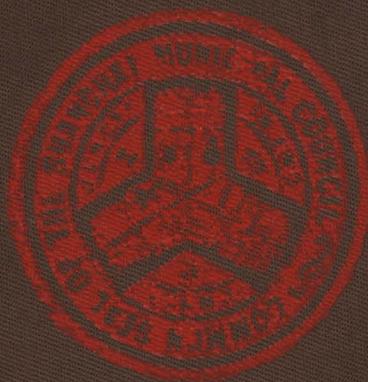


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At the meeting of the Council held on Friday, January 2, 1914,
at 5 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.E. Clark
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
W.L. Merriman
A.R. Owen
A.S.P. White-Cooper and
The Acting Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of December 17 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to that under the heading of Chinese Education, the Chairman states that Mr Nieh's suggestions as to the curriculum of the proposed school in the Eastern District were to be referred to the Chinese Educational Committee as well as to the Permanent Educational Committee: and this course has been adopted. With regard to Chinese Government Detectives. Mr Figge states that Admiral Tseng's detectives should be described as having been associated with a recent murder in the Settlement, the reference to bombs etc being omitted. Mr Figge's enquiries have awaited receipt of further information through the Captain Superintendent of the French Police, but this is not yet forthcoming, and the French Authorities are believed to be averse to publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of
December 19 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of December 19 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Shanghai Library Committee of December 19 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of
December 23, are submitted and confirmed.

Police Report for November. A letter from the Consular Body transmits a communication from the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, relating to the Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for November, published in the Municipal Gazette of December 11. The Special Envoy complains of subtleties of wording which seem to reflect upon the

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methods or objects of the local officials. It is evident that Mr Yang's impression is due to misunderstanding of the Report, for the Captain Superintendent's comments mention only political parties: he makes no reference to the Government officials, except in the course of quoting a detective report. No reply appears to be necessary to Mr Yang's letter, but the Chairman undertakes to ascertain whether the Consular Body awaits a reply from the Council on the subject.

Chinese Government Decoration. The Chairman has received a printed notification from Admiral Tseng Ju-cheng, offering him the Military Decoration of the First Class for assisting military operations at Shanghai during last summer, and the Chairman, having consulted H.M. Consul General, reads a draft reply making reference to the fact that without the assent of H.M. Minister he cannot accept the decoration, but worded to express his feeling that the decoration should not be refused outright. Mr White-Cooper submits an alternative draft for the second paragraph, expressing appreciation of the decoration as an honour conferred. The members prefer Mr White-Cooper's draft, but the Chairman undertakes to submit these alternative replies to H.M. Consul General, and to be guided by his choice.

Taxation beyond Limits. The reply to Mr Toeg's letter on the subject of the 6 per cent rate paid on property south of the Great Western Road has been submitted, and Mr Ezra does not favour making any mention of Settlement Extension as a solution of the question. After a brief discussion the members concur in his view.

Mental Ward. With regard to the case of Mr A. Diesing, an inmate of the Mental Ward, as to whom an application for repatriation was made to the Consul General for Germany some months ago, a reply was received from Dr Knipping that Diesing does not stand under German protection, and that neither protection nor support can be given him by German officials or by the German Consulate General. In commenting upon this reply the Health Officer has submitted a form signed by Mr von Buri in June 1911 accepting responsibility to pay \$3 per day, and promising to provide any judicial order that might be required by the law, and to remove the patient from the Home if still remaining after six months. Mr Figgie states that this was a private arrangement between Mr von Buri, Dr von Schub and others, but after some consideration agrees that the form to which the Health Officer refers, might be verbally brought to the notice of the German Consul General in order to ascertain what view he takes thereof and this will accordingly be done.

Olympia Cinematograph.

The Chairman recounts the course of negotiations which have taken place between himself and the Spanish Consul General and the result of a meeting which was arranged on December 29, when the requirements of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, as to the construction of the building were discussed, somewhat modified, and agreed to.

Tenders for Hose.

In response to an application by the Waterworks Company and other tenderers, the extension of the date for receipt of tenders for hose for the Fire Brigade until January 8 is authorized.

Public Band.

The Conductor in a Report submitted describes the unusually arduous nature of the musicians' work during the last week, and recommends that the concert appointed for the forthcoming Sunday be omitted: the members are not in favour of this suggested departure from the ordinary routine, and the Conductor's suggestion is not entertained.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

E. P.

Chairman.

J. Macdonald
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 7, 1914.

at 5 o'clock p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 2 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to that under the heading:-

Police Report for November. the Chairman has learnt from the Senior Consul that no reply is expected to the despatch of the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs on this subject.

Mental Ward. Further enquiry at the German Consulate General has elicited the fact that German law will not permit of Mr Dising's recognition. He must therefore remain in the Ward at a charge provided annually by the Council.

Death of the Norwegian Consul General. The Council records an expression of condolence and regret upon learning of the death on January 6 of Mr Thorvald Hanaen, Consul General for Norway. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman attended the funeral this afternoon.

Volunteer Corps.

Japanese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the promotion of Lieutenant Shiuza Yoshida to be Captain is authorised.

American Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieut. W.H. Tenney owing to pressure of business is forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Nanking Road Jetty. The reply of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company to the Council's request for an undertaking to refund the cost of repairing this jetty, is contained in a letter from Messrs Platt, Macleod & Wilson, which states that these costs should be claimed from the owners of the Japanese steamer which caused the collision. The Council is unable to accept this point of view, and after some discussion it is decided that unless the China Merchants will official or privately undertake to guarantee refund of the costs in question, the case must be placed in the hands of the Legal Advisor.

The Engineer reports disposal of the damaged bridge for a sum of about \$60, and he further reports suggesting that the bridge at the end of the Kiukiang Road be transferred to the Nanking Road, with a view to the provision of a third passenger pontoon opposite the former road and attached to those already existing. This suggestion gives rise to some debate, during which Mr Owen lays stress upon the congestion on the present passenger pontoons and the urgent necessity for improving the conditions under which mail passengers arrive in the Settlement. Mr Figge points out that there is considerable room for improvement in the control exercised on the pontoons, and the matter is referred for consideration in the first place by the Works Committee.

The Chairman is of opinion that the provision of an additional passenger pontoon at an estimated cost of \$22000, is a matter which will require much consideration and a regular appropriation in the Budget. He is further of opinion that the question of repairing the Nanking Road Jetty should not be considered as a dependent item, and at his suggestion it is decided in the interests of the trade of the port that the necessary repairs shall be executed with as little delay as possible, the pontoon to be replaced in position corresponding to the Conservancy Normal Line.

New Central Offices. Copies of the Report of Mr Blomfield, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, are in members' hands. This document, as well as the proof elevation compiled by Mr C.W. English and Mr Blomfield's comments thereon, are referred for consideration by the Works Committee.

Mr Ambrose's Award in the matter of the compensation payable for the termination of the lease of Mrs Chin Chin-sheeh on Lot 171, is submitted and authorized for publication.

As regards temporary offices during the re-building work, there appear to be no suitable alternatives to the Engineer's proposals in respect to the Volunteer Corps, Public Works Department and Tax Office. His proposals in respect to these Departments are therefore approved. As regards the Council Room, Secretariat and Finance Department, there is available space in Messrs Samuel & Co's building in the Szechuen Road, and the Works Committee undertakes to make an inspection of these premises as also of those suggested in the Telephone Building.

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Jun 7 '14.

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Electricity Department, Traction Rates. The Council is informed and learns with satisfaction that the protracted negotiations with regard to the new rate are likely to be terminated by a meeting between the directors of the Company and the Electricity Committee, which is being arranged for January 15.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

E. C. ...

Chairman.

M. ...

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 14, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pource (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hido
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 7 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of January 8 are submitted and confirmed with three amendments to which Mr Figge alludes as follows:-

Central Police Station. The additional accommodation for Sikh constables, though desirable, will not be carried out during the present year, in view of the general Municipal Buildings scheme which will be in progress.

The Authorised Strength. This minute requires amendment so as to exclude the word "unfair", which is considered out of place in the paragraph in question.

Foreign Officers' Locomotion. Further discussion ensues on this subject, during the course of which Mr Clark emphasises the fact that the Watch Committee on November 25 was under the impression that, upon the purchase of these cars, a sum of £50 per annum would be deducted from the present emoluments of Captains Hilton-Johnson and Barrett in respect of locomotion allowances. The Committee's present proposal to purchase the two cars stands as a matter of routine for consideration by the Finance Committee, when the Police estimates are brought forward for consideration, and it is noted that, in the Watch Committee's opinion, the deduction of 20 per cent of the cost price proposed by Captain Hilton Johnson in respect of the use made of his car since it was new, may reasonably be reduced to 10 per cent.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 12 are submitted and confirmed. In the matter of the Central Offices, the Council unanimously confirms the views which the Committee has expressed, and, after some discussion, directs that a telegram be despatched to the London Agents ordering, to be despatched via Siberia per letter post, the necessary number of copies of Mr English's perspective drawing for distribution to Ratepayers.

Mr Pearce gives the explanation of the Manager of the Telephone Company in the matter of the 1st floor of the Telephone Building, which has, as stated, been leased to the present tenants for a period of two years, and is therefore not available for the Council's purposes. The 2nd floor, of which the Council holds a lease for the remainder of the current year, is suitable for the Finance Department. He has inspected the upper floors of No 24 Kiangse Road, which appear to him to afford suitable accommodation for the Council Room and Secretariat, and which Mr M. Mittag is prepared to lease for the sum of \$250 per mensem.

The Council generally confirms these arrangements, while at the same time recording appreciation of Mr Merriman's offer of accommodation in the Szee'men Road.

Raid Pontoons. Considerable discussion ensues on the subject of the minute under this heading, Mr Owen laying further stress on the imperative necessity for relieving the congestion which at present obtains at the Passenger Pontoons. It is eventually decided to obtain an expression of the views of the Harbourmaster on the subject, whereafter the matter will have the attention of the Works Committee. The Council is desirous of giving effect to the present recommendation, provided satisfactory arrangements may be made (a) as regards the cost of a new pontoon, and (b) with the Customs Authorities along the lines published in 1907.

Commandant, S.V.C. The second application of Major Bray for permission to subscribe to the Superannuation Fund is submitted, and the Council recognises that, as a result of a mistake on the part of the London Agents, there is a definite liability towards him in this connexion. It is clear, however, that Major Bray's position as a military officer precludes his making any agreement of service with the Council, and he is consequently precluded from actual participation in the Fund. The Council's obligation in the matter, however, may be met by an addition of 10 per cent to his Pay, and the members are unanimous in assenting to this course. Mr Ezra emphasises the desirability of avoiding any unpleasant discussion

with the new Commandant, but at the same time the Chairman points out that no addition can be made to the emoluments stated in detail in the Council's application except with the permission of the Army Council. It is therefore decided to address the Army Council on the subject, and, after describing the position which has arisen, to state that the Council is prepared to follow the fore-mentioned course, subject to the Army Council's approval. It will be added that this increment will be made in Major Bray's case but will not apply to officers hereafter seconded for duty as Commandant of the Volunteer Corps.

A letter from the Hongkong Military Authorities informs the Council that the War Office has assented to the local rank of Lieut-Colonel being granted to Major Bray.

Murder of Mr How. The Council records an expression of sincere regret at the dastardly murder of the Manager of the Commercial Press, whose public spirited action during the past summer is within the recollection of the members. At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to award the sum of \$250 to the mafoo who was instrumental in securing the arrest of the murderer. It is suggested that the award be made at the conclusion of the criminal trial now in progress at the Mixed Court.

Council for 1914. The Chairman states that Messrs C.E. Anton and C.G.S. Mackie have consented to fill the vacancies in the Council which will take place upon the withdrawal of Messrs Clark and Owen.

The Municipal Gazette for January 15 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the Police Report for December, at Mr Gulland's suggestion it is decided to re-issue the proclamation in which the Chinese community is invited to lay information at Police Stations when molested by persons in the guise of detectives or otherwise.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

Chairman

Chairman.

Secretary

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 21, 1914

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 W.R. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulladd
 A. Hide
 W.L. Morriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 14 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman, with one amendment suggested by Mr Clark under the heading Foreign Officers' Locomotion.

MS The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Haubury School Committee of January 13 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of January 15 are submitted and confirmed, it being noted that the recommendations with regard to the Staff of the Department require the Finance Committee's endorsement.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 20 are

submitted and confirmed. In the matter of the Band pontoons, Messrs Owen and Hide have seen the Harbourmaster in this matter and find him substantially in agreement with the Council's proposals. Mr Hide states that he will probably suggest the extension of all of the pontoons south of the Customs House to the Conservancy Normal Line.

Surveying Staff. Mr Gulland reads the Engineer's Report of January 20, which indicates in fuller detail the need for more Assistant Surveyors, and the proposal to requisition for four men to come out during the course of the year is adopted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of January 20

are read and confirmed. As regards the Estimates, Mr White-Cooper points out that the present year must necessarily be one of heavy expenditure, the separation of the School into two parts involving some additional staff and a considerable quantity of new equipment. He feels assured, however, that the proposal as a whole and the arrangements which these minutes indicate, will be generally endorsed by the Community.

Public School Committee. The resignation of Mr A.S. Wilson of his seat on this Committee, owing to his forthcoming departure from Shanghai, is received and accepted with regret. As this resignation will leave the membership at a total of three, it is decided to take no steps to appoint another member.

Volunteer Corps.

Medical Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the promotion of Lieuts. W.B. Billinghamurst and N.C. Davis to be Captains is approved.

Chinese Company. The commissions of Lieut. R.M. Saker and 2nd Lieut. A.M. Lester are authorised for renewal with effect from dates of expiry.

Portuguese Company. The commission of 2nd Lieut. G.M. Gutterres is authorised for renewal with effect from date of expiry.

Paulun Hospital. The Annual Report and Accounts of this Hospital are submitted, indicating a debit balance at December 31 of \$1480, and upon Mr Wigge's suggestion it is decided to increase the grant for 1914 to £2000, so that the Hospital may become upon a satisfactory financial footing.

Revenue. The Council is informed that the probable Surplus of Ordinary Income for 1913 will be \$96000, a result which will go far towards meeting the cost of certain items of unauthorised expenditure which have been incurred during the year.

Chinese New Year Holidays. The Chairman states that, in accordance with the course followed last year, the Municipal Offices will be closed from January 26 to 29, and that unless emergency arises no meeting of the Council will take place next week.

Sinza Stone Bridge. Mr Hide enquires what steps are being taken as regards the re-construction of this bridge, and suggests application to the Commissioner of Customs, who, he understands, may be able to stimulate the Chinese to carry out the work. In reply, Mr Gulland states that the matter is where it stood last year, i.e. that the plans of the bridge have been approved subject to the provision of space for a water main, and that the Council is, as before, prepared to contribute, if desired, towards the cost.

