✓ Heavy Motor Cars.

A letter from the Horse Bazaar enquires whether licences will be issued for motor vans of capacity up to 5 tons. A report by the Engineer gives conditions in respect to proportionate diameter of wheels, width of tyres and weights permissible, together with other provisions designed in accordance with home practice for the avoidance of injury to roads. A reply is authorised to the effect that under these conditions and upon issue of a certificate by the Municipal Engineer licences will be granted. Particulars will be published for general information but no alteration of the licence conditions appears necessary.

Mr Maoray refers to the nuisance caused by motor horns of unusual types and at his suggestion it is unanimously decided to issue a new licence condition providing for police inspection, with the view to eventual uniformity in these alarms. This is a necessity both as a check upon the nuisance of noise and for reasons of safety which demand that the advent of a motor car in traffic should be notified by a uniform and distinctive alarm.

✓ Peking Road, Lot 188.

With reference to the decision of the Works Committee of July 29 it is decided at the recommendation of the Engineer to pay in compensation an additional sum of ₹500 for the surrender without prejudice to the former offer of ₹27,500, should it eventually prove necessary to refer to the Land Commission for decision.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*J. Mackinnon*

*David Dundale*  
Chairman.

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 5, 1910, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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| <u>Messrs</u>  | D. Landale (Chairman) |
|                | H.J. Craig            |
|                | H. De Gray            |
|                | H. Du Flon Hutchison  |
|                | H.A.J. Macray         |
|                | T.E. Trueman and      |
|                | The Acting Secretary  |
| <u>Absent:</u> | C. Selby Moore        |
|                | W.A.C. 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.

Ellis Kadoorie School Site. In the opinion of the Works Committee it is undoubtedly preferable to secure the Sinza Road Depot site by a tentative arrangement subject to the assent of the Ratepayers whereunder a payment of £40,000 as provided in the Budget may be made forthwith. Mr Hutchison records his strong dissent. He points out that such an arrangement still in effect involves excess over the provisions of the Budget amounting approximately to £45,000, exclusive of the cost of land necessary for Tatung Road. Final recommendations on this question will be made after a joint meeting of the two Committees concerned.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of October 3, are read and confirmed. On the subject of

Pig Slaughter the members are unanimously of opinion that the institution of a Municipal monopoly by insisting upon the Health Officer's seal upon all pork sold in the Settlement is to be deprecated. But the Chairman doubts if this is the Acting Health Officer's intention, and it is directed that a further report be submitted to show whether his views would be met if the Municipal stamp were placed only upon all pork slaughtered within the Settlement.

Volunteers. The Commandant in a report submitted requests <sup>the</sup> definitely the right to use a motor car when required for official duty; and requests that a four-seated motor car be placed at his disposal in the event of trouble; and that he be given the use of a stable in the Municipal compound; and that he be supplied with a private carriage of more modern type than that which he uses at present. The question of



locomotion in the Municipal service generally is discussed at some length, and Mr Trueman points to certain anomalies shown by comparison of the advantages which the Commandant S.V.C. and other Heads of Departments are given. When a report containing a return of all allowances in respect to locomotion has been submitted by the Treasurer, the Finance Committee will examine the question as a whole. In the meantime, it is directed that the Engineer be requested to place a Municipal motor car definitely at the disposal of the Commandant as he may require; and that the Commandant be informed accordingly.

✓ Policing beyond Limits. A despatch from the Taotai is read in reply to the Council's representations through the Consular Body on the subject of the patrolling of Jessfield Road by native soldiers and constabulary, as published with the minutes of the meeting of September 21. Therefrom it is noted that the Taotai declines to give directions restraining constabulary and other native officials from irregular functions upon roads owned and controlled by the Council. No purpose will be served by continued argument upon the particular incident in question.

✓ Plague Preventinn. With reference to the instructions recorded at the Council's last meeting, the Health Officer reports further, to the effect that only a very small portion of the cargo in the press-packing godown in question is likely to have been affected, and that the effects of fumigation have proved almost negligible. The possibility of claim is therefore very remote, and as the amount involved will in any case not be large, the Health Officer's view that the matter need not be discussed with the native owner, is endorsed.

✓ Passenger pontoons. Case of Hourihan. The wife of Hourihan has applied for a compassionate allowance in accordance with the Council's decision of August 17, and after some discussion it is decided that the subscription which the Volunteers are reported to be ~~forthcoming~~ <sup>forming</sup> shall be made up to ₹2000 by the Council, upon condition that she shall renounce all further claim whatsoever arising out of the fatality.

✓ Rifle Range Extension. From a report by the Engineer it is noted that the owner of the lot measuring Mow 5.4 of which the purchase was recently authorised at ₹2000 per mow, is stated to have given no authority for this offer, and that the broker who gave an option for one week thereon could not have fulfilled his contract. On the ~~last~~ <sup>day</sup> of the option an attempt was made to notify acceptance but without success until the following day. An offer of ₹2,200 per mow has now been made and Mr Algar having paid bargain money is in a position to close. Acceptance of this offer which involves an extra expenditure of ₹1,080, is approved.

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✓ Tramways. From the Traffic Returns for September it is noted that the receipts show a proportionate increase of \$1600 over those for last month, and that they exceed the amount for the same month last year by \$10,289.

The meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.

*David Daudate*

Chairman.

*J. Macdonald*

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 12, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
 H. J. Craig  
 H. De Gray  
 H. Du Flon Hutchison  
 H. A. J. Macray  
 T. E. Trueman and  
 The Acting Secretary

Absent: C. Selby Moore  
 W. A. C. 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.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of October 6,  
 are read and confirmed. In respect to the dismissal of

Mr. John, Mr Hutchison calls attention to the letter written by the  
 Acting Headmaster of which mention is made in these minutes, informing  
 him that his services are no longer required. This, he points out,  
 was written merely on the strength of the Committee's views and  
 before reference to the matter at the meeting of Council. This  
 action was taken in error on his part; the intention was that Mr John  
 should leave the School, ~~but~~ merely suspended from duty, <sup>but</sup> not under  
 dismissal, in order to obviate further unauthorised punishment of  
 the boys.

Mr Hutchison further points out that the subsequent recommenda-  
 tion of dismissal by the Committee at its meeting lacked the confirma-  
 tion laid down in the standing orders, and that action thereon was  
 accordingly irregular. It is his opinion that Mr John should have  
 been suspended officially in writing after that meeting, and that it  
 should thus have been left open to the Council or to the School  
 Committee to afford him a hearing on any statement he might wish to  
 make. He remarks that the standing orders and instructions to  
 employes are the result of long experience, and emphasises the  
 importance of their careful observance in respect to suspensions or  
 dismissals from service, since they ~~are~~ <sup>give</sup> indispensable safeguards to  
 fair treatment. He adds that it is not his wish unduly to hamper the  
 Committee, but that its duties are purely to advise, and while its  
 recommendations should receive full and sympathetic consideration,  
 the Council should not be committed to them.

It is pointed out that the Committee took the view that this was a case for action on emergency, because after two written complaints by parents and a written report by the Acting Headmaster, Mr John had again struck a boy; because after the intimation of the Acting Headmaster that he should leave the School, he remained there on October 6 and again struck a boy, which was again the subject of a written complaint by a parent; and because there were indications, confirmed by the Acting Headmaster, that the treatment complained of was such as might at any time result in serious injury to the children.

Mr De Gray expresses his conviction that the summary action taken accordingly was warrantable and necessary under the circumstances; it is fully recognised that it was not strictly regular. Certain of the members were aware of it before it was taken. The recommendation of the Committee was immediately carried out in the view that it was urgent to ensure that Mr John would not be in the School upon the following day, and to leave him no excuse for returning to it; and in order that irregular punishment might at once cease; and all disturbance at the School be avoided.

Letters from Mr John are read stating that he does not recognise the official intimation of dismissal which has been given him, and asking for a hearing before the Committee. The majority of its members have expressed their willingness to give him this hearing. Mr De Gray records his dissent, in the view that this seems an unwise course likely to lead to further difficulties.

After some further discussion it is decided that the Council's final decision shall depend upon a further recommendation by the School Committee resulting from the hearing which it is willing to afford to Mr John; but thereafter no further question will be entertained as to the decision thus arrived at.

✓ The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 7, are read and confirmed, and in respect to

✓ Road Names, Mr Trueman refers to the desirability of attaching names to roads so soon as they are scheduled in the Annual plans.

✓ Settlement Extension. The Council's communication on this subject, to which reference was made in the minutes of August 3, has awaited completion of a petition by the owners of land, situated in the Chapel district, registered in Foreign Consulates, protesting against attempts by the constabulary to police the property of which they are the registered owners. This petition, which refers to such action as an infringement upon treaty rights, is now complete with the signature

of Messrs Atkinson & Dallas, in respect to which some delay has been necessary. The Council's letter is read and authorised for despatch.

✓ Policing beyond Limits. A letter from Mr Algar states that he has received a petition from his tenants on Paoshan U.S.C. Lot 4 off the North Szechuen Road, complaining of almost nightly robberies. He requests Police assistance for purposes of patrol, and points out that the private roads on the land in question run directly off the North Szechuen Road Extension. The Captain Superintendent of Police is of opinion that this request can<sup>be</sup> well met provided entry from land under native administration is closed to prevent all ingress from native-owned land; and if this point is satisfactorily arranged in further correspondence, the requisite Police measures are authorised.