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Soap Boiling Works. With regard to a recent announcement in the newspapers that large soap works are to be erected in the neighbourhood of the Riverside Electricity Station, Mr Hide enquires whether the Council has any knowledge of the matter, and what steps if any are desirable to prevent the pollution of the River by the effluents from the works. *Enquiries from the Health Officer are directed.*

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.35 p.m.

E. C. Leane

Chairman.

M. J. Mason

Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Saturday, January 24, 1914,
at 12 o'clock noon, there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

The Chairman states that, inasmuch as no regular meeting will be held during the forthcoming week, he has convened the present meeting at the suggestion of certain of the members, so that the Council may learn the particulars of the recent dastardly murder in the Astor Road. Mr Figge recounts the substance of the Detective Reports which have been communicated to him by the Captain Superintendent, who is of opinion that the assailants, if, as suspected, they are two Ningpo carpenters, will be arrested. There is little doubt that the crime was committed by Chinese.

The Chairman refers to the press comment on the situation which contains the allegation that the number of the Police Force is insufficient. And he attributes the so-called "wave of crime" of the past two months to a general looseness of the ties of administrative order consequent upon the Revolution, and to the fact that the Mixed Court imposes no more than mild terms of imprisonment in punishment of serious crime.

The members are unanimous in the opinion that a further determined effort should be made to secure the re-introduction of the bamboo at the Mixed Court, and it is decided to address the Senior Consul without delay and to publish the letter forthwith. Therein will be enumerated the special Police measures which have been in force during the past month for searching licensed premises for undesirables, and authority will be requested to make a similar search of any suspected private houses.

It is further decided to attack the question of the policing of the Soochow Creek, at present inadequately controlled by the River Police, and the Chairman undertakes to see the Commissioner of Customs in the matter in the first place, and, if possible, to arrange for a general search of boats in co-operation with the Municipal Police.

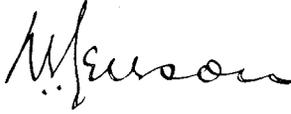
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The meeting adjourns at 12.37 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 4, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hido
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 21, and of the Special Meeting of January 24, the former including those of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of January 13, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to that under the heading Paulun Hospital, the Chairman states that he assented to the increase in the Grant to this institution from \$1500 to \$2000 without knowledge of the number of patients treated in comparison with those treated at other Chinese hospitals in receipt of Grants. The total number of patients treated by the Paulun Hospital during 1913 was 5197, while during 1912 95776 patients were treated at the Shantung Road Hospital, the Grant to which is \$3000. Mr Hido states that the Committee of the Shantung Road Hospital will, without doubt, ask for a higher Grant next year. The question will have the attention of the Finance Committee at its forthcoming meeting for the discussion of the Budget.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of January 22 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of the Commandant's Locomotion, Mr Figge states that he and Mr Clark, after consultation, are unable to recommend that a motor car be provided for Colonel Bray's use. Mr Figge points out that, upon mobilisation of the Corps, the whole number of Police cars will be at Colonel Bray's disposal, and in the meantime he suggests that the Commandant may obtain a knowledge of the Settlement by riding a pony. The arguments in favour of making provision for a motor car in the Budget appeal to the members generally, but as the recommendation has not the support of the majority of the Watch Committee, it is disapproved.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A letter from the Senior Consul informs the Council of the election of the representatives of the Netherlands, Denmark and Belgium to constitute the Court for 1914. Mr Figge points out that Sir E. Fraser, a member of the Court for last year, although

due to return to Shanghai in one week, has not been elected. He has learnt, however, that it is possible that he will take the place of Mr von Zeppelin Obermuller, who is shortly proceeding on leave.

General Hospital. The same communication states that the Consuls General for Great Britain, Austria-Hungary and Portugal have been nominated representatives of the Consular Body on the Board of Governors of the Hospital.

Volunteer Corps.

American Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, commissions as 2nd Lieut. are authorised for issue to Messrs E.K. Howe and A.H. Swan.

Engineer Company. A letter from the Commandant is read, recommending, in view of the probability that Lieut. Sellick will be frequently absent from the Settlement, that a third subaltern be appointed as a special case. For this purpose he suggests the name of Sergeant J.W.T. Brooke, who, if the Council's approves the suggestion, will undergo the necessary examination. Upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee these proposals are approved.

Fire Brigade. The Chief Officer notifies the Council of the following staff arrangements, which are duly confirmed:

Deluge Company. The election of Mr L.R. Wheen as Foreman in succession of Mr H.G. Allen resigned.

Victoria Company. Mr C.H.L. Symons, 1st Assistant, will be in charge of the Company during the absence on ten months' leave of Mr C.W.O. Mayne, Foreman.

Carbines. A Report by Lieut-Colonel Pollock is submitted, on the subject of the carbines which he has inspected at Weedon, generally to the effect that the weapons are suitable.

The recommendations of the Commandant of Volunteers and Captain Superintendent of Police with regard to the purchase of these carbines, are adopted.

Unmuzzled Dog Case. A Police Report is submitted, on the subject of Dr Fresson's dog, for which no licence has been issued and which has been found to be ineffectively muzzled. The usual application for summons having been refused by the French Consular Court, it is decided to lay the case before the Consul General, with an enquiry as to what steps should be taken in the matter.

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Steam Whistles. A letter from Mr Ayseough, complaining of the noise of steam whistles in the neighbourhood of the Gordon Road, is submitted together with a Police Report thereon. It appears that the mills whose whistles are the subject of this complaint are almost entirely beyond the limits of the Settlement, and after considerable discussion it is directed that the Captain Superintendent interview Admiral Sah, with a view to checking the nuisance. In the meantime it is decided to amend the Regulations within the Settlement, so that each mill shall blow its whistle not more than twice for not more than five seconds on each occasion.

Nanking Road Pontoon. A letter from Messrs Platt Macleod & Wilson is read, giving the necessary assurance on the subject of the reimbursement of the Council for the cost of repairing the damage done due to the collision on December 27. Messrs Platt's suggestion is adopted that the matter rest until the result of the legal proceedings in progress is known.

Railless Trams. A letter from the Tramway Company informs the Council that the French Company is not prepared to co-operate with regard to railless cars in the Fokien Road. Consequently the Company desires to continue the route along the Sungkiang Road as far as the Honan Road. Provided there is no Police objection to this proposal, it is decided to comply with the Company's request.

Motor Car Licences. The application of Mr F.W. Sutterle is submitted, on behalf of a proposed Automobile Country Club, for a copy of the list of owners of licensed motor cars. The Council is informed that similar requests have been consistently refused since the motor car licence was established, and Mr White-Cooper points out that such information would not be given to applicants at home. The members, however, sees no objection to disclosing this information, and it is decided to reply that the list is open to the inspection of the representative of the Club.

Statue of Sir Robert Hart. A letter from Mr Unwin, on behalf of the Hart Memorial Committee, suggests that this statue be placed on the grass plot immediately opposite the new building of the Bank of Taiwan, Ltd. This position is regarded by the Council as suitable, and it is decided to publish a small chart indicating the spot, for general information.

Water Supply. A letter from the Waterworks Company is read, desiring the Council's co-operation in preventing the pollution of the local water supply by the projected soap works in the Yangtzepoo Road. The Council awaits a Report by the Health Officer on the subject.

Co-operation with the Chinese Police. Mr Figge states that the German Consul General has approached him on the subject of Admiral Tseng's recent overtures, and that, assuming that the attitude of the Council is unaltered, he has informed Mr Knipping that the Council will not take the matter up again without an official letter from the Consular Body.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 11, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figg
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 4 are confirmed and signed by
the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of
February 6 are submitted and confirmed, with the exception of
that under the heading

Mr Wood. In this case Mr Ezra explains the reasons which have actuated the Committee in making the recommendation as to Mr Wood's quarters. On the other hand Mr White-Cooper points out that favourable treatment, such as that proposed, would justly dissatisfy other unmarried members of the Educational Department. The complete file in this matter is ordered for circulation to the Finance Committee, who will give it attention.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 9 are
submitted and discussed at some length, with the following results:-
Wharfage Dues. Mr Figg is apprehensive that the Committee's estimate is unduly sanguine, and, after some debate, it is decided to reduce the figure to £210000.

Police Officers' Locomotion. Mr Merriman comments on the propriety of the Finance Committee's recommending the reversal of a proposal which has received the full Council's sanction. In reply, it is pointed out that the recommendations of all Committees which bear upon the finances of the year ensuing, even when formally confirmed by the Council, are liable to revision by the Finance Committee when framing the Budget, in accordance with the practice of many years standing. Mr Figg takes exception to the word "over-riding", which he points out is inapplicable. He reminds the Council that the general principle has been repeatedly adopted during the year, that the Council should provide the Police Force with such locomotion as

is necessary for the proper performance of duty. He recognises, however, that the Finance Committee may not have found itself in a position to purchase two motor cars for the officers in question this year. The consensus of opinion of the Council confirms this view, and the Chairman undertakes that the Finance Committee will give the question of Police Stock and Stores further attention. The Watch Committee is unanimously of opinion that if the cars are not purchased, it would be preferable that the officers should, during the present year, continue to draw Locomotion Allowance as at present, rather than that the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent be adopted.

Grants to Hospitals. In regard to the question of the Grant to the Paulun Hospital, Mr Figg states that the Hospital Committee's letter was in fact a mistake: that, previous to its submission to the Council, he had been approached by the Committee with the request that the Grant be increased, and that he has already informed the Committee that the increase has been approved by the Council. In these circumstances the Finance Committee undertakes to re-consider the matter.

Volunteer Corps.

"B" Company. The resignation of Lieut. W.S. Burns, owing to pressure of business, is forwarded by the Commandant and accepted. Upon Colonel Bray's recommendation this officer will be placed on the Retired List with the rank of Captain, in accordance with Article XIII of the Corps Regulations.

Suggested Celebration. A letter from the Commandant is read, suggesting that the 60th anniversary of the raising of the Corps be celebrated by laying the foundation stone of the new Drill Hall, a Corps parade, and other festivities on April 4. The Council, generally speaking, is favourable to this project, but Mr Ezra points out that as the Drill Hall will be a component part of the Central Offices block of buildings, the foundation stone should preferably be that of the block as a whole, and in a more conspicuous position than will be occupied by the Drill Hall. This point is referred to the Works Committee for consideration. As regards the Grant of £1500/2000 desired further details will be furnished in due course.

Electricity Department. The Report of the Special Electricity Committee is laid on the table, and the Chairman states that the Committee has requested that the Council, in issuing it to the public, will recapitulate the reasons for which the Committee was formed and the objects which the Council had in view in formulating the "terms of reference". A draft note for the Municipal Gazette in this sense is read and approved with some amendment. The words "and adopted"

are excluded, the Council's vote on the Report being deferred until next week to enable the members more thoroughly to peruse its provisions. Mr Figge takes exception to the expression "appeared to the Council to be such as to be likely to prejudice the position of the Municipal Loans as a whole". To meet this it is decided to omit the words "to the Council" and to alter the word "prejudice" to the word "affect". In the concluding paragraph the word "receiving" is substituted for the word "accepting". The Council directs the distribution of the Report to Ratepayers with as little delay as possible.

Markham Road Bridge. A Report by the Engineer is read to the effect that this bridge, which has been sagging for some time, is now dangerous and should be closed to vehicular traffic. This proposal is adopted, the question of re-construction and temporary accommodation being referred to the Works Committee.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. The Council approves Friday, March 20, as the date for the Meeting, and the usual letter to the Consular Body will suggest it accordingly.

Policing the Sooshow Creek. The Chairman states that, as a result of his call upon the Commissioner of Customs, Inspector Mellows has had two interviews with the Captain Superintendent on the subject of co-operative action in searching boats on the creek. A Report on the subject will be submitted to the Watch Committee at an early date.

The Municipal Gazette for February 12 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 7 p.m.

G. C. Pearson
Chairman.

W. Hurson
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 18, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E. C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E. A. Clark
 E. I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H. C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W. L. Morrison
 A. R. Owen
 A. S. P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 11 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 16 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the

Markham Road Bridge, a Report by the Engineer is read, stating that the suggested steel girder bridge would cost approximately \$22500, while the present wooden superstructure could be re-built for between \$5000 and \$6000. The circumstances under which this bridge was originally built are narrated, and the Council recognises responsibility for re-construction without delay. Some discussion ensues as to whether or no to adopt the Engineer's proposal for a more permanent structure, and it is eventually decided to replace the bridge as at present in wood. The Chapel district being entirely enclosed by the Soochow Creek and the Railway, the Markham Road cannot become a trunk thoroughfare leading out of the Settlement, and the traffic will therefore not be heavy. A new wooden bridge with the faults of construction corrected and maintained with modern methods, should last ten years or longer, while the interest on the difference of cost is no inconsiderable item. To this may be added the fact that the present is a year calling for heavy Extraordinary Expenditure, and that an increase of \$17000 in this appropriation must involve exclusion of other items which have already been approved by the Works Committee.

Volunteer Celebration. A draft inscription for the proposed Commemoration Stone is submitted and adopted.

Bund pontoons. A Report by the Engineer is read, estimating the cost of constructing a new pontoon opposite the Nanking Road at \$16000. With regard to the Harbourmaster's suggestion to extend the pontoons north of the Customs House to the Normal Line, the reasons assigned by the Engineer against incurring this expenditure are regarded by the Council as valid.

Volunteer Corps.

Engineer Company. The Commandant certifies that Mr J.T.W. Brooke has passed the necessary examination, and a commission as 2nd Licut. is authorized for issue to him.

Hiding School. The Engineer reports that this structure has been found to be in urgent need of partial renewal, and his recommendation to accept the tender of Koo Yao Kee for the work, \$446, is adopted.

Policing the Soochow Creek. A Police Report is submitted, bearing on the inadequacy of the supervision exercised by the River Police over the Soochow Creek. As a result it has appeared to the Watch Committee desirable to address a letter to the Commissioner of Customs, pointing out the necessity for this small force to be augmented and placed in charge of a trained officer. It is decided to follow this course.

Water Supply. The Health Officer's Report on the threatened pollution of the Waterworks intake by effluents from certain projected soap-works, is submitted, and it is decided to forward a copy of the document for the information of the Waterworks Company, publishing the correspondence for general information.

Hart Memorial. An enquiry by the Parks Committee is read as to why the choice of the site for this Memorial was not submitted to the Committee for its views. At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided in reply, to say that the Council will be glad to receive an expression of opinion on the part of the members of the Parks Committee as to the projected site.

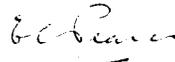
Special Electricity Committee's Report. A letter signed by eight ratepayers is read, desiring replies to certain questions with regard to the units generated, rates charged, and other matters connected with the working of the Electricity Department. A copy of the document will be forwarded for comment by the Electrical Engineer, and, in the meantime, the Chairman expresses the view that the outline of the Committee's proposal which has been promised so

soon as the accounts of the Department for 1913 are issued, will afford the signatories of this letter and others interested more pertinent information than specific replies to their questions. At his suggestion it is decided to defer voting as to whether or no the report shall be adopted by the Council, until these proposals have been received.