✓ Tramways, Re-construction of Bridges. A report by the Engineer refers to a letter from Mr McColl, in response to verbal enquiries addressed to him. Mr McColl requests written information as to the grounds upon which the Company may be called upon to pay for the temporary strengthening of the Seward Road Bridge, rendered necessary owing to its intended re-construction. Under Clause 10 of the Concession Agreement the Company in the event of road repairs may either cease running or continue at its own risk and cost. There is doubt whether the same principle is legally applicable to Bridges. Though in this case the cost is small, the Engineer points out that the same point will arise upon rebuilding of the Yangtszepoo and Sinza bridges, and some importance therefore attaches to it. At his recommendation and subject to the Legal Adviser's opinion, it is decided formally to notify the Tramway Company that the Seward Road Bridge is about to be rebuilt, and that it is free to take such steps as may seem desirable to continue the service provided they are such as the Council shall approve.

✓ Weihaiwei Road Sewer. A letter from the German Consul General is submitted, requesting that a sewer be laid in Weihaiwei Road between Chengtu and Yates Roads, rendered necessary by the filling-in of the creek on the south side of the road, and asking that this work be performed forthwith in view of the intended visit of the German Crown Prince when he will open the school building. Mr Meuser's particular request on leaving was that this work, at a cost of £1870, should be executed in advance of the provisions of the Budget for 1911, and in accordance with the Engineer's recommendation the immediate execution of the work is authorised.

Electricity Department.

Tenders. Tenders for hard drawn copper cable and house service fuse boxes in response to Municipal Notification No. 2044, are submitted with the Electrical Engineer's recommendation, endorsed by the Committee, that for the first named material the tender of Messrs Siemens & Co. for £946:6:3, and for fuse boxes that of Messrs D. Bell for £120:16:8, be accepted. These recommendations receive the Council's approval.

Indents Nos. 869 <sup>to</sup> and 872. These indents for filing devices and stationery in connexion with a proposed new method of recording consumers' consumption etc. have, after discussion by the Finance Committee, received its approval, and the order has been transmitted by telegram. They involve an aggregate cost of £219:4:0.

Finance Department Staff. The resignation of Mr Wilkinson is submitted, with the Treasurer's recommendation that it be accepted upon undertaking to refund the cost of passage and expenses of the appointment, and without claim upon the Superannuation Fund.

The resignation of this employe is due to prospect of more lucrative service with other employers, and circumstances in connexion therewith are known to certain of the members. In view of the satisfactory and capable work of Mr Wilkinson as reported by the Treasurer, the Council is very unwilling to release him from his agreement, but after considerable discussion, it is decided that Mr Wilkinson shall be informed that it is reluctantly accepted.

Mr Corbett-Smith's Publication. This document has been read by the members. The Chairman refers to certain material omissions therein. For these reasons the members unanimously state their displeasure. It is pointed out that it contains many statements which are incorrect and misleading, and that therefore a brief published denial may prove advisable. The members concur in the view which Mr Craig expresses that it should be passed unnoticed.

Mr Hutchison entirely agrees, but expresses his disapproval of any arrangements made in respect to the termination of <sup>an</sup> employe's services without full submission to the members of every document bearing upon it directly or indirectly; and without full opportunity being afforded to the Council of investigating such matters in any manner which may seem fit, in each case, before it is in any sense committed to any attitude in respect thereto. He refers in particular to the papers in connexion with Mr Corbett-Smith's appointment, the submission of which, he observes, was omitted in the first instance. It is recognised that in this case such points could not make, and have not made any material difference to the Council's action.

The meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.

*Davidhaudale*

Chairman.

*J. Macdonald*

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 19, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H. De Gray	
	H. Du Flon Hutchison	
	H.A.J. Maoray and	
	The Acting Secretary	

Absent:

C. Selby Moore  
W.A.C. Platt  
T.E. Trueman

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

✓ The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Public School Committee of October 13 are read and confirmed.

✓ Japanese Disturbances. Police reports submitted refer to serious disturbances by Japanese sailors in Hongkew. At the Captain Superintendent's recommendation a communication will be addressed to the Japanese Consul General, calling attention to the disorderly conduct of the Japanese towards the Police, and to their practice of carrying knives.

In the monthly Police report for September references are made to a recent alleged murder by Japanese. The case is still sub judice and after some discussion it is decided to omit publication of the portions which appear to prejudice it.

✓ Mixed Court, Transfers to the City. A report submitted refers to two cases involving indefinite Police detention of prisoners against whom accusation is made with a view to their transfer to the City, but in respect to whom no evidence sufficient to warrant transfer is adduced. It is directed that the Assessors be communicated with verbally and that provided they concur, a communication be addressed to the Consular Body stating that henceforward if no satisfactory evidence is brought forward within ten days from the date of arrest such prisoners will then be released.

✓ Passenger pontoons, Case of Hourihan. The decision of October 5 on this subject has been communicated to Mrs Hourihan, and her reply is read, expressing appreciation of the Council's compassionate donation; accepting this in complete and final satisfaction of any claim which she might otherwise be considered to have had; and recognising that it cannot be taken to imply that there has been any liability or obligation towards her.



✓ Seward Road Bridge.

The Council is informed of the Legal Adviser's opinion that in view of the obligations of maintenance under Clause 16 of the Concession Agreement, the Company cannot reasonably be called upon to pay the cost of strengthening during re-construction; for this arises in the course of the Council's duties under that Clause.

✓ Pingshiao Quarry.

A letter from H.M. Consul at Hangchow is read together with a further communication from the Chekiang Bureau of Foreign Affairs, generally to the effect that no friendly understanding with the authorities on the subject of the renewal of the lease is possible under existing conditions.

✓ New Buildings.

✓ Macgregor Road.

Messrs Scott, Christie & Johnson on behalf of Messrs Liddell Bros. have applied for a permit to build on Cadastral lot 2390 over the scheduled line of the Macgregor Road Extension. In view of the proximity of this Extension to the Dalny Road, and of the fact that the Chinese public road known as Birt Lane is not affected, it is decided that this Extension south of the point at which the proposed building will touch it, may be postponed indefinitely until the public need therefor becomes evident.

✓ Mohammedan Cemetery.

Messrs E. Pabaney on behalf of the Mohammedan Mosque express difficulty in contributing to the cost of the extension of the Pabsienjao Cemetery recently undertaken chiefly on their account. They state that the erection of the necessary wall and mosque etc involves an expenditure of £7000 which will fall principally on the firm; further that they are called upon to assist the numerous indigents who form the major part of the Mohammedan community; and that nearly one third of the existing Cemetery has been filled by moslems in the troops stationed in Shanghai in connexion with the Boxer rising. It is decided however to repeat the request for a suitable contribution, reminding Messrs Pabaney that all residents of the Settlement except destitutes contribute in some way to the cost of their burial grounds, and pointing out that the liberal treatment requested might later be cited as a precedent by other sections of the community.

Census. The Overseer of Taxes reports on difficulties experienced in Chapel where the householders have adopted various means of showing the form distributors that they do not recognise the census. The collectors, in the absence of preparations, are unable to distinguish foreign owned property from Chinese and thus cannot avoid collision with the Constabulary. Without the necessary assistance of householders returns will be incomplete and of little value, but the Overseer of Taxes anticipates that an accurate estimate of the population in the district can be arrived at, and it is accordingly decided that this method will suffice.

Public Works Department.

Staff. A report by the Engineer is submitted containing proposals for the reorganisation of the outdoor staff of the Public Works Department, involving allocation of responsibility for the different districts of the Settlement, to certain officers, thus obviating need for daily reports by subordinates to Headquarters, which entails waste of time and labour.

The proposals involve <sup>the</sup> definite appointment of Mr Needham as third in the Department with charge, under the Engineer and his deputy, of the whole of the engineering work of the Settlement; the engagement of an additional second assistant engineer; and amalgamation of the work of the assistant building inspectors and district overseers who will henceforward be known as District Inspectors. A slight increase of pay will be given to the latter conditional upon residence in their respective sub-districts.

It is understood that these changes besides effecting some economy in expenditure will result in increased efficiency and their adoption, as recommended, by the Works Committee, is sanctioned.

Finance Department.

Staff. At the recommendation of the Treasurer the appointment of Mr G.H. Charlton to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Wilkinson's resignation is authorised at a salary of £185, £200 and £215 during a three years agreement, but it is directed that the appointment be upon six months probation in the first place.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15. p.m.

*J. Mackinnon*

Acting Secretary.

*David Lardale*

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 26, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 20,

are read and confirmed, subject to the following comment:-

Installation Inspector. While approving the arrangements made in respect to this new employe, the Council understands and approves that all Municipal installations and repairs to installations will be carried out under the supervision of the Electricity Department, who will prepare specifications and call for tenders where necessary.

Heating and Cooking Apparatus. Some discussion arises as to whether the orders proposed in this minute are not in excess of requirements, inasmuch as the sale of the apparatus is not contemplated. Former minutes on the subject are read, and the Committee's recommendation is finally adopted, upon the definite understanding that the heaters, cookers, etc. are for purposes of hire only.

Riverside Power Station. The Chairman has seen the Electrical Engineer with regard to the large development scheme which is proposed, and has formed the view that Mr Aldridge's anticipations are not unduly sanguine. After debate the Council approves the scheme with modifications as follows:-

- (a) While it is clearly desirable that the Electrical Engineer proceed to England to work on the preliminaries of the scheme, it is directed that the Council incur no financial liability at present. Mr Aldridge should return in ample time to write his Annual Report and to furnish what information is required for laying the proposals before the Ratepayers at the next Annual Meeting, whereupon, and provided the scheme meets with public approval, the necessary orders may be despatched by telegram.

(b) The Council considers the scheme capable of considerable reduction so far as the necessities for 1911 are concerned, and expresses the hope that the Committee may be able by the deletion of certain items to reduce the amount of the proposed Loan. For instance, the purchase of coal lighters, and other wharf arrangements which may be desirable in the future, are considered unnecessary for the present.

The Treasurer's report on the scheme is read, and criticised by the Chairman in detail. Paragraph 2 of his summary of recommendations deprecates a forward policy, which the Department has adopted with success during recent years. The Council however endorses the opinion expressed frequently in the past that, so long as the Electrical undertaking is under Municipal control it is the Council's duty to develop its resources to the fullest extent.

The various reports on this subject, after some amalgamation and revision, will be published forthwith.

✓ Engineer's Travelling Expenses. The Finance Committee criticises the late date at which this statement of expenditure is being made, while at the same time recognising the Council's obligation as formerly recorded.

✓ Staff. Upholding the view formerly expressed, it is decided to offer ✓ Mr Payne a salary under his new agreement of £350 per mensem. The Committee's minute on the subject of Shift Engineers is deferred, pending the receipt of a memorandum by the Treasurer on the subject.

✓ Election of Vice-Chairman. The Chairman proposes that the vacancy, caused by the resignation of Mr Meuser, be filled by the election of Mr De Gray, but, upon this member's definite refusal of the office, Mr Platt is elected to the Vice-Chair: Proposer, Mr De Gray: Seconder, Mr Trueman.

✓ Vacancy in the Council. The members are informed that Mr Figge is not expected to return to Shanghai until the end of November, and after some discussion it is agreed that the Chairman shall interview the Chairman of the German Association, with a view to ascertaining whether the German community would prefer that the seat remain vacant until Mr Figge's arrival, or that another representative be nominated.

✓ Ellis Kadoorie School Site. With regard to the recent discussion as to the two sites proposed, viz. those in the Carter and Sinza Roads, considerable discussion ensues. The two pieces of land have been inspected by the Chairman and by Mr De Gray, who unite in condemning the Sinza Road site as unsuitable, by reason, amongst other things, of the

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factory chimneys in its immediate neighbourhood. Mr De Gray maintains the view that the Carter Road site is somewhat too close to foreign residential districts, but does not now withhold his approval of the School Committee's recommendation. Directions are therefore given to accept the offer of the Carter Road site, and complete the purchase without delay.

✓ Educational Matters. The Chairman states that the time has now arrived to form the General Educational Committee in accordance with the Council's undertaking in March last, and he desires that members will formulate their views and consider the question of membership of the Committee, for settlement at next meeting.

✓ Secretariat Staff. The attention of the Council is directed to the letter of Professor Smith appearing in the North China Daily News of this date, and to the editorial leader thereon. The members are unanimously of opinion that it is well to treat these public announcements with indifference.

The Chairman alludes to the work performed by Mr Mackinnon during the absence on leave of the Secretary. His reference to efficient work performed during a time of considerable difficulty meets with the unanimous and cordial endorsement of the members.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Landate*

Chairman.

*M. Curson*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 9, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Vacancy in the Council. The Chairman has seen Mr Hoerter, Chairman of <sup>the</sup> German Association, and ascertained that his Committee would prefer, if possible, that the present vacancy remain open until Mr Figge's return.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Watch Committee of October 27, are read and confirmed, Mr Hutchison expressing the view that, in circumstances such as those which arose on the date named, a special meeting of the whole Council should have been convened for their discussion. In reply, the Chairman states that he regarded the matter as one of great emergency, and in respect to his letter to the Consular Body and the public notification he acted under the provision of Standing Order No. X.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of November 7, are read and confirmed, with comments as follows:-

Loan of 1910. It is directed that any applications for the current issue of 6 per cent debentures be submitted for the Committee's consideration.

Local Tenders. A note from the Captain Superintendent of Police is read, re-stating his opinion that the purchase of Police boots locally is undesirable, having regard to the quality and price of those obtained from Cawnpore. Since to meet present requirements it is intended to send an order for 1500 pairs from Cawnpore forthwith, and since the Council does not bind itself to accept any local tender submitted the Treasurer's recommendation on this subject will stand.

Locomotion. The Committee regards this minute as more definite than was the members' intention at the present stage of the discussion. No ruling is therefore adopted, and the matter will have further attention at the next meeting. Meanwhile, the Treasurer will be directed to separate his reports and recommendations into two parts, relating respectively to Locomotion of employes on duty and Locomotion as existing as a form of personal emolument.

Secretariat Staff. Considerable discussion ensues on the subject of the minute under this heading, at the conclusion of which it is confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of November 8,

are read and confirmed. The Electrical Engineer's second report on the development scheme for the Riverside Power Station is read, and satisfaction is expressed at the more moderate financial proposals now made by the Committee. With regard to Mr Aldridge's proposed visit to England, he will continue to draw pay and allowances as usual. His passage will be paid, and he will be required upon his return to submit a statement of reasonable expenditure for refund, with vouchers where possible.

Lamps. While on the subject of electrical matters, Mr Trueman has learnt that lamps are being sold by the Council for use outside Shanghai, and it is decided to draw the attention of the Committee to the necessity for confining the sale of lamps to consumers attached to the Council's mains.

Volunteers.

Staff. The Commandant forwards the resignation of Major B.A. Clarke, Second in Command, under the age limit. In so doing, Colonel Barnes enumerates the services of this officer during 44 years' connexion with the Corps, and at his suggestion it is decided to address a special letter of appreciation and thanks to Major Clarke for his services.

Portuguese Company. A letter from the Commandant recommends compliance with the wish of this unit to honour the memory of the late Colonel Mosquita, the hero of Passaliao, by adopting the designation of "The Portuguese Company of Colonel Mosquita" and wearing the monogram C.M. on the uniform. The Watch Committee is not in favour of this proposal, upon the grounds that the precedent cited, that of the German Company and Prince Henry of Prussia, is

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inapplicable, and that the present is not a suitable time for the introduction of Portuguese honorary titles such as that suggested. Mr Trueman states that non-compliance with the request would have an unfavourable effect upon the Company, and, the matter being regarded as one of little consequence, the recommendation of the Commandant is adopted.

12-Bore Company. Six months extension <sup>of leave</sup> from September 18, is granted to Lieutenant D. McNeill.

Boy Scouts. The application of Mr L.M. Beytagh for permission to use a room in the Town Hall as a Scouts Club Room has been considered by the Works Committee, and found to be impracticable. Mr Beytagh is in a position to rent a suitable room in the Nanking Road for the ensuing winter at £30 per mensem, and it is decided to defray this charge, £180, as a token of the Council's approval of what it is hoped will prove a useful educational organisation.

Police.

Police Legal Adviser. Noting that the time has now arrived for Mr Kirk to terminate his agreement with Messrs Hanson, McNeill & Jones, and to enter the Municipal service in this capacity, it is decided to offer him a salary of £300 per mensem on one year's probation. *without allowances.*

Sikh Branch. A letter from H.M. Consul General is read, informing the Council that Major Davidson of the 47th Sikhs has been selected to conduct the enquiry into the grievances of this Branch.

Motor Cars. A note from the Captain Superintendent reports the breakdown of the second Police motor car, and points out the hindrance to his duties due to the fact that no car is available for police work. Under the circumstances it is decided to call for tenders for a new 5 seated car forthwith.

Murder of Mr Kin Gon Sang. A letter signed by a large number of influential Chinese residents is read, in allusion to the fact that the murderer in this, as in former serious cases, is still at large. In the discussion which ensues serious criticism of present Police methods generally take place, Messrs Trueman and Hutchison expressing the opinion that the services of a trained detective police officer ~~is not that the earlier method of recruiting trained policemen from London has been discontinued.~~ should be obtained from London. The Watch Committee undertakes to impress upon the Captain Superintendent the necessity for a redoubled effort to secure the murderer in this notorious case; but with regard to the general work of the Force, and especially of the Detective Branch, the members feel powerless to inaugurate technical changes



in the face of the Ratepayers mandate of 1907. An enquiry is directed as to what reward if any has been offered for the murderer in the case under note.

Plague. A report by the Health Officer recommending certain additions and amendments to the published Health Byelaws has been seen by members, and the Byelaws as revised by the Legal Adviser in accordance therewith are now submitted and approved. Aware that these changes may possibly be regarded as out of order owing to the form of the original notice, the Chairman has consulted Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, whose suggestions, made with a view to guarding against the irregularity, are now adopted.

With regard to the overcrowding rule, Mr Pearce for the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld., has suggested that 40 square feet of floor space would not be too high a limit for one inhabitant of a Chinese building; and this limit will therefore be substituted for the existing figure.

At Dr Marshall's suggestion the Council agrees to make no charge at the Isolation Hospital for patients segregated under compulsion, unless a separate room or other special privilege is desired.

The decision that the Health Officer shall communicate to the press a full daily statement of fact as to the outbreak is confirmed.

The Health Officer's proposal to re-introduce the proposed amendments of Chinese Building Rules VIII and XVIII is deferred for consideration after the ensuing meeting of Ratepayers.

The Municipal Gazette of February 2, 1909, known as the "Plague Gazette", is authorised for re-issue with certain changes now made by Dr Moore.

With regard to the opposition which has been experienced by the Health Inspectors from ignorant and coolie classes in the Northern District, the Council approves of the formation of a Committee of leading Chinese, delivering of a lecture, distribution of leaflets, and other similar methods for explaining to the Chinese the use of and necessity for the measures which are now being adopted against plague.

Land Commission. The Awards of the Commissioners in Cases Nos LXXIX and LXXX are noted. These Awards have been transmitted for the information of the concerned, and are ordered for publication as usual.

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Tramways. With regard to the Company's letter of November 7, the Council decides for the present to take the first point only, namely, the agreement as to refund of the Yangkingpang Bridge contribution. With regard to the one clause in dispute the Council assents to accept the Company's draft with the words "in the Council's opinion" interpolated. It is decided to conclude this agreement forthwith, and to proceed with the negotiations with the French Council.

Educational Committee. After some debate it is decided to invite the following gentlemen to constitute this Committee, the completion whereof will remain until next meeting:- The Revs. Darwent, Hawks-Pott, Walker and Symons, Father Antonin, Dr Ivy, and Messrs Dawson, Ferguson, Fink, Woodbridge, White-Cooper, Smalley, and Shen Tun-ho.