Town Hall. A drawing showing proposed emergency exits and staircases leading from the west end of this building into the Kweichow Road is submitted and approved, subject to the opinion of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade as to the desirability of the reverse of the platforms and bends in the staircases.

The Municipal Gazette for February 19 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 25, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 18 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman. With regard to the question of

Policing the Soothow Creek, a letter, as decided, has been addressed to
 the Commissioner of Customs, and Mr Unwin's reply, which he stipulates
 shall not be published, may be expected in due course.

Hart Memorial. The Chairman states that he has been in communication
 with the Chairman of the Parks Committee and learns that the members of
 the Committee are about to submit their views with regard to the
 position of this statue.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of

February 17 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the site of the
New School for Boys, the Council approves the purchase of the
 additional land in the north-west corner, and provision therefor will
 be inserted in the forthcoming Budget, £1293.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 24 are read

and confirmed with the following comment:-

Plague Prevention. The Health Officer writes suggesting the
 reduction of each item of this appropriation by one sixth.

Yuenfong Road Bridge. The Engineer has stated that the re-
 construction of the bridge may be deferred until next year, in which
 case a small appropriation will be required under Ordinary Expenditure
 for its repair.

House Refuse Depot. As no more has been heard from the owner of
 Lots 4430/1, it is considered improbable ~~that~~ their purchase will
 take place this year.

Genl. Safety Nets. The Watch Committee acquiesces in the
 elimination of the provision for these nets.

Volunteer Corps.

Portuguese Company. The resignation of Captain J. Nolasco is forwarded by the Commandant and accepted with regret. Captain Nolasco was instrumental in raising the Company in March 1906, and, in recognition of the fact that it is largely due to his endeavour that its success has been maintained, retired rank is conferred upon him with the right to wear the prescribed uniform in accordance with Article XIII of the Regulations.

Customs Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieut. N. Key owing to his forthcoming departure from Shanghai, is received and recorded with regret.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the promotion of the following to be Lieutenant is authorised:-

2nd Lieuts. D.M. De G. Gutterres, Portuguese Company, and A.M. Lester, Chinese Company, with effect from January 18, and 2nd Lieuts. E.H. McMichael, Light Horse, J.E. Needham, "A" Company, W. Kupper, German Company, and Toshitsugu Imada, Japanese Company, with effect from February 24.

Celebration. The Commandant forwards further suggestions and estimates by the Volunteer Committee for the proposed Celebration on April 4. As regards the suggested disposal of surplus funds, the Council records the opinion that the amount of the Grant to be issued should be no more than is required to cover expenses, and thus that there should be no surplus. As regards the arrangements, and particularly the proposed small entrance fee, the Chairman of the Watch Committee undertakes to discuss the details with the Commandant. In the meanwhile, the Council is informed that there is doubt as to whether April 4, 1854, was in fact the date on which the Corps was raised.

Advertisements in the Bubbling Well Road. A letter from Mr J. Liddell is submitted, urging that the Council take prohibitive action in the matter of unsightly advertisements on boardings in the Bubbling Well and other roads. It is pointed out that under the Land Regulations the Council has no authority for such action, and after some discussion as to the legal aspect of the matter, as to the proposed additional rating in cases where advertisements are affixed to the sides of houses, and as to the possibility of erecting obstructive bamboo fences, the Chairman undertakes to explain to Mr Liddell how the matter stands upon his return to Shanghai.

Weihaiwei Road Electricity Transformer Station. The Engineer forwards the conditions upon which the management of the German School will agree to the removal of this small building from the footpath to within the school compound. The terms proposed are considered reasonable by the Council and are accepted.

Central Offices. Messrs White-Cooper and Merriman refer to the somewhat general public criticism of the tower as shown in the picture distributed to Ratepayers. The Council recalls the impression of members upon first inspection of the picture, which was that the tower was unnecessary, while mature consideration led to a more appreciative view. Mr Ezra refers to the minute of the Council published on June 5, wherein it was stated that Ratepayers would be afforded an opportunity of discussing the design of the building at the Annual Meeting, and the Council directs that the alternative design for the summit of the tower be submitted without delay, so that the matter may have further consideration.

The Municipal Gazette for February 26 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

W. C. Pearce
Chairman.

W. G. Mason
Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 4, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 25 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman. With regard to the question of the
Volunteer Celebration, Mr Figge has arranged with the Commandant that
 the celebration shall take place on April 8, and that the inscription
 on the Commemoration Stone shall omit the word "sixtieth".
Central Offices. Alternative designs for the tower are submitted
 for the Council's consideration, but the members are unanimously of
 opinion that the original design as amended by Mr Blomfield is
 preferable. An enlarged sketch of the tower seen from a nearer
 standpoint is submitted, indicating more graphically the appearance
 which it will present in the Settlement, and the Council directs that
 the sketch be lithographed and distributed to Ratepayers.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of
 February 26 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 4 are read
 and confirmed. In the matter of
Advertising Hoardings, a further note from the Legal Adviser is read,
 in which Mr Jones desires an opportunity for re-considering his draft
 Resolution. Subject to any radical change being made therein, the
 Council adopts the Committee's recommendation.

Cinematograph Application. The Lauro Cinema Company's application for
 permission to take pictures in the Weihaiwei and other roads is
 considered, together with a Police note offering no objection thereto.
 Considerable discussion ensues, during which Mr Figge expresses
 apprehension that such street spectacles would be likely to excite
 Chinese ignorant of their purport, in which view he is strongly
 supported by Mr Hide. Six pictures are suggested, and it is
 eventually decided to permit Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6, provided the Chinese
 actors do not carry their proposed swords.

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Astor Road Jetty. A letter from the German Consul General is submitted, desiring that this jetty be closed. He states that the traffic thereon is small and that it is a rendezvous for loafers. Reports by the Engineer and Captain Superintendent do not confirm Mr Knipping's view, and the Council is unanimously opposed to the abolition of a public landing place which has been in existence at least since 1861, and which appears still to serve a very useful purpose.

Fete at the Town Hall. An application by Mr H. Cooper on behalf of the Childrens Refuge is submitted, to hold a fete in the Town Hall on April 15 to 18. With the precautions suggested by the Health Officer and Engineer, and provided the dates will not clash with Volunteer Corps arrangements, the Council has no objection to this use of the building.

Hart Memorial. The Parks Committee's comments on the proposed site are submitted, but the Council is unanimously of opinion that the alternative suggested opposite the Kiukiang Road is undesirable, having regard to the traffic at the passenger landing place. Discussion ensues as to whether the centre of the grass plot next to the Customs Examination Shed would not be preferable to the site selected by the Memorial Committee, and that Committee's objection thereto is recalled. Upon the whole, therefore, the members are of opinion that the site of which public notice has been given is the best in the circumstances. The Chairman undertakes to communicate this view to the Parks Committee.

Taxation of Riparian Lots. A letter from Messrs Platt, Macleod & Wilson is read, forwarding the Judgment in the recent case of the Council v. Tam Wa, with comment thereon. The matter is referred for consideration by the Works Committee.

Park in the Western District. The reply of Messrs Newman & Co.Ld. to the Council's enquiry on the subject of the option of purchase for the land behind St. George's Hotel is read, from which it appears that the acquisition of this land for the purpose of a park must be foregone. Mr Merriman advocates obtaining other options of suitable land in the Connaught Road district. Mr Ezra is in favour of obtaining authority from the Ratepayers to expend a certain sum on a park, leaving it to the new Council to select a suitable site. On the other hand Messrs Figgie and White-Cooper consider that such expenditure is not justified, particularly during the present year

when heavy Extraordinary Expenditure is being incurred on Education and on the new Municipal Buildings. It is eventually decided to make no proposal on the subject whatsoever.

Mixed Court. With the approval of the Watch and Works Committees it is decided to schedule the whole of Cadastral Lot 130, Northern District, the half of which is already ear-marked for the widening of the Tsapoo Road. The remainder of the lot when acquired will be incorporated in the Mixed Court compound, thereby allowing the Court to present a better general appearance on its approach from the Settlement.

Electricity Department. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that delay in presenting the Annual Report and Accounts of the Department has left little time for adequate presentation and discussion of the important question raised in the Report of the Special Electricity Committee, and it is suggested that the Ratepayers Meeting adjourn for two or three weeks and debate the Electricity matter later. Mr Figge considers that it would be preferable to bring the matter to an issue on March 20, and the Chairman undertakes to convene a meeting of the Special Committee with a view to the publication of further more definite proposals with as little delay as possible.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

J. C. P. [Signature]
Chairman.

M. J. [Signature]

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 11, 1914.

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 M.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figg

The minutes of the meeting of March 4 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the question of the Hart Memorial, the Chairman has had a conversation with Mr Teesdale on the subject of the Parks Committee's comment on the proposed site, and learns that Mr Teesdale now defers to the Council's decision in the matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 6 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the Departmental Estimates for 1914, particularly those of Capital Expenditure, Mr White-Cooper discusses at some length the fact that the Finance Committee has not had any opportunity of giving to these estimates the same consideration in detail as in the case of all other Departments. He has compiled a few figures showing how widely the estimates for 1913 have differed from the actual results, and it is directed that the Electrical Engineer furnish a full explanation of these differences.

As regards the Estimates of Capital Expenditure, the Chairman states that, as is shown in a note from the Electrical Engineer which he reads, practically the whole of the schedule consists of items which have already received the Council's formal sanction.

Mr Hide refers to a passage in the Treasurer's Report accompanying the Departmental Financial Statement, in which Mr Goodale states that the charge of the Electrical Engineer's expenses during his absence from Shanghai to debit of Riverside Station plant is not in accordance with the Council's instructions. Reference to preceding minutes shows that this matter should have been specially referred to the Finance Committee, but that by oversight this was not done. The Council is, however, ~~unanimously~~ of opinion that inasmuch as Mr Aldridge's visit to Europe was definitely in the interests of the

W.S. Riverside plant, the entry is a correct one. *From this is the Chair's dissent.*

At the conclusion of the discussion Mr White-Cooper expresses readiness, even at this eleventh hour, to conduct an examination of the Electrical Accounts. It is, however, pointed out that, for such an examination to be other than perfunctory, it would involve some days work. At Mr Merriman's suggestion therefore it is decided to record the fact that the Finance Committee has not given these accounts the scrutiny which the Committee's responsibilities properly involve, and that the omission has been due to the fact that the figures were presented too late for that scrutiny to be practicable.

The minutes of the meeting of the Special Electricity Committee of March 9 are submitted and confirmed. A letter from the members is read, written in sequence with Clause 32 of their Report lately published, and the debate proceeds as to whether or no the Report shall be adopted by the Council. The Chairman states that Mr Figge has requested that his vote be recorded against adoption, and he, Mr Pearce, has undertaken in reply that, in presenting the Report to the Ratepayers, he will state that he is speaking only for those members who are in favour of its adoption. Mr Merriman discusses the general question of the expansion of the Electricity Department. He is not satisfied that large extensions for power purposes only at cheap rates are in the best interests of the Community. Mr Ezra is in favour of the Report for reasons contained in a memorandum which he reads to the Council. His vote will be given with the proviso that there shall be a stipulation that the Ratepayers may at any time wind up the Company, exchange all scrip issued for Municipal debentures, and re-convert the undertaking into a Municipal Department. Mr Hide expresses himself in favour of selling the undertaking outright to the highest tenderer, or, in the alternative, retaining the present system of control. Mr White-Cooper is opposed to the Special Committee's scheme upon the grounds that no good case has been made out for the change, and that the difficulties of management are not such as cannot be met under existing conditions. Upon a show of hands the Council is found to be opposed to the adoption of the Report, Messrs Gulland, Hide, Merriman and White-Cooper voting against it.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of March 9 are submitted and confirmed. In regard to the proposed Park in the Western District, the Chairman states that the Recreation Fund Trustees are about to offer to donate \$20000 towards the cost, which will thus be reduced to \$103000. The Council is also informed that, by arrangement between Mr Peebles and the Chinese vendor of the bulk of the land, the stipulation of the latter that Chinese gentlemen

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shall be admitted, is withdrawn. Reference in his letter to this point will therefore be deleted. The Council expresses itself unanimously in favour of the proposed purchase, and the Chairman undertakes to second a Resolution on the subject, which it is

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 understood will be proposed by Dr Macleod, Chairman of the ~~Trustees~~, ^{acting as} ~~Joint meeting of the Public Recreation Ground Committee and the Recreation Finance Trustees.~~
The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of March

10 are submitted and confirmed. In reply to Mr Hyde Mr White-Cooper states that

The case of Miss Gloyer had the Committee's very careful attention, and that its decision was believed to be in the best interests of the School and of the Educational Department generally.

Volunteer Corps, Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the promotion of 2nd Lieuts. H.W. Daldy, K.D. Stewart and J.C. Bosustow to be Lieutenant is authorised with effect from February 24.

Victoria Nursing Home. The reply of Messrs Hanson, McNeill & Jones to the Council's offer of \$60000 for Cadastral Lot 986 is submitted, together with the Engineer's Report in re. Mr Goodfellow's claim for the property is \$78199, and in these circumstances, upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, it is decided, with Mr Goodfellow's assent, to submit the matter to the arbitration of an indifferent person to be agreed by both parties.

Police Dogs. A letter from Mr Walter Scharff is read, communicating the text of a Resolution which he will propose and which Dr Gerngross will second at the forthcoming Ratepayers Meeting, advocating the purchase of Police dogs and ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~engagement~~ ^{of} the services of a detective experienced in their working. A Police Report on the subject expresses approval of this proposal, and it is decided, in reply, to state that, in the form of an amendment to the Budget, it will have the Council's support.

Advertising Hoardings. A letter from the Oriental Advertising Co.Ld. is read, desiring that the minimum rate for advertisements in business localities be reduced to 5 cents per square foot. The arguments in support of this request appear to the Council to be reasonable, and it is decided to reply that with the approval of the Meeting, the Council will make the necessary change in the schedule.

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The Municipal Gazette for March 12 is submitted in proof and authorised
for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

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Chairman.

M. E. ...

Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 18, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.E. Clark
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: Mr H. Figge

The minutes of the meeting of March 11 are confirmed with two amendments and signed by the Chairman.

Gambling beyond Limits. A note from H.M. Consul General is submitted, in which he states that the Senior Consul's warrant to raid No. 24 North Hanan Road was irregular and invalid in respect to its signature by Mr Fulford. He suggests that it be returned to the Senior Consul. In conversation with the Chairman since receipt of this note, Sir Everard Fraser has expressed the opinion that the Land Regulations will not protect British subjects from being indicted on criminal charges in respect to action under such a warrant, and he has referred the Council to the Judge's remarks in the Jessfield Inn shooting case. The Council concurs in the view that to say that the warrant has served its purpose would be wrong in view of the recent re-opening of the roulette tables, and the Chairman undertakes to see Sir Everard Fraser again and to suggest that it would be more fitting that the Senior Consul should call for the return of the warrant if irregular than that the Council should take any initiative in the matter.