Some discussion ensues as to the desirability of representatives of the Council joining the Committee, and especially those members already serving on the Committees of the Municipal Schools. This matter is also left in abeyance.

Settlement Extension. A letter from the Senior Consul expresses the appreciation of the Consular Body of the Council's reply on the subject of the condition of Chapel. He adds that the Report is being forwarded to Peking.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Council learns that the hearing of the case of Dong Ting Kee has been fixed for November 24.

Mr Hutchison. A letter from this member, relating to the Council's procedure in general, has been circulated to members, and Mr Hutchison now states that at so late an hour he will not delay the meeting by entering into <sup>fully</sup> ~~the~~ particulars ~~matter~~ which he had in view. He refers briefly to his former remarks on the subject of the Plague outbreak.

Mr Meuser. The whole of the members of Council having now returned to Shanghai, the Chairman takes occasion to propose that a special letter of thanks be addressed to Mr Meuser in the name of the Community for his eminent services on the Council during many years. A draft despatch in this sense is read and adopted.

The meeting adjourns at 7.15 p.m.

*M. Meuser*

Secretary.

*David Macdole*

Chairman.

At the special meeting of the Council held on November 11, 1910.

at 11.30 a.m., there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	(Chairman)
	H.J. Craig	
	H.De Gray	
	H.Du Flon Hutchison	
	H.A.J. Macray	
	C.Selby Moore	
	W.A.C. Platt	
	T.E.Trueman	
	The Captain Superintendent of Police	
	The Acting Health Officer and	
	The Secretary	

Street Disturbances in Hongkew. The Captain Superintendent reports having returned from Hongkew where some street rioting has taken place. The steps which he has adopted for the dispersal of the crowd meets with the members' approval, at the same time Colonel Bruce regards the position as serious for the next few days. It is considered desirable that the Police should make some show of force for the present, and a parade of the Volunteer Corps throughout northern Hongkew is directed. The Commandant attends and receives the Council's instructions in this sense. With regard to Plague Prevention Measures in progress, the Captain Superintendent suggests that the Health Inspectors engaged in house-to-house visitation be accompanied by armed police. This proposal is considered inadvisable by the Health Officer, who is anxious that the Department's work should proceed as heretofore, the visits which have been discontinued during the past three days being reintroduced gradually after 48 hours. After some discussion Dr Moore's view is endorsed. It is decided to proceed with the special meeting of Hongkew residents arranged for Tuesday next, and in the meantime to disseminate proclamations and handbills explanatory of the plague methods and denouncing disturbances

At Mr Hutchison's suggestion it is directed that the services of female doctors be enlisted when handling female suspect cases so far as is practicable.

Handbills will also be issued directed against exactions and squeezing on the part of native employes in the Health Department and others falsely impersonating.

The meeting adjourns at 12 o'clock p.m.

*W. Lawson*  
Secretary.

*D. Landale*  
Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 16, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the Special Meeting of November 11, are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of November 11, are read and confirmed.

Volunteers, 12-Bore Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in Command of this Company is authorised for issue to Mr W.S. Jackson.

Fire Brigade. A note from the Acting Chief Engineer of the Brigade informs the Council that owing to the fact that the Chief Engineer, Mr Bidwell, was disabled at a fire on November 14, the Annual Parade and Inspection has been postponed for the present. The Council records a vote of sympathy with Mr Bidwell in respect to the accident which has befallen him while in the discharge of his responsible duties.

Plague Prevention. A letter from the Chairman of the Special Meeting of Ratepayers, Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, is read, informing the Council of the text of the Byelaws as amended by himself after consultation and forwarded for the consideration of the Consular Body.

The Chairman states that the Chinese Meeting of November 15 was at the outset intended to be no more than an opportunity for explaining the methods of the Health Office to the residents in the plague infected district, but that it grew finally to be a general meeting of prominent Chinese interested in the Settlement's welfare. The accommodation and arrangements were thus inadequate, and the object of the meeting was in consequence open to misunderstanding.

The present attitude of the Chinese has convinced the Chairman that the Settlement has not the force at its command to put strict

plague measures into operation against the wishes of the native officials and gentry, unless the Consular Body will arrange for military occupation as on former occasions.

He considers that the only available body with which to co-operate is the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, whose Chairman heads the list of signatories of the Guilds' published letter of November 13.

After considerable discussion it is decided to take no new plague preventive measures until a satisfactory understanding with the Chinese has been arrived at.

In reply to the Guilds' letter, it is decided to ask that a small Committee of Chinese be appointed to meet a Special Committee of the Council for discussion of plague matters generally at an early date; the Chairman of the Standing Committees will constitute this Special Committee.

While it is recorded that the suppression of any further disturbance is confidently left in the hands of the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Council assumes that the Force will carry arms during the next few weeks. Particular reference is made to the plain clothes detectives, who, in the members' opinion, should not be without a baton for self-defence in case of need. The Chairman cites the case of Detective Givens who might have been saved some injury had he used a baton in the first place.

The Council desires a Report from the Health Officer on the question of the use of badges by all employes in the Health Department, foreign and native, the badge not necessarily to be worn in sight, but to be produced on demand as evidence of authority.

It appears to the Council inevitable that the house-to-house inspection work cannot be resumed except with Chinese doctors accompanying the inspecting officer.

A second proclamation by the Taotai, forwarded informally and in draft by the Senior Consul, is considered, and approved subject to the amendments suggested.

Two accusations against employes of the Health Department are cited, and the details thereof will be submitted to the Watch Committee with comment by the Health Officer in each case.

A letter from the Rev. F.L. Hawks Pott, addressed to Sir Havilland de Sausmaraz, is read, in which he expresses apprehension that the Byelaw in respect to the disposal of the dead may give rise to strong native prejudice. It is decided, in reply thereto, to point out that such should not be the case, inasmuch as inspection before burial constitutes no hardship, while ordinary

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Chinese coffining is regarded by the Health Officer as sanitary and satisfactory.

On the subject of Vaccination and the persistent rumour that immediate compulsory measures are about to be taken, it is decided to publish a simple notice of contradiction.

An application from Messrs Maitland & Co.Ld. is considered, desiring a sufficiently explicit pronouncement by the Council to ensure that their piece goods auction will proceed. Pending the meeting with the Chinese Committee this appears to be unfeasible, while the hope is expressed that the Taotai's proclamation will meet Messrs Maitland's requirement.

With regard to the letter of the Mixed Court Magistrate, addressed to the British Assessor and recently published, the document having now been forwarded officially for the Council's cognisance, a draft reply is read and approved, in which, after expressing appreciation of Mr Pao Yi's tolerant communication, it is stated that the necessary plague preventive measures will be carried out with due regard for native susceptibilities.

In reply to the Taotai's letter to the Senior Consul forwarded on the morning of the Special Meeting of Ratepayers, it is recognised how far this document went to account for the action of the Chairman of the Meeting. In reply, it is decided to inform the Taotai officially of the result of his despatch, while indicating to him the distinction between Byelaws formally attached to the Land Regulations and simple Municipal Regulations for use in the Settlement, upon which point he appears to be misinformed.

The Engineer forwards the claim of District Inspector Hibbard for the refund of the value of his bicycle, which was destroyed by rioters. The Council recognises the justice of this request, and the amount of compensation is left to be settled by the Works Committee. The Engineer's proposal to reward the native employe who assisted Hibbard with a gift of \$10 is approved.

The official correspondence, with replies as now decided, is ordered for immediate publication.

Native House Rents. With regard to numerous letters and petitions received, and to allusions in the native press, as to the desirability of some action on the part of the Council making for the reduction of native rents, the question appears to the members to be one in which the Council can take no definite action. As to making a public announcement to this effect the matter will be re-considered when the present tension among the native community is relaxed.

Sinza Stone Bridge. Two communications from the Taotai are forwarded by the Senior Consul, generally refusing all offers of co-operation in this matter, and stating that the repair or renewal of the bridge will be carried out wholly by the Chinese Government. In reply it is decided to point out that the bridge, in respect to its southern end, lies within Settlement limits. For this reason the Council will require to inspect the plans before work is commenced on the bridge, and also will require to inspect the work in progress in the interests of the public. At the same time it will be pointed out that it would be preferable that one half of the cost be borne as suggested by the Council.

Educational Matters. The applications of the Jewish School for an increased annual grant, and of the Institution of the Holy Family, the latter received some months ago, are regarded as matters which should receive the attention of the Educational Committee about to be constituted, pending which no definite reply can be made to the applicants in question.

The late Collector Gould. Mr Trueman has made some enquiry into the circumstances of the widow of this employe, as a result of which it is decided to make an additional grant of £200 to her without discussion of details.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

*David Handley*

Chairman.

*W. Marson*

Secretary.

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Minutes of the meeting of a Special Committee of the Council held on  
November 18, 1910, at 5.15 p.m.

Present:- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)  
H. De Gray  
W.A.C. Platt  
The Acting Health Officer  
The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

This meeting has been convened for the purpose of discussing with a Committee nominated by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce the Plague Preventive Measures now considered by the Council to be necessary for the safety of the Settlement.