Irregular Arrest. A Police Report is submitted, referring to the arrest of two men in the Woosung Road on February 28 by Paoshan Police. The men have since been liberated through the agency of the Japanese Consul General, but it is decided that the Council's protest at the irregular action must be lodged with the Senior Consul.

Fire waste. A letter from the Fire Insurance Association suggests that the question of fire waste be introduced at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers with a view to the appointment of a Commission for investigation of the matter. In reply, it is decided to point out that the Council is able to appoint such a Commission without explicit instructions from the Ratepayers if adequate cause for such action is shown. In the meanwhile it is decided that no step

can be taken in the matter until receipt of a Report on the subject from the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

Recreation Ground for Chinese. A letter from the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association is read, desiring the Council's financial assistance in again increasing the Chinese recreation ground situated on the east of the Rifle Range. The matter is referred for consideration by the incoming Works Committee.

Tramways Rolling Stock. A letter from the Tramway Company is read, applying for permission to add 10 motor cars and 15 trailers to the existing rolling stock. This request does not accord with the Council's former ruling that the ratio between motor cars and trailers shall be two to one, and the members are unanimously of opinion that this ratio should be maintained. The matter, however, is referred for consideration by the incoming Council.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. The Chairman reads the substance of his proposed speeches on the Report and on the Budget, which are generally approved.

Advertising Hoardings. A letter from Mr R. Chester refers to his proposed amendment to the Resolution on this subject, under which advertising stations for which no rent is received will be exempt from the proposed Special Rate. The Council is unable to accept this proposal. It would have a wider effect than Mr Chester intends, and would result in attempts at evasion on the part of Chinese.

Electricity Department. A note from the Treasurer is submitted, suggesting the adoption of his scheme No.2 which he maintains will meet the difficulties to which the Special Electricity Committee has alluded without being open to the objection that the Community is giving away any part of its electrical asset. The Council concurs in Mr White-Cooper's view in this matter that such a course would have the appearance of tricking the Ratepayers at the last minute, and that it would be preferable to allow matters to take their course. In regard to the wilfully misleading construction which has been placed upon the meeting which took place between the Electrical Engineer and the electrical contractors, the minute of the Special Electricity Committee on the subject which was confirmed by the Council on March 11 is read, and to obviate any further misunderstanding it is decided to publish a note in the sense of the minute, together with a full account of the proceedings as already confirmed by those present, and provided their assent to publication can be obtained.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Monday, March 23, 1914.

at 12 o'clock noon, there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.R. Owen
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

Absent: E.E. Clark
 H. Figue

The minutes of the meeting of March 18 are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the question of Gambling beyond Limits, the Chairman has seen H.M. Consul General again, who states that the matter may rest for the present, provided his warning as to the status of British subjects in the Police Force is noted. The question of making further use of the Senior Consul's warrant in these circumstances will have the attention of the new Watch Committee.

Retiring Members. The Chairman expresses the Council's regret at losing the services of Mr Owen, whom pressure of business has prevented from seeking re-election. After thanking the Council for the support which they have accorded to him during his year of office, a year of considerable anxiety, Mr Pearce then vacates the Chair.

Mr Owen expresses regret at terminating his connexion with the Council, and hopes that the work of the forthcoming year will be less arduous; he thereupon withdraws.

Upon the proposal of Mr Ezra, seconded by Mr Hide, Mr Pearce is re-elected Chairman of the Council, and at his suggestion, seconded by Mr Gulland, Mr Figue is re-elected to the Vice-Chair.

Standing Committees. The Council resolves itself into standing Committees as follows:-

Finance Committee:- Messrs Mackie, Pearce and White-Cooper.

Works Committee:- Messrs Ezra, Gulland and Merriman.

Watch Committee:- Messrs Anton, Figue and Hide.

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It is decided to request the Sub-Committees for 1913 to continue their services for another year, the Council's representatives being arranged as follows:-

- Band Committee: Mr Figge.
- Permanent Education Committee: Mr White-Cooper.
- Public Recreation Ground Committee: Mr Gulland.
- Public School Committee: Mr White-Cooper
- Chinese Educational Committee: Mr Ezra.

Land Commission. The Chairman states that it is desirable that members consider during the ensuing week who may suitably be nominated as the Council's representative on the Commission to replace Mr A.M. Marshall, who has verbally announced the resignation of his office.

Day of Meeting. Mr Anton suggests the possibility of changing the Council's regular day of meeting from Wednesday to either Tuesday or Thursday, in view of the fact that Wednesday is an Exchange Bank holiday. After some discussion it is arranged that no further meeting be held this week, and that the Council next meet on Wednesday, April 1. In the meanwhile members may consider this point at leisure.

Ratepayers Meeting. A letter from H.M. Crown Advocate is read announcing the resolution of the members of the British Bar not to speak at Ratepayers Meetings in their professional capacity.

The meeting adjourns at 12.30 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

W. Benson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 1, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 23 are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 25 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the

Loan of 1914, a Report by the Treasurer is read, indicating the desirability of increasing the amount to be raised forthwith to ₹4 lakhs, which is approved. Discussion ensues as to whether a private offer to take up the whole Loan at 99½ shall be accepted or no, the Council being ultimately of opinion that calling for tenders is a more satisfactory course. It is decided, however, to reduce the period of notice to one week, and, as regards brokerage, that direct tenders will rank for allotment with those received from brokers at half per cent higher.

Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd. The Council confirms the view of the Committee that the proposed change of agents for this Company is undesirable from the standpoint of debenture holders, and it is decided to communicate this view to the trustee, Mr D. McNeill, unofficially.

Advertising Hoardings. With regard to hoardings round new buildings, Mr Ezra points out that exemption may lead to bogus applications and consequent fraud. In reply, it is pointed out that the Committee's minute is for the guidance of the Overseer of Taxes only and not for publication. Therefore if any such case as Mr Ezra apprehends arises, it will remain open to the Council to deal with it.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 30 are

submitted and confirmed. In regard to the question of advertising hoardings around the site of the new

Central Offices, the remaining members of the Council endorse the view of the majority of the Committee, viz. that hoardings should be let in this purely non-residential district.

Victoria Nursing Home. Mr Figge is doubtful as to whether the course proposed for settlement of the case of Lot 986 is wholly satisfactory, but, upon consideration, the Council feels that the public interests will be safe in Mr Ambrose's hands. It is assumed that the Council's statement of value will be an exact calculation and not reach the full amount of the offer which has been made, \$60000.

Jessfield Park. Mr Gulland has had an interview with Mr Peebles on the subject of payment to the Chinese vendor, and arrived at the conclusion that the Council would be safe in disbursing 75 per cent of the purchase money. The matter is further simplified by the fact that the official deed for the property has been issued and transfer may be effected at the Consulate on Friday next. It is decided therefore to issue a cheque for \$75000.

Bund Pontoons. Before assenting to the proposed widening of the path leading to the pontoon opposite the Telegraph Building, it is decided to submit the matter for comment by the Parks Committee.

Sub-Committees. The members of the Sub-Committees for 1913 have consented to re-appointment with the following exceptions:-
Thomas Hanbury School Committee. Mr Strickland is leaving Shanghai in May, but the Council desires that he will retain his seat until his departure.
Electricity Committee. Mr Wuilleumier is leaving Shanghai shortly, but as it is understood that his absence will be temporary and as continuity of control is especially requisite in regard to the Electricity Department, it is decided to request him to retain his seat, arranging with his colleagues for leave of absence.
Parks Committee. Mr Ambrose expresses the wish to be relieved of his duties, and to fill the vacancy so created it is decided to request Mr Algar to resume his seat.

The Chairman reads Mr Teesdale's remarks on the circular inviting him to serve again, and the Council unanimously expresses regret that he should have had occasion to write as he did. On the basis of these remarks the Council feels justified in accepting Mr Teesdale's resignation, and a draft reply in this sense is read and approved. In the special circumstances of the case the Chairman will sign the letter in question. To fill this second vacancy the Chairman suggests inviting Mr E.J. Hogg to serve, pointing out that his association with the Unkaza property and keen interest in horticulture, render him peculiarly suitable for the work, provided he is willing to undertake it. This proposal is unanimously endorsed.

Land Commission. The Chairman states that he has had a visit from Mr Kinnear, who, without knowledge of the facts, resents what he describes as Mr Cubitt's treatment in the matter of his non-nomination as Land Commissioner. Mr Hide draws attention to the fact that Mr Cubitt has taken great interest in the work, and acted as Secretary to the Commission for a number of years. He considers that the vacancy in the Council's representation should be filled by the nomination of Mr Cubitt, and his proposal in this sense is seconded by Mr Ezra. Mr Gulland opposes this suggestion upon the grounds that the recorded opinion of the Works Committee of October 20 would thereby be entirely stultified. After some discussion and upon a show of hands, the proposal is lost. Thereupon it is decided at the Chairman's suggestion to request Mr E.F. Mackay or, in the event of his refusal, Mr G.U. Robins to act in this capacity.

Volunteer Corps.

Celebration. With regard to the programme of events to take place on Saturday, April 4, a note from Father Bornand is read, desiring that the religious part of the ceremony be suppressed in deference to the scruples of the Catholic members of the Corps. The Chaplain of the Corps has endeavoured to overcome Father Bornand's objections without success, and it appears to the Council desirable, rather than bring about any ill feeling in this matter, to omit the service. The items in the programme concerned are accordingly struck out, the Council expressing the hope that some substitute augmentation of the ceremony may be found possible during the days which intervene.

Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant seven months leave of absence are granted to Captain G.R. Wingrove with effect from April 6.

Mixed Court, Return of Deportees. A Police Report is submitted, enumerating eight cases in which criminals expelled from the Settlement or handed over to the Chinese Authorities have returned within a few days. It is decided to communicate these particulars for the information of the Consular Body.

Tramways, Rolling Stock. The question of sanctioning additional trailers is referred for the attention of the Watch Committee, who will at the same time consider the general question of the effect of tram cars upon street traffic, and, in particular, the lack of consideration displayed by the conductors of cars.

Chapei Waterworks.

With regard to statements in the public press that Messrs Okura & Co. are about to foreclose on these Works, the Chairman has learnt from H.M. Consul General that the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. has already made representations in the matter which have been transmitted to Peking. Mr White-Cooper has information to the effect that while the original loan of T3 lakhs may have been to some extent used in the development of the undertaking, the second loan of T1 lakh was fraudulent in character, the money being appropriated by Mr Li Ping-hsu. Mr Figge queries the validity of the mortgage, but is of opinion that the Council should take what steps are possible to prevent the undertaking from passing under Japanese control. The Chairman will see the Senior Consul in the matter in the first place.

Yangkingpang.

Mr Figge has learnt that the French Council is about to culvert this creek at its own cost, and he is authorised to state, in reply to enquiries which have been addressed to him, that the Council cannot consider the matter unless upon receipt of an official letter on the subject.

The Municipal Gazette for April 2 is submitted in proof. In place of the draft programme for the Volunteer Celebration, a brief note will give the times fixed for the ceremony and for the torchlight procession in the evening. With this amendment, and a Notification on the subject of the Loan, the Gazette is approved for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

E. C. Figge

Chairman.

W. G. G. G.
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 8, 1914,

at 4.30 P.M., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.C. Gulland
 A. Hido

The minutes of the meeting of April 1 are confirmed and signed by the

Chairman. As regards the Parks Committee, the Council is informed that Mr Algar finds himself unable to serve owing to pressure of business. Also that Mr Hogg would prefer to settle the whole question of the transfer of his Unkaza land before taking his seat on the Committee.

Land Commission. The Chairman reads a note from Mr Mackay, regretting his inability to serve as the Council's representative on the Commission; he states, however, that Mr Robins has consented to act.

Chapel Waterworks. The Chairman has seen the Senior Consul and also H.M. Consul General in this matter, with no result. Mr Siffert has no information in regard to the intentions of the Japanese, and Sir E. Fraser is unable to take any further action at present.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 3 are submitted and confirmed. With reference to that on the subject of Tavern Licences, a Report by the Overseer of Taxes is read, on the subject of Mrs Phillips' application in respect to No. 49 North Szeohuen Road. Messrs Anton and Figge are familiar with the substance of what Mr Allen writes, and they remain of opinion that no licence should be issued in this instance, a view which is unanimously endorsed by the Council.

As regards No.14 Astor Road, the Council is informed of the circumstances under which Mr Neumann's application for an extension of his closing hour was not submitted for a Police Report. Such Report is now read, strongly opposed to the extension, upon the grounds that similar privileges could not in fairness be withheld from other taverns in Hongkow which may apply. Mr Figge explains that the Watch Committee's original unanimous decision to refuse the application

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was reversed when the German Consul General interfered in the matter. The Committee has inspected the premises in question and sees no objection to Mr Neumann's supper room remaining open as proposed. It is understood that the bar will be closed at midnight. After some further discussion the Council decides to grant the application, the Chairman recording his dissent from the decision.

Rewards. With regard to the minute under this heading, the Council decides that the Recreation Fund shall for the future be known as the "Police Recreation and Reward Fund", so that its scope and purpose may be better understood and appreciated.

Case of Wong Yuen Chung. Mr White-Cooper expresses the view that the Council should intervene in regard to the leniency of a sentence only in very exceptional circumstances, and that the present instance does not appear to be one calling for such a step. He points out that the evidence justifying conviction was slender, that in the British Court the accused would probably have been discharged, and that the Mixed Court followed its usual practice of imposing a light sentence practically based on the suspicious circumstances of the case. Actuated by these considerations the Council decides to take no action in the matter.

Tramways. With regard to the proposed meeting between the Committee and the General Manager of the Tramway Company, the Council consents to leave the settlement of the question of additional rolling stock in the Committee's hands.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 6 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the suggested Supply to the French Settlement, the Council will await the further recommendations of the Committee when the negotiations on the subject have assumed more definite shape.

Staff. The various decisions under this heading will be submitted for the Finance Committee's confirmation in due course.

Status of the Department. The Council will be glad to receive the Committee's proposals on this subject, and assents to the appointment of two additional members of the Committee. Some discussion ensues as to whether or no one of the new members should be a member of Council, an arrangement which commends itself to Messrs Ezra and Figg. It is decided to leave the matter in abeyance so as to enable the Chairman to discuss the point with the Chairman of the Committee. Mr Merriman points out that if it is found undesirable that a member of Council join the Committee, the same object would be attained were the Chairman of the Committee to attend the meeting

of the Council when any matter connected with the Department calls for the Council's special decision.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 7 are read and confirmed. As regards the Yungchow Road, upon inspection of the official plan of the Eastern District, Section A, the Council is unanimously of opinion that 40 feet is a sufficient width for this thoroughfare.

Loan of 1914. Tenders aggregating \$475900 have been received in response to Notification No. 2246, and allotments to the extent of \$400000 are authorised at par. It is agreed that Mr C.P. Taylor's application at 100½ shall be considered to be at par, while it is understood that Mr H.E. Morriss is unwilling to accept any allotment less than \$250000; his tender will accordingly not be considered.

Public Band.

Sunday Concerts. At the suggestion of the Conductor, endorsed by the Band Committee, it is decided that these shall be held at 9.30 p.m. from and after April 19.

Third Subscription Concert. The Council consents to defray the cost of the soprano soloist's passage from Tientsin, amounting to \$95.

Strong Room. Plan of the proposed strong room to be erected in the garden of No 24 Kiangse Road is submitted and approved. It is understood that the owners of the property have no objection to this structure being erected, while the Engineer estimates the cost at \$700.

The Municipal Gazette for April 9 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

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

E. P. ...
Chairman.

W. J. ...
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 15, 1914,

at 8.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H.Figge
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.C. Gulland

The minutes of the Meeting of April 8 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Works Committee of April 14 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the arrangement for the "Garden City" Fete, certificates from the Municipal Engineer and the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade are read, indicating that, the necessary changes having been made, no objection to the opening of the Fete remains. As regards the electrical installation, the Electrical Engineer has stated that the work is in the hands of two good contractors, Messrs Arnhold Karberg & Co. and The Shanghai Electric Asbestos Co.Ld., that the reports of bad work have been to some extent exaggerated, and that he is taking especial precautions in the matter and will not sanction the lighting of the building unless the whole temporary installation is thoroughly examined and approved.

Volunteer Corps.

Chinese Company. The resignation of Licut. A.M. Lester forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted with regret.

The Chinese Customs v. the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co.Ld. Two notes from Mr McNeill are read in reply to the Council's enquiry as to how to deal with the question raised in the minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 3 under this heading. Mr McNeill's opinion is to the effect that the Commissioner cannot be asked to disclose what he does not know and cannot ascertain by enquiry from his subordinates. He does not touch upon the fact that Mr Umwin was aware that the informer was wanted by the Police at the time when he received his reward, and it is decided to refer the case to him again for specific reply on this point.

Chapel Waterworks. A note from H.M. Consul General is read from which it is inferred that Messrs Okura & Co. have no idea of foreclosing in the matter of their mortgage on the Chapel Electric Light and Water undertaking. The Chairman suggests that the Council now definitely offer to repay Messrs Okura & Co's loan, and a draft reply in this sense is read. Mr Figge is of opinion that the Council has no power to make such an offer without instructions from the Ratepayers, and that, in any case, a majority of the Consular Body would disapprove such a course as part of the campaign making for the extension of the Settlement. In deference to this view the letter is withdrawn, and in the meanwhile Mr White-Cooper undertakes if possible to ascertain the terms of Messrs Okura & Co's loan agreement.

The Municipal Gazette for April 16 is submitted in proof, and authorised for publication. With regard to the Engineer's Report for March and the accompanying plan of Chinese house property it is pointed out that if the gaps in the wall of the property shown in the plan are openings or doors, the Engineer's point that the property has only a single exit is lost. It is decided to defer publication of the Report pending further consideration of the matter by the Works Committee.

The meeting adjourns at 4.15 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

H. W. G. ...

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 22, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H. Figg
 H.C. Gulland

The minutes of the meeting of April 15 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the Chapei Waterworks, Mr White-Cooper has ascertained through his interpreter that the Japanese mortgage is about to be paid off by the Nanking Authorities, who intend to control the Works as a Government undertaking. H.M. Consul General, informed of this, has expressed the view that Settlement extension will be facilitated if this is done.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 20 are submitted and confirmed. In the matter of Tavern Licences, Mr White-Cooper has learnt that Mr Neumann, to whom special privileges were recently granted, is about to leave Shanghai and transfer his licence to another party. Mr Ezra draws attention to the fact that the Committee's consistent refusal over a number of years to issue new licences has had the result of making the goodwill of existing licensed premises very considerable. The tendency has also been in the direction of creating small monopolies. The Council regards this as regrettable, and the matter is referred for consideration by the Watch Committee during the course of the year.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of April 21, are submitted and Mr White-Cooper proceeds to indicate the features calling for the Council's attention. As regards the New School for Boys, Mr Ezra points out that it would be contrary to the Council's practice in discussing a proposed municipal building, to set a limit for the building contract alone. He points out that the Public School, for which the building contract amounted to £48,500 was erected under an approved estimate of £65,000.

After weighing the reasons due to which the cost of the Thomas Hanbury Boarding School should differ from the Public Day School, the Council decides that the cost of the new building should not exceed \$70,000.

Volunteer Corps.

Annual Inspection. The suggestion to revive the practise of issuing invitations to this function admitting the bearer to an official enclosure, is considered, and, after some discussion, approved. Mr Merriman is in some doubt as to whether Ratepayers who do not receive tickets may not be unwilling to come in consequence, but the general opinion of the Council is that it is desirable to make as much of the function as possible.

Chinese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the transfer of Lieutenant Bosustow from the Reserve Company is authorised.

Dixwell Road Sewer. A note from the Engineer points out that this sewer will cross the Chinese public road north of Unga Road, and it is decided, in accordance with the arrangement made in 1909, to notify the Chinese Authorities of the Council's intention to lay the sewer.

Riverine Frontage Lots. A letter from Messrs Brunner Mond & Co.Ld. is submitted, desiring that such part of their property in the Yangtzepoo Road as lies beyond the Conservancy Normal Line be exempted from taxation. In consenting to this reasonable request, the Council directs that all properties so situated may be treated in the same manner.

Jessfield Park. The Engineer forwards an inventory of stone monuments etc situated on that part of the new park which is about to be purchased from Mr E. Jenner Hogg. His valuation amounts to \$2002. A note by Mr Peables, at present the only member of the Parks Committee, states that the plant houses included in the inventory were understood to be sold with the land, and it is his opinion that Mr Hogg will accept \$1687 for the images and plants. The Council is of opinion that these images will prove decorative to the new park, and payment on the lines suggested by Mr Peables, is approved.

Mr Neumann's Porchway. The Engineer forwards an application by Mr Neumann to erect a porchway over the Astor Road, and the Council, after some consideration, decides to grant the necessary permission, provided (a) that an annual fee of \$5 is paid in respect of the easement, (b) that the porchway be removable at three months notice, and (c) that the necessary arrangements be made to carry rain water back to the wall, so that it may pass under the footpath.

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Electricity Department.

Foundations for new Turbines, etc. A Report by the Engineer is submitted indicating the advisability of carrying out these foundations departmentally instead of under tender, and the recommendation of the Electricity Committee that this course be followed, the matter being one of urgency, is endorsed.

Mr Williams' Agreement. The Treasurer's Report on this subject is read, and the Council assents to an offer to this employe of the renewal of his agreement with Pay at the rate of £455 per mensem, inclusive of all allowances. Mr Williams' special privileges with regard to Acting Pay will cease with expiry of his present agreement.

History of Shanghai. A letter from Mr G. Lanning propounds certain enquiries with regard to the writing of the History, which, having completed his notes, he is about to undertake. Mr White-Cooper expresses regret that after so many years of preparation, for work undertaken at his own suggestion and request, Mr Lanning should have any doubt as to whether the Council desired somewhat more than a bare narrative of facts. He regards Mr Lanning's reference to the commercial side of Shanghai life as regrettable. A memorandum suggesting terms for the Council's reply is approved, the members adding an expression of the hope that appreciable progress will be made in the work during the ensuing year.

Charity Organization. With regard to the amendment to Resolution V passed at the recent Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on this subject, at the Chairman's request Mr Ezra undertakes to consult the various Ladies and Gentlemen with whom he has been associated in the matter, with the request that they will constitute the Committee which the Council is authorised to appoint. Attention is drawn to the fact that the list includes two Municipal employes, viz Mr Allen and Mr Billings, and the Council is of opinion that there is no objection to their serving, having regard to the peculiar nature of the work which the Committee will undertake.

Markham Road Foreshore. A letter from the American Consul General informs the Council that Mr H.P. Wilkinson has complained to him of alleged acts by Municipal employes on Lot 8/5 U.S.C. In reply it is decided to refer to the correspondence published in the Municipal Gazette of October 23, 1913, and to notify Mr Holcomb who has placed boundary stones on the property, that unless they are taken away within three days, the Council will take steps for their removal. The discreditable history of this property is known

to the members, and Mr White-Cooper undertakes to enquire of Mr Wilkinson privately how it is that he is found concerned in such a matter.

The Municipal Gazette for April 23 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. As regards the Engineer's suggestion to omit probationary appointments from the list under the heading Municipal Staff, the Council is unable to see any reason for this course, noting that all appointments to the Council's service are public matters.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

E. Cooper

Chairman.

M. Wilson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 29, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.C. Gulland

The minutes of the meeting of April 22 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the

Volunteer Corps Inspection, Mr Figge states that his objection to the reserved enclosure was based on the fact that during the past few years there has been no especially great crowd, and that there is difficulty in deciding who shall, and who shall not, receive invitations. Since the inspection on Saturday last he has received several complaints from those who considered that they should have been invited, but were not.

Mr Neumann's Porchway. Mr Figge also states that he has been in communication with Mr Neumann and learns that he is not selling his establishment, nor contemplating leaving Shanghai, except perhaps temporarily under doctor's orders.

Charity Organization. Mr Ezra states that he has seen Mr Walker on the subject of the formation of a Committee, and will submit formal proposals on the subject at the next meeting of the Council.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of April 23 are submitted and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 27 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to that under the heading Water Supply Mr Hide has no knowledge of any such attitude on the part of the Company as is indicated by the wording of the minute. Mr Ezra however explains that the Committee intends to do no more than ask for an undertaking in the specific case of the Yuyuen Road that the Company will instal additional hydrants when the development of the locality demands.

Land Registration. The Engineer's Report on this subject is ordered for circulation to the Council before being forwarded to the Consular Bdy.

Quetta Road Market. Tenders for the construction of this market in reinforced concrete are submitted, with the Engineer's recommendation that the lowest, that of Yue Chang Tai be accepted, \$6188. Inasmuch as the Health Officer has stated that the cheapest possible form of roof for the market is sufficient for requirements, this sum appears to the members unnecessarily high, and it is decided to call for estimates for some cheaper form of roofing.

Land Commission. A note from Mr Simms is read, suggesting the appointment of Mr H.L. Hutchinson to act as Secretary to the Commission, with remuneration according to the work done at each meeting. By this appointment the work of the Commissioners should be facilitated, the members of the Commission spared clerical labour, and the minutes of their meetings regularly kept. The Council therefore entirely approves the step.

Markham Road Foreshore. A note from the Engineer is read to the effect that, in accordance with the Council's instructions, the boundary stones on U.S. Lot 875 were this morning removed; a memorandum by Mr White-Cooper is read on the subject of his interview with Mr Wilkinson in the matter of his connexion with this property while holding the office of Crown Advocate; and the letter from the American Consul General is read stating that he will welcome any course of action proper to determine the question of this disputed deed. After some discussion, the Council adopts the suggestion of Mr White-Cooper that the British owners of the properties, of which this lot is the foreshore, together with the Council, should jointly address H.M. Consul General, with a request that he will invite the American Consul General to hold an enquiry and, in his discretion, cancel Deed 875. In reply to Mr Sammons, the Council will state that, in the members' opinion, the time has arrived to test the validity of the deed. While stating the course which the Council proposes to take in the matter it will be pointed out as regards the boundary stones that their erection was the first direct act of ownership which has been exercised since the issue of the deed.

At Mr Morrigan's suggestion, it is decided to call for a Report from the Engineer as to any other outstanding American deeds which require investigation at the hands of the Consul General, so that this matter, to which reference has so frequently been made, may be satisfactorily and finally settled.

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Parks Committee. The Council is informed that Mr Hogg has accepted its invitation to serve on this Committee, and it is now decided to request Rev. Brother Faust to act as the third member.

Telephone Shares. The Telephone Company's Notice to Shareholders of April 8 is submitted, together with a Report by the Treasurer on the subject of the Council's allotment of 333 new shares. It appears to the members that the right to apply for these shares at £80 is a valuable one, and that it should consequently be availed of. The Treasurer's suggestion that the shares may hereafter be sold at a profit will be considered later should occasion prompt.

Yangkingpang. A letter from the French Council proposing that this Creek be culverted forthwith, at a cost of £128000, is considered with a further note requesting that the matter have early consideration in view of the favourable terms as regards filling by the Whangpoo Conservancy, which will not be available next year. A note from the Health Officer indicates that the loss of the creek will involve additional expenditure for the transport of ordure amounting to between £10000 and £12000 per annum. The Engineer's comment on the French estimates, and his own estimates of the cost of the contingent works ^{which} will be involved is in course of compilation. Upon the proposal of the Chairman it is decided, in reply, to state that the Council has not a free hand in this matter, in view of the decision of the Ratepayers in March 1909, but that it is having consideration, and that a further reply will be sent at an early date. In the meanwhile, the correspondence will be published so that the matter may have the public attention which its importance demands, and so that ratepayers interested may, if they wish, convene a special meeting for the discussion of the question.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. A letter from the Honorary Secretary, Contest Committee, The Far Eastern Athletic Association, is submitted, desiring the use of this Ground for international Olympic Games. It is decided, in the first place, to ascertain the views of the Parks Committee as to the effect of granting this permission. The Chairman alludes to the fact that, under the Rules lately re-published, the Ground is reserved for the exclusive use of the Foreign Community. Mr Merriman states that the Committee is desirous of an immediate reply, and, if that reply is in the negative, will organize the Games in Peking, or ^{Canton} Hankow. The Council is however not prepared to take a vote on the subject until the Parks Committee has been consulted.

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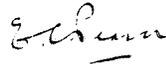
Fire Brigade. Mr Figge has learnt from the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade that the members are under the impression that their work is not appreciated by the Council in fair proportion with that of the Volunteer Corps. In his opinion, which is shared by the members, the work of the Firemen is, if anything, of the greater value to the Community, while there is no question but that the Brigade's impression is quite unfounded. It is decided to comply with the request that an Inspection and Display be held on May 16, as a separate affair to the Autumn Competition, and that the function be an annual one.

The Municipal Gazette for April 30 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. It is decided to omit the correspondence with regard to the Markham Road Foreshore, in view of the further developments which have taken place.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 13, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Morrison
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of April 29 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to that on the subject of Water Supply, the reply of the Waterworks Company is read to the effect that the necessary assurances as to additional hydrants in the Yuyuen Road were given to the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade. The Engineer points out in a Report that all communications on the subject of mains and hydrants should have been addressed to himself, while Mr Pett has stated that his conversation with the representative of the Company was quite informal. Mr Figge points out that it must be from time to time necessary for the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade to be in touch with the Waterworks Engineer; at the same time he agrees that official communications should correctly be made to the Public Works Department. It is decided to reply to the Company in accordance with the Engineer's note, and also draw attention to the seeming mistake as regards the date of the application.