The following attend:-

Messrs	Chow Tsing-piao	(Chairman, Chinese Chamber of Commerce)
	Shao Gin-tow	(Vice-Chairman)
	Wen Tsung-yao	(Canton Guild)
	M.Y. Chung	(Shanghai-Nanking Railway)
	Shen Tun-ho	(Imperial Bank of China)
	Yu Ya-ching	(Ningpo Guild)
	Soo Pao-sun	(Foreign Piece Goods Guild)
	Chen Yi-chay	(Bankers Guild)
	Hsu Kung-cho	(Silk Guild)
	Yang Hsin-chih	(Cocoon and Silk Filatures)
	Dee Tsze-min	(Cotton Yarn Guild)
	Wang Yui-chih	(Shantung Guild)
	Chu Lan-fong	(Siking Guild)
	China Thomson	(Foreign Merchandise Association)

The Chairman, in extending a welcome to the Chinese delegates, expresses the hope that as a result of joint deliberation, some measures may be adopted effective from the point of view of the Municipal Health Officer and not calculated to arouse opposition on the part of Chinese residents. Mr Chow Tsing-piao submits the following four proposals, which were compiled at a meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on November 4, and these are used as the basis of the ensuing discussion:-

1. The new Byelaws shall apply only to Plague, and may not apply to other maladies.
2. As Inspection for Plague may very easily result in disturbance, if a Chinese suffers from urgent illness such as appears to be plague there shall be immediate report to a hospital instituted by



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China independently; and the Chinese doctor in that hospital shall proceed and investigate.

3. If after this investigation the illness is found in fact to be plague, the affected person shall at once be sent for treatment to the Hospital established independently by China. If death ensues all such matters as his laying out, etc, shall be arranged in accordance with Chinese custom, thus complying with people's sentiments.

4. Requests to abolish rats, etc, shall be put into effect by residents themselves, after the following manner:-

- (a) The general keeping of cats.
- (b) The general use of traps for rat-catching.
- (c) All rat-holes shall be blocked up.
- (d) The general use of disinfectants.

The Chairman points out that the first of these proposals is already met by the vote of the Ratepayers, which has limited the scope of the new Byelaws to Plague, excluding all other infectious diseases. Nos 2 and 3 are concerned with two definite questions, (i) the search for plague cases, and (ii) procedure when such are identified. In regard to the latter, the Council is prepared to meet the wishes of the Chinese as stated; that is to say the isolation of plague cases will be carried out in a Chinese hospital, to be especially erected for the purpose, outside the limits of the Settlement. Mr Shen Tun-ho observes that there is ample available money for the purpose, and that there will be no objection on the part of himself or of the directorate of the hospital to Municipal supervision of their methods. <sup>It adds that the Hospital will be under the medical control of Dr S. Cox and his</sup> The Health Officer points out that, the Municipal Chinese <sup>Isolation</sup> Isolation Hospital being available and well-equipped, it appears to him useless to erect another similar institution. At the same time from the standpoint of public health, there is no objection to this course, and since it meets the wishes of the Chinese Committee, there is no ground for opposing it.

The question of search, e.g. house-to-house visitation, presents the very greatest difficulty, the Health Officer insisting that personal inspection by a foreigner is an essential part of his preventive scheme. On the other hand the whole of the Chinese present, led by Mr Shen Tun-ho, pronounces this the crux of the difficulty.

Mr Shen Tun-ho states that the system of reports laid down in the Chamber's second proposal would be quite effective, because no charge will be made by the hospital and the Chinese will in consequence readily avail of its advantages. On the other hand the Health Officer regards the proposal as likely to prove ineffectual and no possible substitute for search.

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Mr Wen Tsung-yao realises that the Council's proposals are more thorough and likely to be more effective than the system of notification suggested as a substitute for search; but he considers that concession should be made to the present inflamed state of lower class native opinion.

A discussion, lasting 4 hours ensues, during which it is suggested that trained Chinese doctors, nominated by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and by the Council, conduct the search in pairs; but this project is vetoed by the Health Officer, who states that such Chinese would be unreliable and open to coercion, with resulting suppression of information.

It is pointed out by Dr Moore that he desires to do no more at present than conduct the search in the Sub-District which has been declared infected, and that if after one month he finds no case, the work may be discontinued.

Mr Shen Tun-ho persists in the view that any concession of this point by the Chinese Committee now assembled will result in recurrence of the disturbances of the last few days; he implies that such would probably take the form of personal violence to himself.

Solution of the point is eventually found by the Council's offer to substitute women inspectors for men, to be accompanied by native doctors nominated by the Chinese Chamber. Still demurring, Mr Shen Tun-ho finds no ground whereon to oppose this suggestion, which finally receives the assent of the meeting.

The fourth suggestion of the Chinese Chamber relates to rat-catching, and it is agreed that the Council's operations which have been in force without opposition for more than a year, may continue with unabated rigour.

At the conclusion of the meeting it is agreed that a proclamation setting forth the arrangement which has been arrived at, shall be issued by the Council without delay, its text being shown to the Chairman of the Chamber before printing.

The meeting adjourns at 11.15 p.m.

*David Kandle*

Chairman.

*W. L. S. O. C.*

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 23, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Plague Prevention. The minutes of the meeting of the Special Committee of the Council of November 18, are read and confirmed. They are ordered for publication with minor amendments, certain references to Mr Shen Tun-ho's action at the meeting being omitted.

The Chairman refers to paragraphs in the local press in comment upon the non-publication by the Council of these minutes at an earlier date. On the whole he is of opinion that the course which has been followed has proved best under the circumstances. The actual fact that an arrangement had been made with the Chinese Committee, satisfactory to both parties, with the details of that arrangement, were issued as decided in the form of a proclamation on Saturday, the day after the meeting, and the translated text was communicated to the North China Daily News in time for Monday's issue.

Mr Hutchison having forwarded to the Chairman in writing his view of the method in which this arrangement was communicated to members and to the press, makes no further remark on the subject.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of November 22, are read and confirmed. On the subject of

Mr Wilkinson, a further report by the Treasurer is read, desiring that the services of this employe may be retained until December 15, but the Council is unanimously of opinion that the difficulty in which the Treasurer finds himself is of his own making, and the minute is accordingly confirmed as it stands.

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Volunteers.

"A" Company. One year's leave of absence from November 24, is granted to Lieutenant R.I. Fearon.

Uniform. A report by the Commandant is read, recommending the purchase of 700 warm overcoats, such as are used by the British Troops in North China. He has ascertained that they may be obtained from Tientsin by permission of the General Officer Commanding at a cost of about \$3,800. Mr Trueman states that it is proposed that these coats shall be issued to members of the Corps and returned to Stock in the same way as rifles. The Council is unanimously of opinion that such provision should be made for the use of the Corps when called out, or for ordinary Corps parades, during the winter, and the immediate purchase of the coats is sanctioned.

Arms. At the request of the Vice-Consul in charge of the Russian Consulate General, the Council sanctions the sale of 50 rifles to the Russian Municipality at Hankow; the price charged will be \$45.

Murder of Mr Kin Gen-sang. A Police Report upon this and other recent murders, the perpetrators of which are still at large, is submitted, and a reply to the letter of the Chinese residents, based thereon, is submitted in draft and approved. It is decided to furnish a copy of this correspondence to the Senior Consul, for transmission to the Taotai in reply to his despatches of October 30 and November 11.

Opium. The Senior Consul forwards a communication from the Taotai on the subject of the supervision of opium smoking in the Settlement, in which he makes reference to a proposal that smoking shall be under permit from the Chinese Government. A memorandum is submitted setting out the facts for the Council's information, and it is decided to communicate the substance thereof in reply to the Consular Body. The chief points calling for attention are:-

- (a) that no supervision or system of inspection by the Chinese Government can be sanctioned in the Settlement.
- (b) that the Council has no authority to license consumers of the drug, but only sellers.

The Council is prepared to limit the number of sellers' licences issued by a certain proportion per annum, or otherwise to adopt any reasonable proposal for curtailing the use of the drug which may be suggested. It will be stipulated that any arrangement will require to be brought into force in the French Settlement simultaneously.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A further communication from Messrs Platt Teesdale & Macleod notifies the Council that the case of Dong Ting-kee has been postponed until December 1.

Yangkingpang Bridge. Noting that the French Council has now received a copy of the agreement between the Council and the Tramway Company as to the refund in certain circumstances of their contribution towards the cost of this bridge, the Chairman will take an opportunity of calling upon the French Consul General before next Monday, on which date the French Council will discuss the question of the bridge. Mr Landale will point out the necessity for approving the plans which have been forwarded at an early date, so that the work of calling for tenders may proceed; in the alternative the responsibility for delay will rest entirely with the French Council.

Educational Committee. Noting the acceptance of the Council's invitation to join this Committee on the part of 12 of the 13 gentlemen named, it is decided to add to the list the names of Mr F.S.A. Bourne, Dr von Schab and Mr Chung Mun-yew. Messrs De Gray and Maoray, the Council's representatives on the Committees of the Public School and Public School for Chinese, assent to serve on this General Committee.

A memorandum of the proposed scope of the Committee's enquiry is read and approved, and the Chairman undertakes to attend the inaugural meeting of the Committee and make known to the members the Council's wishes in this important matter.

Electricity Department.

Riverside Power Station. The attention of the Electricity Committee has been drawn to the fact that the Treasurer's request that his comments on this scheme as first drawn by the Electrical Engineer has been followed by a further request from Mr Aldridge that his subsidiary comments should also be included for publication. The Committee's recommendation is now confirmed, to the effect that publication in the form of reports by employees whose opinions differ is in this instance undesirable, and a precis of the whole will be prepared, setting forth only the proposals which the Council now makes for ratification by the Ratepayers in March next.

Show Room and Lamp Depot. Mr Macray draws attention to the fact that this establishment in the Nanking Road is conspicuously marked Municipal Electrical Supply Depot, and that such designation is an incorrect one, inasmuch as the word "Supply" is applicable only to lamps. The attention of the Committee will be drawn to this matter, with a view to alteration of the board.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*W. E. Benson*  
Secretary.

*David Landale*  
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 30, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 28, are read  
and confirmed. With respect to the proposed exchange of  
Surplus Land in Avenue Road, the Council is undecided as to whether the  
whole transaction would be to the public advantage, and it is directed  
that no definite step be taken in the matter at present. Particular  
attention is drawn to the possibility of protest on the part of the  
adjoining owners, and their assent in writing will be required in the  
first place.