Victoria Nursing Home. In the matter of the price to be paid for Lot 986, a note from Mr Ambrose is read, consenting to arbitrate for a fee of \$1000. This amount is regarded by the Council unanimously as exorbitant, and it is decided to request Messrs Hanson McNeill & Jones, unless the figure can be reduced, to suggest an alternative arbitrator.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of May 1 are submitted and confirmed, the Chairman explaining in full the Committee's proposals with regard to the rating of Advertising Hoardings.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of May 8 are submitted and confirmed. Some discussion ensues on the subject of the special use of the

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Hongkew Recreation Ground for the Olympic Games in October and it is decided that the plans of all structures shall be specially submitted for the Works Committee's approval.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 11 are submitted and confirmed except that relating to the Status of the Department, with regard to which the Council, noting the views which the Committee has expressed, awaits specific recommendations hereafter. Proceeding to discuss the augmentation of the membership of this Committee Messrs Figg and Ezra strongly urge the inclusion of a Member of Council, so that the Council may have first hand information in all matters connected with the Electricity Department which may arise for discussion when the Committee's minutes are submitted for confirmation. The Chairman and Mr White-Cooper hold contrary views based upon the original debate of the Ratepayers at the time the Committee was first formed, and the minute of the Council when, as a special case, Mr Pearce retained his seat on the Committee although joining the Council. Mr Gulland considers that a suitable candidate for the Committee should not be ineligible if he is also a Member of Council, but he is opposed to the nomination of a Member of Council as a matter of regular procedure. It is eventually decided by five votes to four that the Committee shall include a Member of Council, and, at the suggestion of Mr Ezra, Mr White-Cooper is so nominated and consents to serve. As regards the fifth member it is decided to invite one of the following in the order named:- R.R. Hynd, H.H. Girardet, C.M. Bain, A. Woods.

Volunteer Corps.

Maxim Company. Six months leave is granted to Lieut. H.E. Middleton from May 16.

Reserve Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a Commission as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr C.M. Bain.

Public Gambling. A note from the Senior Consul is read desiring the return of the warrant with regard to No. 24 North Honan Road, and at the same time the Council is informed that the Captain Superintendent reports the re-opening of the roulette tables during last week, and that they are at present in nightly operation. It is decided, therefore, while complying with the Consular Body's request, to ask that a new warrant may be issued in due legal form with the same end in view. The Chairman undertakes to see H.M. Consul General in this matter in the first place and ascertain his views as to what should be done.

Jiu-jitsu Match at the Town Hall. With regard to the complaint of Mr Th.

Bume as to the action of the Police on May 2, in ejecting him by force from his seat in the Town Hall, the Council is unanimously of opinion that the course which the Sub-Inspector in question followed was correct in the circumstances, and it is decided, at the suggestion of Mr Hide, to state that Mr Bume's complaint is against the management of the entertainment, while the Police were within their rights in preserving order.

Captain Superintendent of Police, Leave. Mr McEuen's application for six months leave from May 16 is considered together with the comment of the watch Committee thereon. After some discussion it is decided to grant this application for leave from June 2, provided no unforeseen circumstances intervene.

Police Dogs. The Council consents to the Captain Superintendent's proposal to make personal enquiries in this matter in England and Germany before taking any action as a result of Mr Soharff's amendment at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Land Commission. The Commissioners Awards in Cases Nos XCI and XCII, already duly communicated to the concerned, are submitted and authorised for publication as usual.

Markham Road Foreshore. The Petition of Messrs C.R. Holcomb and Chow King Cheng in the Court of Foreign Consuls is submitted, together with the suggestion of the Legal Adviser that the Council furnish in reply a copy of the renewed protest of the British lot owners concerned to H.M. Consul General and of his reply. On the basis of these documents the Council will request that further proceedings on the Petition be deferred until the United States Consul General has had an opportunity of considering the validity of U.S. Deed 875.

Yangkingpang. The Engineer's Report on the question of the Yangkingpang and the allied question of the Defence Creek is submitted and ordered for publication together with that of the Health Officer. At the suggestion of Mr Fidge the general question of abolishing this creek is the subject of a vote by the Council, and it is found that, apart from the questions of the procedure which should be followed and the financing of the scheme, the members are unanimously in favour of filling. It is decided to ascertain the views of the Race Club as to the Defence Creek.

Statue of Sir Robert Hart. Mr Gulland states that Mr Aglen, the Inspector General of Customs, who, it was understood, was about to unveil the statue, has returned to Peking; he adds that Mr Unwin has now asked the Senior Consul to perform this ceremony and is in some doubt as to how the necessary arrangements should be made. The impropriety of allowing this position to arise without the Council's knowledge is the subject of some discussion, and it is decided to await a letter from the Hart Memorial Committee before taking any steps in the matter. Mr Gulland will see Mr Unwin again at an early date.

Charity Organisation. Mr Ezra, on re-consideration of this matter, has arrived at the conclusion that the Council will be well advised to confine the Committee for the present to the six signatories of the letters addressed to the St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies in January last, and his proposal in this sense is adopted.

Policing the Soochow Creek. The Chairman states that the Commissioner of Customs has intimated to him that it is unlikely that any increase in the River Police can be effected, and has suggested the possibility of transferring the policing of the Creek to the local Chinese Authorities. Mr Pearce informed him in reply that such a course would meet with the Council's strong opposition, and this statement is confirmed and recorded.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

W. Pearson

Secretary.

E. Pearce
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 20, 1914.

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Maskie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 13 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the

Statue of Sir Robert Hart, Mr Gulland points out that the Council's decision was no more than a refusal to move in the matter. Inasmuch, however, as the Hart Memorial Committee has notified the Council that the statue will be unveiled on Monday, May 25, the minute is allowed to stand. Mr Gulland adds that he will be absent from Shanghai on this date, and at the Council's request Mr Ezra undertakes to act as its representative on the Committee.

Electricity Committee. The Chairman states that Mr Bain has consented to serve on this Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of May 12 are submitted and confirmed. In regard thereto a note from Mr Strickland is read announcing the resignation of his seat on the Committee owing to his approaching departure for home. Mr White-Cooper states that Mr Strickland has already left Shanghai. In accordance with the Council's recorded decision, and noting that the new trust deed is now completed, it is decided not to fill the vacancy created.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 18 are submitted and confirmed with the following comment:-

Quetta Road Market. Noting that the estimate for constructing this market in concrete has been found to be £1,500 below the lowest tender for the work, the Council is apprehensive that a similar discrepancy may exist in regard to that for construction with oregon pine posts and corrugated iron roof; it is decided, therefore, to call for tenders for a market of these latter materials. The estimate of annual maintenance, \$250, is the subject of some comment.

Nanking Road Lot, 244. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the Committee's recommendation in this matter would appear to involve injustice to the owners of Lot 243, who have allowed a reduction in their claim of one-sixth for betterment, and that the Council would stultify itself by withdrawing from the position taken up in its letter to Messrs Probst Hanbury & Co.Ld. of April 16, and now stating that betterment does not accrue to the lot owing to the road improvement. Mr Ezra argues that the existing width of the Maloo is sufficient for the requirements of the property. On the other hand, Mr White-Cooper points out that, if, as appears, the existing boundary line would project into the road beyond the kerb, there must indeed be some betterment, for a wide pavement unquestionably constitutes an attraction in the front of shops such as are being built. After some discussion, and upon a show of hands, it is decided to refer the case for settlement by the Land Commission.

Riverine Frontage Lots. A note from Messrs Platt Macleod & Wilson states that Messrs White-Cooper & Oppe do not accept the assessed value of Mr Tam Wa's lot for application to the accreted land. The course recommended that the whole property be re-assessed by consent of the parties or by order of the Court is approved.

Public Lighting. Mr Merriman has inspected the lighting of the Gordon Road and particularly the specimen gas lamp centrally suspended. His report is favourable, and after some discussion it is decided to adopt this form of lighting throughout the whole of the road.

Drainage. Considerable discussion ensues in the matter of Mr Bell's complaint, and the Reports by the Engineer and Health Officer in re are read. It appears to the Council that the complaint lies rather against Mr Godfrey's landlord than against the Council, while if this owner acted upon the advice of the Health Officer his action is scarcely open to criticism. In any case the Council is unwilling to assume responsibility in the matter, having incurred the expense of laying adequate drainage in the Sinza Road. As regards the cost of reversing the drains of houses which formerly discharged into an adjoining creek, it is decided to follow the precedent of former similar cases.

Volunteer Corps.

B- Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the promotion of Lieut. J.D.D. Gordon to be Captain is sanctioned, and a commission as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr J.J.G. Hay.



New Drill Hall. Two reports by the Commandant are submitted dealing with the plans for the steelwork of this structure. The comments of the officers are such as will call for consideration when the plans of the building itself are submitted. It is especially noted that the reduction in the length of the Hall of 20 feet is considered unobjectionable: tenders for the steelwork are therefore authorised.

Public Gambling. A letter from the Consul General for Spain takes exception to the article under this heading in the Annual Report for 1913. It is decided to comply with Mr de Sostoa's request by including his letter in the Report for the current year. In the meanwhile it is noted that, although the trend of the letter is to disassociate the gambling at No. 24 North Honan Road, from Spanish jurisdiction, yet the Engineer reports that the property is in process of registration at the Spanish Consulate. It is decided to allude to this in the Council's reply.

Noting further Mr de Sostoa's denial of jurisdiction over Garcia, the Chairman has consulted H.M. Consul General as to the advisability of applying for a Mixed Court warrant for his arrest, and it is decided to take this course with a view to testing Garcia's nationality. As a matter of special precaution this prosecution will be placed in the hands of the Legal Adviser.

Yangkingpang and Defence Creek. The reply of the Race Club to the Council's letter on the subject of filling the latter creek is read, and the Council assents, speaking generally, to the conditions which the Club considers necessary. Without definitely accepting these conditions, it is decided to state that there is in the correspondence a basis of arrangement sufficiently satisfactory to go before the Ratepayers. In the meantime the Engineer will be instructed to consult with Messrs Algar and Peebles in the matter.

It is hereupon decided to communicate the result of the Council's vote on the subject of the Yangkingpang to the French Council, and to take steps to convene a Special Meeting of Ratepayers for the discussion of the project at the earliest convenient date.

Markham Road Foreshore. A note from the American Consul General forwards a copy of a letter from Mr H.P. Wilkinson in which he states that the boundary stones erected on U.S. Lot 875 replaced older stones bearing initials of Mr Teesdale. Mr White-Cooper suggests that deeds of surrender be obtained from the British lot-owners so that the Council's title to the foreshore may be doubly assured, and, subject to the approval of the Legal Adviser, it is decided to endeavour to adopt this course.

Municipal Service Club. The Engineer forwards correspondence between himself and the Captain Superintendent of Police, on the subject of the exclusion of the Police Force from membership of this club. The Council approves the omission of the words in Rule 2 "other than members of the Police Force."

The Municipal Gazette for May 21 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication, the Police Report for April being subject to some small amendment.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 27, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriam
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.C. Gulland

The minutes of the meeting of May 20 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of May 25 are submitted and confirmed. As regards expenditure on

Police Fuel, Mr Figge observes that the Watch Committee has arrived at no conclusion as to the efficiency of gas, and the matter is accordingly referred for the Committee's consideration.

Trust Funds. The Chairman states that since the Committee meeting he has learnt that there is no possibility of securing any part of the issue of the French Municipal debentures, in addition to which he is of opinion that the present position of the Trust Funds Investment Account is quite satisfactory.

Fire Waste and the Building Rules. A Report by the Engineer is submitted in comment of the proposal of the Shanghai Fire Insurance Association to appoint a commission for the revision of the Building Rules. The Report by the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade in this matter, which was called for at the same time as that of the Engineer, will take some months to complete. Mr Pett's original Report, together with that of the Engineer, are considered by the Council to afford sufficient evidence of the desirability of revision of the rules, and it is accordingly decided to comply with the Association's suggestion. As regards the composition of the Commission it is decided to await the return to Shanghai of Mr Trenchard Davis, the Chairman of the Association. In the meanwhile it is recorded as desirable that the Commission should include two Fire Insurance men, two architects or land agents, a representative of the Waterworks Company, a Member of Council, with the Municipal Engineer and Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

Case of ex-Sergeant Roohe. After consideration of the facts in this case, and reference to the minute of the Watch Committee of April 29, 1913, it is decided to issue to Roohe, as an act of grace, his second class passage to Vancouver and the sum of £100.

Mr Neumann's Tavern in the Astor Road. A complaint by the Astor House Hotel Co.Ld. at the nightly disturbance due to this case is submitted, with the Police recommendation that the permission to remain open to 2 a.m. be rescinded. Mr Fidge is inclined to give Mr Neumann one serious warning before taking this drastic step, upon the grounds that the complaint against him is from a competitor and that Mr Neumann at present enjoys the sympathy of the German Consul General and Community. After considerable discussion and upon a show of hands, the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent is adopted by the exercise of the Chairman's casting vote.

Incident at the Maloo Market. The Council is informed that proceedings are being instituted against Inspector Bland for an alleged assault upon a cook in Foreign employ at the Maloo Market on May 22. Inspector Bland will plead severe provocation.

Sinza Road Creek. Two Reports on this subject by the Engineer are read, from which it appears that had Mr Bell received due notice of the impending filling of the creek he would have no grounds for complaint. After consideration the Council assents to defray the cost of connecting his drains with the Sinza Road sewer at a cost of £130. The more general question of administrative responsibility as regards house drainage throughout the Settlement is referred for consideration by the Works Committee.

Markham Road Foreshore. A note from H.M. Consular Land Office informs the Council that the Consul General is unwilling to permit the registration of the deeds of surrender signed by the British lot owners concerned in this case.

The Legal Advisor's draft reply to the petition in the Court of Foreign Consuls is submitted and ordered for circulation to members.

Electricity Department. The proposal of the Electrical Engineer, endorsed by the Electricity Committee, to erect a galvanised iron godown at Riverside Station at an estimated cost of £1600 is approved, the Council noting that although not allowed for in the estimates, the matter is one of expediency.

Tramways. A note from the Tramway Company suggests certain amendments of the schedule of fares and sections, to which the Captain Superintendent of Police and Engineer offer no objection: they are accordingly approved

Yangkingpang. The Chairman gives an account of his interview with the French Consul General on this subject, and his suggestion to exchange letters on the subject of tramlines in the new thoroughfare is adopted. Mr Kahn has expressed readiness to undertake that no tramlines shall be laid without the approval of this Council, i.e. of the Ratepayers.

In the matter of cost reference was made to the suggestion that the French Council should defray more than one half. Mr Kahn, however, pointed out that although the work would be a very great advantage to the French Settlement, yet its income was small compared to that of the Foreign Settlement, and he gave it as his opinion that in offering to pay half of the cost the French Council would be going as far as the circumstances justified. Mr Figge is under the impression that the French Council would, if pressed, increase their payment to two-thirds, but he would be unwilling to jeopardise the success of the whole project by pressing this point.