Staff. It is directed that the question of the bonus stated to have  
been promised to Mr Sauer remain in abeyance until some explanation of  
the reasons therefor be received from Mr Mayne.

The minutes of the meeting of the Special Committee of the Council (Municipal  
Buildings) of November 29, are read, confirmed and ordered for  
publication. In the discussion which ensues the Chairman draws  
attention to the fact that no approximate estimate of the cost of the  
works proposed is given, and it is directed that, so soon as the  
departmental specifications have been received, reports shall be  
prepared by the Engineer and by the Treasurer upon the probable total  
expenditure involved and the future annual charges for interest and  
loan redemption.

Opium. Draft reply to the Consular Body on the subject of the proposals  
of the Chinese Government for reduction of opium smoking in the  
Settlement is read, approved and signed for despatch.

Volunteers, Customs Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, a commission as Captain to command the Company, with effect from December 1, is authorised for issue to Mr R.H.R. Wade.

Plague Prevention. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, notifying the approval of the Consular Body to the Byelaws recently sanctioned at a Special Meeting of Ratepayers, with the exception of that relating to "Overcrowding".

The Council is informed that the Taotai has submitted unofficially through Mr Twyman a proclamation purporting to describe the procedure laid down at the recent meeting between the representatives of the Council and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The text of this proclamation is objectionable, inasmuch as it contains no reference to the lady inspectors appointed by the Council, and will lead to the supposition that the inspection work has been placed in the hands of the Chinese. Mr Twyman, on behalf of the Consular Body, has arranged with the Taotai for correction in this respect, but the whole document is considered by the Council to be unnecessary. It is understood that Mr Twyman at a second interview will endeavour to arrange for the withdrawal of the document, but his negotiations must necessarily be prejudiced by what has gone before.

Siocawei Road. A letter from the Senior Consul is read, forwarding a communication from the Nanyang College on the subject of the condition of this road between the College and Siocawei, and offering to undertake the work of metalling. The Council is unwilling to sanction the performance of such work except by the Public Works Department, but is prepared to continue the present metalling operations from Blydenburgh's Turn to Siocawei at an estimated cost of £4,695, provided the College will make a contribution of one third of this amount, as is customary in such cases.

Consular Body. A letter from Mr Hugo Suter informs the Council of his appointment as Consul for the Republic of Brazil.

Native Rents. It is noted that the movement among certain classes of native tenants for reduction in their rents is assuming some proportions, and attention is drawn to the notification of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce disclaiming a statement as to the Chamber's official intervention in the matter. Mr Platt also states that as a result of recent proceedings in the Mixed Court, the Magistrate will make an announcement on Friday to the effect that the matter is purely one for settlement between landlords and tenants. It is decided to issue a Municipal Notification to the same effect, which will be circulated in draft for members' approval.

Sir Pelham Warren. A discussion ensues as to what form of valedictory entertainment, if any, should be offered by the Council to H.M. Consul General upon his departure from China, and the matter is set down for fuller discussion at next meeting of Council. In the meanwhile the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will informally approach Sir Pelham Warren and ascertain his wishes in the matter.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 7, 1910.

at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Electricity Department.

Riverside Power Station. With regard to a special minute drawn for publication on the subject of the scheme for inaugurating the new station, a Report by the Treasurer is read in which he expresses the request either that his former Reports be published in full, or that his name be omitted from the minute. Mr Goodale's comments on this scheme consist largely of arguments against Municipal Trading in general, and the development of the Electricity Department in particular; his recommendations are thus at variance with the declared policy of the Council; thus, in the opinion of the Electricity Committee, they should not be published. Considerable discussion ensues, during which Mr Moore points out that the Treasurer's Reports are compiled for the Council's information and guidance, and it appears to him inadvisable that they should be used to defeat a project, in this case the development of the Electrical Undertaking, to which the Council stands pledged. It is decided to adopt the second alternative proposed by Mr Goodale, viz. the omission of any reference to the Treasurer from the published summary.

A note by Mr E.C. Pearce informs the Council that Mr Anderson will leave England for Shanghai on December 12, and will thus not be in a position to co-operate with Messrs Preece, Cardew & Snell in the selection of tenders for the new machinery. It is therefore decided that this work be left in the hands of Mr Mayne.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of December 5, are

read and confirmed. With reference thereto:-

Plague Prevention, House-to-House Inspection. The Senior Consul's letter of December 2 is submitted, on the subject of the proclamation read in draft at last meeting, and considerable discussion ensues. Apart from the misunderstanding which appears to have arisen in the mind of Sir Pelham Warren, Mr Hutchison considers that the Council should resist to the uttermost a document which announces the levy of contributions for the support of the Chinese Hospital and makes use of an ambiguous word heretofore translated "tax"; his opinions find support among the members. On the other hand the Chairman points out the inadvisability of definitely refusing the Council's seal to a document already bearing that of the Senior Consul. In conclusion it is finally decided to stamp the document, making it clear in a letter to the Senior Consul that the Council will rely upon the support of the Consular Body in resisting any attempted forced levy made as a result.

A further letter from the Senior Consul forwards a translation of a despatch from the Taotai with regard to the Plague Preventive Measures beyond limits. This document appears to the Council to reflect the tone now usual in despatches from this source.

Native House Rents. Proclamations on this subject issued by the Mixed Court Magistrate and by the Taotai are forwarded in successive letters from the Senior Consul, who now regards the former as superfluous. The Council's Notification on this subject has appeared in the Native Press, and a translation is prepared for publication in the next number of the Municipal Gazette; the document is also being prepared for issue in Proclamation form. Under these circumstances any pronouncement by the Native Authorities would be regarded by the Council as an unnecessary intervention in the Settlement's administration. On the other hand the Taotai states that his Proclamation has been issued at the instance of H.M. Vice Consul, and it is decided to do no more than point out that the document displays a regrettable sympathy with the present vain agitation on the part of the lower classes of the native community for official intervention in the matter of rent, while the paragraph relating to the intervention of the Prefect Kuan and the City Magistrate Tien, in the dispersal of a mob in the Elgin Road, indicates a definite intention to usurp Police functions in the Settlement, and it should therefore, in the Council's opinion, be omitted.

Arms Licences. In this matter the particular attention of the Police is called to a statement that the illegal sale of arms in the Settlement by Japanese pedlars is rife.

Detective Branch. To the minute as read, Mr Platt adds the view that the difficulties of language and local conditions would render the work of a Scotland Yard detective of little use during his first two years service; adding that, while the Captain Superintendent is dissatisfied with the services of Chief Detective Inspector Armstrong, he can at present see no way to improve the efficiency of the Detective Branch by any drastic step. Mr Trueman is insistent that a knowledge of the Chinese language is not essential, provided the head of the Branch is a properly trained and qualified detective; and the discussion concludes with the decision that Colonel Bruce, on his forthcoming home leave, shall devote attention to enquiring whether, and upon what terms, the services of <sup>man from</sup> a Scotland Yard <sup>or elsewhere</sup> man may be obtained. In the meanwhile it is decided to obtain an expression of opinion from the Captain Superintendent as to the advisability of despatching Mr Martin to undergo a course of training in London.

Inspector Matheson. From a note by the Treasurer it appears that had the Superannuation Fund been in operation during the whole of the service of this inspector, a sum of £7,000 would now be accumulated in his name: and an unofficial proposal to Inspector Matheson is authorised, making for his resignation with a grant of Superannuation raised to this figure.

Volunteers.

Customs Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the renewal of the commission of Lieutenant D.C. Dick is authorised.

Headquarters and Drill Hall. The proposal of Mr H.J. Roope to lease to the Council Cadastral Lot 17 B for use as a site for this building is submitted. Upon various grounds it is unanimously decided to decline the offer.

Sinza Stone Bridge. From the Senior Consul's reply to the Council's communication on this subject, it appears that the Taotai has expressed willingness that the Council shall inspect the plans of the new bridge and also the work during its progress.

In accordance therewith the plan is now submitted showing two of the present large stone piers left in position. A Report by the Engineer is read pointing out the unsatisfactory character of the proposed structure from every point of view, and it is decided in

rejecting the plan in its entirety, to forward the substance of Mr Godfrey's comment for the information of the Consular Body.

Census. The Overseer's Report and Census Returns are submitted and ordered for publication as usual.

Health Officer's Report for November. With reference to this Report submitted, the Watch Committee draws attention to the fact that the Department has had a most trying time, and, in the members' opinion, deserves the thanks of the Community for the work which it has done in the face of much misrepresentation and obstruction. This view is cordially endorsed by the Council.

Sir Pelham Warren. The Chairman states that H.M. Consul General is relinquishing his office in the middle of January, and has expressed pleasure at the proposal that a public dinner be given in his honour. A Special Committee of the Council, consisting of the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, is appointed to negotiate with the Committees of the various British Societies in Shanghai on the subject.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At a meeting of a Special Committee convened on Tuesday, December 13, 1910, at 5 p.m. to discuss the proposal that a public banquet be given in honour of Sir Pelham Warren before his departure, there are present:

Messrs D. Landale (Chairman) representing the Council  
H. De Gray do.  
W.A.C. Platt do. and the China Association  
C.W. Wrightson representing the Royal Society  
of St. George  
Dr R.J. Marshall representing St. Andrew's Society  
H.S. Simms representing St. Patrick's Society

The Chairman refers to a discussion which took place at the Council's last meeting, and states that there is a choice of two courses before this Committee, either

that a subscription banquet be given under the Council's auspices, or that a banquet be given as a purely British function, managed by a Committee of British residents to which only British subjects will subscribe, and at which the foreign Consuls and British officials shall be official guests.

He enquires as to the members' views upon these alternative suggestions. Mr Wrightson expresses himself strongly in favour of the latter, but defers to a statement by Mr De Gray that he has learnt from Mr Jameson, and feels himself, that Americans will wish to take part; and probably other nationalities. In Dr Marshall's opinion it would be preferable that the British Societies and residents invite Sir Pelham Warren to a reception in his honour, and make him a presentation of plate or other suitable gift: he concurs in the view that if Sir Pelham Warren is invited also to a banquet, it should be international, and therefore under the Council's auspices. Mr Platt is also of opinion that if prominent residents of other nationalities entertain a wish to participate in doing honour to Sir Pelham Warren, the banquet should be international and should be given by the Council. A memorandum on the subject is submitted and read giving reasons in favour of the views which Mr Wrightson has expressed, but, in the members' opinion, these are outweighed by the fact that other nationalities will wish to participate.

The representatives of the British Societies present thereupon undertake that a reception shall be organised as a purely British function, at which a presentation shall be made to Sir Pelham Warren on behalf of the British residents; and it is decided that the Council should give a banquet on January 14, for which a committee of management should be formed consisting of the Council, or a section of it, and of

principal residents who will be designated by each of the three Societies of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick, and by the China, German and American Associations. At least two residents of the nationalities concerned will be designated by each of these bodies: and Mr Bateman will be invited to act as Secretary and to supervise all arrangements.

This proposal will be submitted to the Council for its consideration and approval; in the event of which it will be made public by notification so soon as the representatives of the Societies present, and of the Associations above-mentioned, have informed the Council of the names of the gentlemen whom they designate.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

*David Laudalo*

Chairman.

*B. Mackinnon*

Assistant Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 14, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

- Messrs D. Landale (Chairman)
- H.J. Craig
- H.De Gray
- H.Du Flon Hutchison
- H.A.J. Macray
- C.Selby Moore
- WA.C. Platt
- T.E. Trueman
- The Secretary and  
Assistant Secretary

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

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

Chinese Proclamations. With regard to the proposed proclamation by the  
Taotai on the subject of Native House Rents, the Senior Consul has  
verbally expressed the wish that the Council will make such amendment  
of the draft submitted as would render it acceptable; the amended  
document will then be forwarded for the Taotai's seal. It is  
understood that the requirements of Messrs Sassoon and others have  
been met by the announcement of the Mixed Court Magistrate on this  
subject, and that the question of the issue of the proclamation will  
not be pressed; at the same time it is desirable that no opportunity  
be afforded to the Taotai to state hereafter that his offer to issue  
a proclamation was refused. Publication of the correspondence on this  
subject is deferred until it is complete.

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Public School for  
Chinese of December 8, are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 12, are read  
and confirmed. Upon the subject of the  
Seward Road Bridge, Waterworks Pumping Main, Mr Trueman alludes to  
his proposal that a clause be inserted in future permits stipulating  
that the removal of the main, necessary for such public works as  
reconstruction of a bridge, shall be at the Company's expense.  
Papers bearing on this point will be circulated for members'  
consideration.



Pump House over Hongkew Creek. It is directed that a report by the Electrical Engineer be submitted bearing on this subject.

Volunteers.

Light Horse. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a temporary commission is authorised for issue to Sergeant C.W. Beswick to enable him to be attached to a Regular or Yeomanry Corps during his leave in England.

"A" Company. Leave of absence is granted to 2nd Lieutenant W. Brand from December 18 until April 30, 1911.

Mohammedan Cemetery. Mr Pabaney and another representative of the Mohammedan Faith in Shanghai have called upon the Chairman with reference to the proposed contribution towards the expense involved in the extension of the Pahsienjao Cemetery to provide a special reservation for this section of the community. The two gentlemen in question are alone in a financial position to make any payment to this end, and the erection of the mosque will also fall upon their purse. After consideration of all the facts it is decided that, provided the stated sum of \$1650 be paid, the Council will arrange for the allotment of 3 mow of ground for the purpose required.

Plague Byelaws. The Senior Consul has expressed the wish that the Council will acknowledge receipt of his letter of November 25, already published, and communicate an official request that the Byelaws be now forwarded for the sanction of the Diplomatic Body in Peking. In this connexion the Health Officer's Reports of November 18 and December 14 are read, briefly to the effect that the Byelaws will be of little practical use as at present modified, and pointing out that modification without assistance from a sanitarian is responsible for this result. While realising the force of what Dr Stanley writes, the Council would prefer that the Byelaws be passed as they now stand rather than that their alteration should await the uncertain event of a further Special Meeting of Ratepayers; the letter to the Consular Body will be in this sense.

Secretariat Staff. Of the 38 applications received for the post of Assistant, 22 are considered by the Finance Committee quite unsuitable. Out of the remaining 16, 4 names are now submitted, from which final selection may suitably be made, and, after some discussion, the matter is left in the hands of Mr Selby Moore who will interview these 4 applicants.



Dinner to Sir Pelham Warren. The minutes of the meeting of the Special Committee of the Council for the discussion of this subject of December 13 are read and confirmed.

Visit of the German Crown Prince. The Chairman states that the representatives of the German Community have expressed a wish to discuss with the Council the arrangements for the forthcoming visit of Prince William, and it is agreed that the same Sub-Committee as functioned in the case of Sir Pelham Warren's dinner be nominated to this end.

Council for 1911. The Chairman points out that the time has arrived for consideration of the constitution of the Council for next year, stating that he will himself be unable to serve owing to the fact that he is going to England. Messrs Macray and Platt also intimate inability to serve for a further year. This matter will have further attention at next meeting.

Chinese Prisoners. Mr Trueman alludes to the fact that the Rev. A.E. Rydberg is obtaining subscriptions for the purpose of giving a Christmas entertainment to the prisoners in the Gaol, and his view that such entertainment would be highly undesirable meets with the unanimous endorsement of the Council. It is decided to communicate with Mr Rydberg to this effect.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

*David Handley*

Chairman.

*W. Curson*

Secretary.

*D.L.*

At a meeting of a Special Committee convened on December 15, 1910, at 5 o'clock p.m. to discuss the forthcoming visit to Shanghai of H.I.R. the Crown Prince of Germany, there are present:

Messrs	D. Landale	)	
	H. De Gray	)	Representing the Council.
	W.A.C. Platt	)	
	M. Hoerter	)	
	C. Fink	)	Representing the German Community.
	M.A. Stempel	)	

Mr Hoerter states that the Crown Prince will probably arrive on Friday, March 31, and he sketches a provisional programme of arrangements as a basis for discussion as follows:-

Friday.

Official Reception at the Jetty by the Municipal Council, German Company, S.V.C., to furnish Guard-of-Honour.  
 Drive to German Consulate General.  
 Lunch at the German Club.  
 Dinner at the Consulate, to be followed by Official Reception and Torchlight Procession by the S.V.C.

Saturday.

Parade of the S.V.C. at the Race Course.  
 Official Tiffin at the Shanghai Club to be given by the Council.  
 Sky meeting or other sporting event on the Race Course.  
 Dinner at the Consulate, to be followed by a Ball at the German Club.

Sunday.

Attendance at German Church.  
 The remainder of the day reserved for Chinese official entertainment.

In the discussion which ensues the following points are noted:-

(a) The Council for 1911 will contain some changes in the membership, but there is little doubt that any programme arranged by the present Council will be endorsed and acted upon by its successors in office.

(b) The Torchlight Procession, which will be organised by the German Company, may suitably be participated in by members of other units, and arrangements to this end will be left in the hands of Colonel <sup>Arnold</sup> ~~Arnold~~ and Captain Schellhoss.

(c) If the Council would prefer to invite the Crown Prince to dinner rather than to tiffin the projected arrangements may be modified, but the German Community would then be under the necessity of giving their Ball on Sunday, and it is fully realised that such would prejudice its general success.

(d) The times to be fixed for the Parade and Tiffin on Saturday will depend upon the duration of the former function, and this point requires the close attention of the Commandant.

(e) The official list of guests for the Tiffin should virtually be identical with that for the Ball; and both functions, including ladies, will number about 400 people.

(f) The suggestion that the Official Dinner take place on Saturday, and that the Crown Prince proceed thence to the Ball is on the whole disapproved, the difficulty of transferring practically the whole company from the Shanghai Club to the German Club being insurmountable.

(g) It will be necessary to secure, if possible, that Saturday be declared a public holiday, or that the Banks and Customs House close early as upon ordinary Race days.

(h) It will be desirable that the Passenger Pontoon be decorated for the occasion.

(i) The Crown Prince being due in Tsingtau on April 4, it is improbable that any modification of the time schedule of his visit will take place.

If the above arrangements meet with the general approval of the Council, an official invitation will be despatched forthwith through the German Consul General.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 21, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

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

New Member. Mr Figge takes his seat, and is appointed to serve on the Finance Committee, Mr Selby Moore transferring to the Works Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of December 16, are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of December 19, are read and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 19, are read and confirmed. With respect to the question of Requisition Books, the Chairman, speaking on behalf of the Finance Committee, expresses the hope that the Electricity Committee will make it clear to the staff of the Department that the Council is quite determined that the procedure which has been laid down to prevent any but actual emergency orders from being issued without the Committee's sanction shall be implicitly followed for the present. He forecasts that it may be necessary for the proper carrying out of these instructions to arrange that orders be counter-signed in the Finance Department before being issued.

Pump-house over Hongkew Creek. A further report from the Municipal Engineer is read on this subject, and Mr De Gray strongly supports the view, therein contained, that on general grounds the special facility required should not be granted. After discussion it is decided to withhold permission for the erection of the pump-house, and an enquiry is directed as to the circumstances under which the pump was ordered

before the necessary sanction for its erection had been obtained, also in regard to its cost.

Deposits. Mr Trueman again dissents from the terms of this minute, pointing out that whether or no the demand from Messrs Sennet freres was authorised, the Department accepted the amounts and issued the usual receipts. In the Council's opinion this matter requires further attention at the hands of the Electricity Committee, with a view to ascertaining whether the discretionary authority to demand deposits is being properly exercised.