The Chairman also states that H.M. Consul General has pointed out that the Yangkingpang is, as a matter of fact, a Chinese waterway; the Council, however, considers that this is a point which will improbably be raised.

Recess. At the suggestion of the Chairman the Annual Recess is fixed, subject to members' convenience, from August 6 until September 8.

Markham Road Bridge. A note from the Engineer draws attention to the fact that the Chinese Authorities are inviting public tenders for the repair of this bridge, and it is decided to point out through the Senior Consul that the bridge is, as a fact, the Council's property, and that its repair by the Chinese would not be permitted.

Tavern Licences. Mr Figge refers to the case of Mrs Phillips, who has now applied for a licence for No. 21D Haining Road. He has himself inspected these premises and sees no objection to the issue of a licence. Mr Ezra enquires whether there is any justification for treating this application as exceptional having regard to the constant policy of the Council during past years. In reply it is pointed out that Mrs Phillips was virtually promised, at the recent Annual Meeting of the Watch Committee, that she would receive a licence provided she obtained suitable premises. Subject to a favourable Police Report, therefore, it is decided to issue a licence in this case.

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Band Foreshore. Mr Figge draws attention to the fact that American sailors are making use of this foreshore for drill and baseball, and to the consequent nuisance which will arise if other nations follow the same course. After some discussion Mr Merriman undertakes to see the American Consul General in the matter, and to point out that the Public Recreation Ground is available for both of these purposes.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

E. C. H. H.
Chairman.

W. H. H.
Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Saturday, May 30, 1914,
at 12 o'clock noon, there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

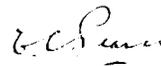
Absent: H. Figge

Settlement Extension. The Chairman states that he has convened this meeting as a result of a conversation with H.M. Consul General, who has been requested by the Minister to furnish the headings of an agreement to which the Council would assent as a basis for a preliminary agreement to be made in Peking upon which hereafter the details may be worked out locally. The local opposition to the extension of the Settlement can only be overcome by this means, i.e. when the local officials understand that the Central Government has consented to extension in principle. A draft Memorandum based on the Council's former debates and discussions is submitted, and, after full consideration, unanimously approved. This document will be communicated to Sir Everard Fraser without delay.

Yungkingpang. The text of the Resolution which the Chairman will propose at the forthcoming Special Meeting of Ratepayers is submitted and approved.

The meeting adjourns at 12.30 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 3, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figg
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the Meeting of May 27, and of the Special Meeting of May 30 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the Murkham Road Foreshore, and to the suggestion that the Council should in its rejoinder to Mr Holcomb's petition in the Court of Consuls allege fraud against the original Foreign registered owner of U.S. Lot 875, Mr White-Cooper states that Mr Tam Wa is furnishing the Legal Adviser with some evidence as to the origin of the registration. Bund Foreshore. Mr Merriman has seen the American Consul General in regard to the use of the foreshore by sailors, and Mr Sammons has in turn communicated the Council's wishes to the Senior American Naval Officer.

Yangkingpang and Defence Creek. The Chairman reads the substance of the speech which he proposes to make at tomorrow's Special Meeting of Ratepayers, which is approved by the Council.

The reply of the French Consul General to the Council's letter on the subject of tramlines in the new thoroughfare is submitted. Mr Figg states that he has been approached by Mr Wheelley, Chairman of the Local Board of the Tramway Company, who referred to the fact that the Company had already received verbal permission to instal a railless service in the Sungkiang Road between the Fokien and Honan Roads. The Council is informed that no letter has been written to the Company on the subject, owing to the fact that the French Council's proposals in regard to the Yangkingpang were received at the time when the matter of the railless route last had the Council's attention, viz. on April 22. Reference to the minute of the Watch Committee of April 20 also shows that the permission was provisional *only with respect to the section between the Shaoting & Honan Roads.* and temporary. Mr White-Cooper points out that whereas the Council was under the impression that they were allowing the railless

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extension in an obscure side street, the whole situation is changed, if the side street becomes, as is now proposed, a broad and important thoroughfare. Mr Hide very emphatically states his opinion that the Company has the Council's permission to lay the extension, and that the Council can only withdraw it with the Company's consent. After considerable discussion the Chairman undertakes to see Mr Wheelley forthwith and to endeavour to persuade him to consider the permission cancelled. If he is unsuccessful in this it is decided to withhold the correspondence with the French Council from publication, and that the Chairman shall read the letters and explain the matter of the railless track in the course of his speech.

The Municipal Gazette for June 4, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 10, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Morriam
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of June 3 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman with one amendment, suggested by Mr Ezra, relating to the matter of the

Rail-less Tramway. Mr Ezra points out that the provisional and temporary permission granted to the Company by the Watch Committee applied only to the section of the track between the Honan and Shantung Roads.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of June 8 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to that under the heading Capital Expenditure, Mr White-Cooper explains at some length the views held by the Committee as a whole and by himself in opposition. In the debate which ensues it appears that the question is one of degree. For, in proposing to charge portions of certain Foreign employees' Pay to Capital Expenditure, the Engineer has included such cases as that mentioned by Mr White-Cooper of a meter examiner: this has not the support of the majority of the Committee, who recommend adoption of this course only in respect of time spent on major extensions as, for instance, that now in progress at Riverside.

Reference is made to the case of cable-jointers, whose Pay is at present charged to the cost of cable-laying because they are specially temporarily engaged for the purpose, showing that as a matter of principle the course at present followed is inconsistent.

Mr Ezra states that no argument which has been adduced leads him to alter the opinion which he formed when the matter last had the Council's attention, and he is very strongly of opinion that the Pay of the permanent staff should be invariably charged to revenue.

In reply to Mr Figge the Chairman states that the matter has been brought forward again as a result of the first meeting of the now and enlarged Committee.

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Mr Anton points out that while the Department is in its present satisfactory financial position it is obviously a wise policy to keep the capital charges as low as possible.

Upon a show of hands it is decided not to confirm the Committee's minute, the Chairman and Mr Gullund comprising the minority.

Mr Merriman voting with the majority upon the grounds that to debit all such charges to revenue is a sounder course in the circumstances, points out that it may not be politic on the Council's part, having enlarged the Electricity Committee, to reverse a recommendation of this character.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 9 are submitted and confirmed. As regards that relating to the Staff, the Chairman points out that the excess expenditure for the current year would be obviated if Sergeant Fry's appointment were deferred until October or if Sergeant Wilkins were willing to terminate his services forthwith, and it is directed that the Commandant endeavour to make arrangements on these lines.

Repatriation of Rebels. A letter from the Senior Consul is read forwarding a communication from Admiral Tseng, in which he proposes the temporary establishment of an office in the Burkill Road for the repatriation of Chinese concerned in the recent Revolution. The opinion of the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police on the subject is adopted by the Council unanimously, viz, that the effect of such an office will be generally satisfactory provided it is controlled with the active assistance of the Police, that is to say, provided that a Foreign Detective Inspector and a selected Chinese clerk be present during office hours. With this condition added to those already imposed by the Consular Body the Council is prepared to sanction the establishment of such an office, and it is decided to reply in this sense.

Shanghai Boy Scouts. Colonel Bray's Report on his recent inspection of the Scouts is submitted and authorised for publication as before. In the discussion which ensues regret is expressed that a form of amalgamation between these and the Baden-Powell Boy Scouts cannot be arranged, and Mr Merriman states that there is some hope that this will be done in the near future. The Council's semi-official recognition of the Shanghai Boy Scouts is based on the fact that the corps is open to receive boys of all nationalities.

Victoria Nursing Home Site. Noting that with Mr Davies' award on the subject of Lot 986 the Council becomes in possession of all the land between the ^{Hanlin} ~~Wessing~~ and ^{Wessing} ~~Bunge~~ Roads, and it is suggested that the Chinese

shops fronting the latter road may now be demolished to the advantage of the property generally. Mr Figg points out that this course will deprive the Council of the rents concerned, and he suggests postponement until next year. It is, however, decided that as no actual outlay is involved the demolition may proceed forthwith.

Fire Waste and the Building Rules. A note from the Fire Insurance Association informs the Council that, in addition to Mr Trenchard Davis, Mr E.C. Emmott will serve on the proposed Commission as the representative of the Association. The Council will proceed to nominate the rest of the Commission at its next meeting.

Chinese Tipaos. Two Reports by the Engineer are submitted on the subject of the arrest of the two tipaos concerned in the acquisition by the Council of the Yuyuen Road, one of whom died yesterday. The Council assents to the issue of a solatium of \$100 to the family of the dead tipao, and of a further \$100 required to effect the liberation of the second man from the City Magistrate's Yamen. The Works Committee will investigate the reason why it was due to chance outside information that these men's imprisonment was brought to the Council's notice.

Tramway Service. Certain members allude to the fact that the service from Carter Road into the Settlement has been very considerably reduced since June 1, thus inconveniencing a number of residents who make use of this line of trams. It is decided to enquire the cause of the modification and the Company's reasons therefor.

Case of N. Scheppelmann. Representations have been made privately to Mr Figg and Mr Ezra on the subject of the cost of the maintenance of this girl previous to the Council's assumption of responsibility, with the suggestion that the Council might re-imburse the concerned out of Mixed Court fines. After some discussion it is agreed that the action of the Council for 1913, wrong in principle, was dictated by common humanity, and that a retrospective payment would not be similarly justified.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

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Secretary.

W. Manser

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 17, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

- Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of June 10 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman. With regard to that relating to the
Tramway Service, the General Manager of the Company has forwarded to
Mr Gulland a statement showing how the recent changes in the service
have affected the Western District. This statement will be forwarded
to the Police for verification and check.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of June 11 are submitted
and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of
June 11 are deferred for consideration at next meeting, being still
liable to amendment by the members.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of June 12 are submitted
and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of June 15 are
submitted, and in regard thereto Mr White-Cooper adds that two of the
members of the Committee were unaware that this question of
Capital Expenditure had had the Council's attention upon a previous
occasion. He states that, speaking generally, the Committee desires
to know how far its control of the Electricity Department extends, and,
referring to the first paragraph on Page 55 of the minutes, expresses
the hope that the Council will give the Committee the assurances it
desires, virtually, that the Council will not intervene except in
matters of real importance.

Mr Ezra is at once unable to comply: he points out that under the
Ratepayers Resolution the Council is instructed to prepare a scheme
for strengthening the Department and making its working more elastic.
Until, therefore, that scheme is adopted he considers that no change

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in procedure should take place. He states that the number of times upon which the Council has vetoed the recommendations of the Electricity Committee has, during the past two years, been few, and he considers the attitude of the Committee to be unjustifiable.

Mr Hide concurs with this, adding that if the Council in the present instance is taking a mistaken course, the mistake is on the right or safe side. Mr White-Cooper reminds his colleagues that a Memorandum on the question of the working of the Department has been presented to the Committee, and that the Electrical Engineer is preparing recommendations on the subject. He has also ascertained that both the Waterworks and Gas Companies charge a portion of the wages of the Foreign staff concerned with extensions to Capital Expenditure. With a view, therefore, to smooth working in the immediate future he again urges that the Council's veto be limited in the very general terms of the Committee's minute.

After considerable further discussion the Council records its reply to the Electricity Committee as follows:-

"That the Committee has, now as heretofore, the complete confidence of the Council, but that until the status of the Department is definitely altered by vote of the Ratepayers, the Council must reserve to itself the right to confirm, amend, or reverse the recommendations of the Committee as in its discretion may be considered fit."

Mr Fairchild's comment on the concluding paragraph of the minute is read.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 15 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the proposed alteration in the position of the

Harpoon Road, Mr Mackie points out that, according to the strict reading of Article VI of the Land Regulations, the transaction requires the consent of the Ratepayers. It is pointed out that such cases are held to be covered by the passing of the Annual Report, wherein is contained a full account of the transaction.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hunbury School Committee of

June 16, not having been seen by the members, are deferred for formal confirmation until next meeting. In the meanwhile Mr White-Cooper indicates the substance of those under the headings Visit of Boys to Mokanshan and Holiday Allowances, and they accordingly receive the Council's assent.

Repatriation of Rebels.

The Chairman states that, after despatch of the Council's reply to the Consular Body on this subject, his attention was drawn to certain announcements in the Chinese newspapers, indicating that the Chinese Authorities were proceeding to establish the Repatriation Office without reference to the conditions accompanying the Consular Body's assent, and also that they intended to attach thirty investigation officers to the establishment. From this it was to be inferred that the scheme bore considerable similarity to that for the introduction of Chinese detectives into the Settlement which was vetoed by the Council in December.

He accordingly drew the attention of the Senior Consul to these translations, and was informed by Mr Raaschou that his letter to Admiral Tseng had not yet been despatched, and that it would be held over for the present. The translations are accordingly read and ordered for transmission to the Senior Consul forthwith.

A Police Report confirms the foregoing and states that the Repatriation Office was opened on the morning of June 15 and was thereupon closed at the request of the Captain Superintendent.

Mr Ezra has information to the effect that the Office will improbably work on the voluntary lines indicated in Admiral Tseng's despatch, but is likely to prove coercive in character.

Mr Figge refers to a memorandum compiled by Captain Hilton-Johnson which formed the basis of the despatch of the Chamber of Commerce to the Consular Body, and was probably influenced the judgment of the consuls, while in any case actuating Mr Raaschou's private note desiring that the Council treat the matter with promptitude. He considers that this memorandum on a public matter, which has also reached certain members of the Consular Body, should not have been made by a Municipal employe, except for the information of the Committee concerned and of the Council; he adds that he has not yet seen the Captain Superintendent in the matter.

After further discussion it is decided to inform the Consular Body that the Council, upon reconsideration, is of opinion that the Office should not be permitted for the reasons indicated above.

It is understood that the French Authorities are unwilling that such an office be established in the French Settlement.

The Chairman, in conversation with the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, has learnt that Captain Hilton-Johnson's Memorandum was published in the form of an anonymous letter in the "China Press" on the day succeeding its receipt by the Chamber. (The document was, as a matter of fact, handed in for publication through the instrumentality of the Council's Secretary, and Mr Hide and the

Chairman are of opinion that his action in so arranging was indiscreet.

Yangkingpang. A letter from the French Council is submitted expressing gratification at the upshot of the Ratepayers Meeting on this subject.

With regard to the Meeting the attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the letter of the Senior Consul to the Chairman of the Meeting, while acknowledging receipt of the notice of the Resolution which was passed, does not intimate the concurrence and approval of the Consular Body, necessary in accordance with Article XV of the Land Regulations. The Chairman undertakes to see Sir Havilland de Sausmarez in this matter.

Markham Road Foreshore.

The Legal Adviser forwards a copy of the Court's Order precluding discussion of the question of Mr Holcomb's title to the land purporting to be covered by U.S. Deed 875, of his consequent application that the Petition may be dismissed with costs, and of the Court's further Order refusing the application but assenting to hear the argument upon the question of the effect of the original Order.