Volunteers, "A" Company. A letter from the Commandant is read, recommending the constitution of the Mounted Section as a separate Company with a strength of one Captain, one Lieutenant and 41 Non-commissioned Officers and men. While prepared to endorse this proposal upon the conditions set forth, the Council desires information in the first place as to the effect of the step upon the recruiting and status generally of the Light Horse. An enquiry on this subject is directed.

British Police Court Sentences. A Police Report is submitted with regard to the case of two British subjects convicted on charges of fraud and false pretences, who were let off by the Magistrate with a caution. The Captain Superintendent points out how different would have been the sentence on natives convicted of similar offences at the Mixed Court, and alludes to the unfortunate effect which the Magistrate's actinn is calculated to have upon the work of the Force generally.

The proposal to address a letter of remonstrance to H.M. Judge is disapproved, for the reason that in a similar instance in December 1909 Sir Havilland de Sausmarez failed to reply to the Council's letter. It is considered preferable that a note containing the views of the Watch Committee on the subject be inserted in the next issue of the Municipal Gazette, and, in the meanwhile, the Chairman will see Sir Havilland and ascertain what may best be done in the matter.

Police Force.

Detective Branch. The Report of the Captain Superintendent of December 19, has been submitted to the Council by circular, and the very gravest dissatisfaction with the Branch as a whole is expressed by several members. Mr Trueman is emphatic on the subject of the Chief Detective Inspector's unfitness for his work, and so strong are his views that he recommends the immediate termination of Inspector Armstrong's services. The Watch Committee is unanimously opposed to any such action, particularly at a time when there is no qualified

assistant to take up the work of this post. Mr Selby Moore cites evidence to show that the Municipal detectives do good work upon occasion, and, at the conclusion of a protracted discussion, the Council is content to leave matters in their present state until the return of the Captain Superintendent from long leave. It is then hoped that the information that Colonel Bruce will have acquired at Scotland Yard and elsewhere will lead to proposals calculated to place the Branch upon a more efficient basis.

Foreign Branch. The Council learns with deep regret of the death on December 21 from typhoid fever of Constable M. Bohanna who joined the Force so recently as last April.

"Shanghai Mentor". The reply of the editor of this paper to the Council's enquiry on the subject of alleged cruelty to prisoners on the part of the Police is submitted, together with the Captain Superintendent's proposal in re. Having given an undertaking to conduct an enquiry and investigation into this matter upon receipt of details of the allegation, the Watch Committee desires in the first place that the actual facts and the statements of the members of the Force concerned be submitted for consideration before further answer is made.

Sinza Stone Bridge. Detail plans of the proposed structure, forwarded informally by the representatives of the Chapel administration, are submitted, showing some slight amendment; but the Council remains of opinion that any bridge which does not involve the removal of the present cumbersome stone piers from the bed of the Creek would be unsatisfactory, and these plans are therefore disapproved. It is understood that the difficulty in the way of a one-span bridge, from the point of view of the Chinese Authorities, is that the requisite large foundations would involve the destruction of houses on both sides of the Creek. To obviate this so far as the Settlement is concerned, it is decided to take immediate steps for the acquisitions of the sections of the West Soochow Road on either side of the bridge, in accordance with the official plan of Road Extensions and Widening.

Pahsienjao Cemetery Extension. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the present purchase of land in connexion with the provision of a Mohammedan burial ground, has left a small area at the south-west corner of the Cemetery which it would appear desirable to incorporate therein. This matter will have the attention of the Works Committee at its next meeting.

Trust Funds and Redemption of Debentures. Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer the purchase of 6 per cent Debentures of the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. to the extent of £20,500 for the Trust Funds Investment Account is authorised; the scrip is of the years from 1900 to 1905, and the purchase price 102.

A further offer of £16,000 of Municipal Debentures of 1896 is accepted for the Redemption of Debentures Account of 1911, price 95.

Visit of the German Crown Prince. The minutes of the meeting of the Special Committee of the Council and of representatives of the German Community on December 15 are read and confirmed. In accordance therewith it is decided to communicate to the Consul General for Germany the Council's invitation to H.I. and R.H. to an official luncheon on Saturday, April 1, 1911.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

*David Danaher*

Chairman.

*W. L. G. Gussow*

Secretary.

At the meeting of a Special Committee convened on December 23, 1910,  
at 4 o'clock p.m. to discuss the arrangement of the public banquet  
to be given in honour of Sir Pelham Warren, there are present:

Messrs            D. Landale (Chairman) representing the Council  
                   H.T.M. Bell  
                   Colonel C.D. Bruce  
                   H. De Gray  
                   H. Figge  
                   M. Hoerter  
                   E.F. Mackay  
                   Dr R.J. Marshall  
                   J.B. Patterson  
                   W.A.C. Platt  
                   H.G. Simms  
                   H.P. Wilkinson  
                   G.R. Wingrove  
                   C.W. Wrightson  
                   E.F. Bateman (Honorary Secretary) and  
                   The Assistant Secretary  
 Mr J.N. Jameson is prevented from attending.

The Chairman states that the object of this meeting is to fix a date for the proposed banquet; to decide upon the form of notice to be issued for public information; and to elect sub-committees of management among whom will be divided the various duties in connexion with the function.

A general discussion ensues in the course of which the following points are noted:-

(a) The date originally suggested, January 14, is open to the objection that on the same evening there will be a performance in the Lyceum Theatre which gives rise to difficulties in connexion with the services of the Band, and places both functions at a disadvantage. Mr Wingrove undertakes to arrange postponement of the performance in question, and he anticipates no difficulty in the matter. The day preceding Sir Pelham's relinquishment of office is unanimously felt to be the most suitable date.

At the suggestion of Mr Wilkinson an official invitation will be addressed to Sir Pelham Warren by the Chairman forthwith.

(b) There will be no official guests either Foreign or Chinese at the banquet. Local officials who wish to be present will attend by ticket and subscription either by themselves or friends.

(c) A draft public announcement of these arrangements is submitted by Mr Bateman. It will be issued in the form of a Municipal Notification, and will open with a statement that the Committee has been formed at the Council's invitation. It will contain no reference to the amount of the subscription, which will be notified by the Honorary Secretary on receipt of the intending subscriber's name.

(d) The suggested amount of subscription, \$15, is considered too high, and the proposal to devote the surplus to local charities is not favourably entertained. After some discussion, and at Mr Figge's suggestion, the subscription is fixed at \$10, which in his experience and that of other members of the Committee will amply suffice.



(e) The placing of guests, the music, the issue of tickets, the management of the dinner, and numerous other matters of organisation will receive the members' individual attention, with the assistance of the Honorary Secretary; and sub-committees are accordingly elected for such purposes as follows:-

For the placing of guests - Messrs Landale and Wilkinson

For supervision of the music - Messrs Figge and Wingrove

For management of the dinner - Messrs Patterson, Platt & Wrightson.

(f) Mr Landale is unanimously elected to take the place of Chairman at the function.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

Chairman.

*B. Macdonald*  
Assistant Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 28, 1910,  
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

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

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

British Police Court Sentences. The Chairman has been unable to see Sir Havilland de Sausmarez in this matter owing to the departure of the latter for Hongkong, and, under these circumstances, it is decided to postpone any allusion to the case in the minutes for publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of December 22 are read and confirmed.

Resignation of Member. A letter from Mr H. Du F. Hutchison is read, containing the resignation of his seat on the Council, and it is decided to reply accepting the same with regret. Re-perusal of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee to which Mr Hutchison refers does not disclose any minute indicative of censure and Mr Platt states on behalf of the Committee that no suggestion of such censure occurred to the members.

This resignation taking place so near the end of the year, it is decided to allow the vacancy so created to remain unfilled.

Volunteers.

"A" Company. A further Report by the Commandant is read, to the effect that his proposals in regard to the Mounted Section of the Company are not calculated to affect the status of, or recruiting in, the Light Horse, and under these circumstances the constitution of the Section as a separate Company is authorised.

Light Horse. At the suggestion of the Commandant it is decided, by permission of the Race Club, to lease two of the Club's saddle-rooms

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for the housing of the saddlery of this Unit, at an annual rental of \$88.

Ordure Contract. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, supporting that of the Health Officer, it is decided to renew the contract of Mr Chu Chi-woo for this work for a further period of two years, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 12 of his current agreement.

Dinner to Sir Pelham Warren. From the minutes of the meeting of the Committee convened at the Council's invitation on December 23, the members learn of the arrangements for a public banquet to be given in honour of Sir Pelham Warren on January 14, and these arrangements meet with unanimous approbation.

Lists of Ratepayers (a) Eligible for the Council, and (b) Entitled to Vote at Ratepayers Meetings are submitted in draft and authorised for publication during the week. With regard to the latter, it is hoped that notice of any errors or omissions will be given by the concerned during the ensuing two months, so that the revised list to be issued in March may be as complete as possible.

Police Force, Sikh Branch. Major Davidson's Report on this subject is laid on the table, and it is directed that a copy be furnished to each member. The Watch Committee will hold a second meeting with Major Davidson on Friday next for the discussion of this Report and of the recommendations contained therein.

Sinza Stone Bridge. An offer by the Pao An Dong Benevolent Institution, conveyed through Messrs F.L. Kow Kee & Co., to erect a temporary wooden bridge during the re-construction of the Stone Bridge is submitted. In reply, it is decided to accept this generous proposal provided the plan of the structure be approved, and the work in progress be supervised, by the Municipal Engineer. The bridge will be placed opposite the scheduled extension of the Myburgh Road, and the Council authorises payment of any excess cost over and above such sum as the Institution intended to expend, out of the Public Funds.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

*W. Musson*

Secretary.

*David Davidson*

Chairman.