The bewildering condition which the Case now presents to the Council is the subject of some discussion, and the members are informed that Mr McNeill apprehends that the Court is taking its own method to have the actual point in dispute settled at the proper forum, viz. the American Court.

Building Rules Commission.

Discussing the composition of this Body, the Council decides to invite ^{Messrs} Mr P. Peebles and S.J. Halse to serve, and, in the event of the latter being unable to do so, Mr J.T.W. Brooke. Mr Hide suggests also the name of Mr F.P. Pitcairn, the Assistant Engineer of the Shanghai Waterworks Company Ltd. Some discussion ensues as to whether the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, the Health Officer and the Engineer should be members of the Commission or should attend when required as expert witnesses, and it appears to the Council desirable that they should be members. It is directed that a member of the firm of Legal Advisers attend, so that alterations and amendments of the Building Rules may be made in dual legal form, and so that desirable textual alterations of a legal character may also be made.

A note from the Engineer suggests that the Building Surveyor be appointed Secretary to the Commission and given an honorarium for his services. The view of the Works Committee on this point is endorsed, viz. that such work falls under the routine duties of the Secretariat.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 24, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs H. Figge (Acting Chairman)

C.E. Anton

E.I. Ezra

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

C.G.S. Mackie

W.L. Merriman

A.S.P. White-Cooper

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the meeting of June 17 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to that under the heading:-

Electricity Department, Capital Expenditure, an amendment suggested by Mr White-Cooper is, after some discussion, withdrawn, and Mr White-Cooper states that under the minute of the Electricity Committee of June 15 the Electrical Engineer will be directed to revise his proposals regarding the Pay of employes engaged upon extensions in accordance with the views of the Committee.

Repatriation of Rebels. An amendment is suggested by Mr Hide, further stigmatising the action of the Secretary in forwarding Captain Hilton-Johnson's Memorandum for publication in the "China Press". The members generally dissent, and, as Mr Hide does not lay stress upon the point, the minute is confirmed without alteration.

The Chairman adds that he has seen Captain Hilton-Johnson in this matter, who states (i) that he fully realises the view which the Council holds, and (ii) that he handed the document to Mr Canning for his private use and without intending that it should be formally submitted to the Chamber of Commerce.

The Council's letter to the Senior Consul on this subject is read and approved.

The minutes of the Permanent Educational Committee of June 11 are submitted and confirmed without direct comment, but Mr Ezra submits that this Committee may well take into consideration the desirability of providing a Foreign School in the Western District. He points out that this would conform with the Council's treatment of the Chinese School question, where a school is to be erected in all of the four districts of the Settlement. He alludes also to the fact that the erection of many blocks of small houses in the west has caused a considerable migration of persons of small means thereto. Mr

Mr White-Cooper considers that the point may suitably have the Committee's attention in connexion with the question of re-building the Public School for Girls. After some further discussion Mr Ezra's suggestion is definitely referred to the Permanent Educational Committee for consideration.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of June 11 are now formally submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of June 19 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the question of disposing of the site of the Public School for Girls, the Council will be glad to learn the views of the Permanent Educational Committee on this matter also.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of June 23 are submitted and confirmed without comment.

Printing Works in the Bubbling Well Road. A Report by the Engineer forwards a note from Messrs J.P. Bisset & Co. enquiring as to the Council's attitude towards a proposal to erect electrically-driven printing works on Lot 2780 with access to the Annam and Bubbling Well Roads. While regretting that this large open space is not to be developed with Foreign residences, the Council sees no objection to the present proposal, and, in any case, has no powers of veto provided the proposed structure complies with the Building Rules.

Annam Road. The complete correspondence bearing on the question of Mr Clyatt's property, Lot 2811, is submitted, and it is decided to refer Messrs S.W. Johnson & Son's letter of May 21 to the Legal Adviser for reply.

Building Rules Commission. The Council is informed that Messrs S.J. Hulse and P. Peebles have accepted service on this Commission. With regard to further members a Report by the Engineer is submitted and the Council is generally in agreement with the views therein expressed. It is decided to invite Mr F.H. Crossley to serve, and to appoint the Municipal Engineer and the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade. This, with Mr Gulland as Chairman, will give a membership of eight, and it is decided to leave one vacancy open to be filled by the Commission, if found desirable.

Electricity Department.

Tenders for Switchgear are submitted, to be installed in the Sub-Station from which the supply will be given to the Naigai Wata Kaisha in the Tonquin Road. The recommendation by the Electrical Engineer,

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endorsed by the Electricity Committee, is approved, that the tender of the British Thomson-Houston Co. be accepted for £2053.

Additional Accommodation. The Engineer's proposal to take over one additional room on the first floor of Messrs Samuel & Co's building at a rental of £50 per mensem is similarly approved.

Departmental Procedure. The Council is informed that the Electrical Engineer has forwarded a Report complaining of the delay which take place between the despatch of his recommendations and the signification of their approval, citing a number of instances which have taken place during the past few weeks. Mr White-Cooper suggests that it would be desirable for a reply to be furnished showing either that such delay, as has taken place is necessary or how it can be avoided in future. The Secretary points out that the letter bears evidence of having been written with the set purpose of achieving independence for the Department, not only from the Council's official control, but from that measure of supervision which the Secretariat and Finance Department at present exercise. He also states that the instances cited show little, if any, real grounds for criticism. The Council learns that the Electricity Committee will meet on Tuesday next for the discussion of this matter, but that, unfortunately, Mr White-Cooper will not be able to be present owing to his forthcoming departure from Shanghai for three months. It is decided that such explanation as the Committee requires be carefully and explicitly furnished.

Tramways Feeder Cables. A letter from the Tramway Company is submitted stating that certain underground feeder cables have developed faults, and applying for permission to erect overhead cables in certain streets. The matter will receive careful attention when the Reports from the Departments concerned have been received.

Plans of the Public School for Boys. A request by the Japanese Residents Corporation is submitted, applying for permission to borrow the plan of the new school for the purpose of taking a copy of it. In concurrence with the views expressed by the Engineer on the subject the Council is not willing to comply with this request, upon the grounds that such plans are the property of the Council, and that their loan for such a purpose would be unfair to local architects. On the other hand there will be no objection to the plan being inspected in the Public Works Department.

Markham Road Bridge. A Report by the Engineer forwards a communication from the Harbourmaster to the effect that this structure is now in imminent danger of falling: the Engineer concurs and recommends its removal forthwith. The Council is unanimous that there is no other

course but to comply, and it is decided to inform the Senior Consul of the facts, and to point out to him that the present dead-lock as regards re-construction is due not to the Council but to the Chinese Local Authorities.

Municipal Surgeons. The Council is informed that the informal contract with the Municipal Surgeons expired on December 31, 1913, and that if revision take place on the same basis as before, payment under a new three years' agreement would amount to \$9000, the Municipal Staff under their care having increased from 448 to 526. It is decided to address a letter to Dr Marshall with proposals to this effect.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the Electricity Department Staff numbers 58 and that no part of the fee has been heretofore charged to the Department's working: it is directed that this be now done, the amount for 1914 being approximately \$1000.

Olympic Theatre. An application from Mr Ramos to erect a canopy over the footway opposite the entrance to this new building in the Bubbling Well Road is submitted, and the Council is prepared to comply with the request upon the conditions proposed by the Engineer. It is, however, considered highly undesirable that any of the trees upon this pavement be removed, and an enquiry is directed as to how many trees are involved.

Laboratory Appliances. Correspondence between the Council and Dr Livio Silva, with regard to his forthcoming sale of appliances, is submitted, and the Health Officer's proposal to expend up to \$1500 on certain appliances for use in the Municipal Laboratory is approved upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

E. P. ...
Chairman.

M. ...
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 1, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Harrison
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of June 24, are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of June 26
 are submitted and confirmed, and the Council officially decides to
 request Mr Chi-choh Nioh to serve as an additional member of the
 Committee for the current year. As regards the proposals of the
Permanent Educational Committee, Mr Ezra has formed the impression
 that it is the Committee's intention to become something more than
 the purely advisory body which was its original definite status when
 first established. He emphasises in particular the question of
 school salaries, which he considers should be decided in each case
 by the Committee concerned, subject to the scrutiny of the Finance
 Committee, who will do what is necessary as regards co-ordination
 of the various scales.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 29 are submitted
 and confirmed. In the matter of the
Samarang Road, a note from the Contractor Yue Chang Tai desires that
 his establishment may remain in its present position until the end
 of October, to which the Committee assents.

Fire Brigade, Hongkew Company. A note from the Chief Officer informs
 the Council that during the absence of Mr Fenton, Foreman, Mr T.H.
 Hutchinson, 1st Assistant, will be in charge of the Company, and this
 appointment is approved.

Markham Road Bridge. The Council is informed that after the last
 meeting the Engineer reported the condition of this bridge as
 alarming, and that in consequence the work of removal proceeded
 forthwith. The Council's letter to the Senior Consul on the subject
 informed him of the state of affairs accordingly.

Tramways, Feeder Cables. Reports by the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Engineer and Electrical Engineer on the Company's request to erect overhead feeder cables are submitted. The Chairman is in favour of compliance with the Company's request as a temporary expedient and until an underground service can be laid. Mr Hide considers that it would be unfair to either grant or refuse the Company's request until the Electrical Engineer submits definite recommendations on the subject of future supply of current to the Company. It is eventually decided to reply generally deprecating any further increase in the number of overhead wires throughout the Settlement, and stating that, as the Company has introduced the subject of the supply of power to the Tramway through the Electricity Department's high tension cables and sub-stations, the Council will be prepared to receive any proposals to this end having for their basis the withdrawal from service of the special tramway plant at the Peawon Road Station.

Loan of 1914. A note from the Treasurer points out that the Electricity Department Current Account is overdrawn to the extent of Rs 3 lakhs exclusive of the temporary advance from the Council's General Account of Rs 1 lakh. Upon his recommendation it is decided to raise the balance of the Electricity Loan forthwith upon the same lines as were adopted in April. The Treasurer is under the impression that the Council would obtain this money by merely announcing through brokers readiness to receive subscriptions at 1 per cent premium. The members, however, consider that it is preferable to adhere to the same system consistently in matters of public finance.

Educational Grants. A letter from the Committee of the German School is submitted applying for an annual grant of \$5000, in reply to which it will be stated that the application will have the attention of the Permanent Educational Committee when the grants for next year are under consideration.

Municipal Gazette. The attention of the Council is drawn to a paragraph in the "North China Daily News" of Tuesday, June 30, in which there is an incorrect summary of the negotiations with regard to the office for the repatriation of rebels. It is inferred that the editorial staff of the paper has made use of the "copy" sent to them as confidential printers of the Gazette. This breach of the understanding between the Council and the "North China Daily News" is possibly due to the absence from Shanghai of the Editor, but

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in any case, the Council is of opinion that attention should be drawn to the matter in an official manner. The Gazette for July 2 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

E. C. Peirce

Chairman.

M. W. Pearson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 8, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figg
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of July 1 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of July 7 are submitted
 and confirmed, with the following comment:

Fire Brigade, Day Fires. The Committee agrees to meet the Foremen
 at 12.15 p.m. on Friday, July 10.

Pawnshops. The Chairman points out that the minute is slightly
 incorrect in that paragraph No. 5 of the Police Report on this
 subject was approved by the Committee, providing that pawnshops shall
 not purchase articles or goods outright.

Motor Traffic at night. A Police Report is submitted containing
 details of the Captain Superintendent's proposals for dealing with
 this complaint, and the Council approves the recommendations therein
 contained, viz:-

- (a) Rigorous prosecution of offenders, and
- (b) Total closing of certain roads to hired cars at 11 p.m.

Case of Acting Sergeant Reid. The Council is informed that Reid
 has made no difficulty about retiring from the Force forthwith,
 drawing 9 months Leave Pay and passage, to which he is entitled.
 As an act of grace the Council assents to defray one half of his
 dentist's bill (£75) upon the grounds that he was wrongly coerced
 into visiting an expensive dentist by Dr Murray.

Markham Road Bridge. A letter from the Senior Consul proposes a meeting
 at his office on July 9 for the discussion of this matter with the
 representatives of the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, and the
 Council approves the proposal that Mr C.H. Godfrey, Municipal
 Engineer, and Mr J.B.A. Mackinnon, Assistant Secretary, attend for
 this purpose.

Electricity Department.

Tenders for Transformers. 9 tenders, received in response to Specification No. 104, are submitted, and that of Messrs Arnhold Karberg & Co. is authorised for acceptance, following the recommendation of the Electricity Committee. The Engineer's reason for not proposing acceptance of the lowest tender is noted.

Tramways, Feeder Cables. The Company's reply to the Council's letter on this subject, together with a Report by the Electrical Engineer, are submitted and ordered for circulation to members.

Supply to the French Settlement. The Council is informed that further overtures have been made to the Electrical Engineer on this subject, and before proceeding further into the details of the question, both electrical and financial, Mr Aldridge desires to learn whether the Council would object to compliance with the French Company's request upon general or political grounds. It appears that the members have no such objection, but a clear statement is required as to how far such a step would hasten the next application for a large loan.

The Municipal Gazette for July 9 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication: the paragraph under the heading Volunteer Corps, Commissariat, being struck out. The Commandant's note of July 2 on this subject is read, but it appears to the members that the suggested correction of the former published note would convey the impression that the Council did not wholly approve the Commandant's recommendation, while it would be natural and correct to assume that the Council had taken no step except upon the recommendation of the Commandant.

Certain references to the Chinese Authorities in the Engineer's Report for June, under the heading Markham Road Bridge, are also deleted in view of the meeting which has been arranged.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

E. Pearce
Chairman.

M. Carson
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 15, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Morriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of July 8 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the proposed meeting of the Watch Committee with the Fire Brigade Foremen, the Chairman states that urgent private affairs have called the Chief Officer to Weihaiwei, and the meeting will therefore be deferred until his return.

Motor Traffic at Night. The Police arrangements in this matter are still incomplete, and Mr Figge undertakes to see the Captain Superintendent in the matter at an early date.

Police Force, Reserve of Ammunition. A Police Report is submitted recommending that the reserve of ammunition on charge at Police Stations be raised from 45 to 100 rounds per man. Before acceding to this proposal the Council directs an enquiry as to the check at present exercised over this ammunition, with especial reference to the loss which took place in 1911.

Loan of 1914. 33 tenders, aggregating £812500, are submitted in response to Notification No.2265, and, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, allotments are declared as follows:-

£297,000 at 101.10

3,000 at 101.

Roads in Paoshan. An offer by Mr A.E. Algar is submitted of B.C.Lot 201 Pao, measuring about Mow 2½ at £2500 per mow. A Report by the Engineer points out that about one third of the lot would be available for a useful 40 foot road adjoining the Railway, while the balance may be re-sold or used for Municipal purposes hereafter. The price is considered reasonable, and the offer is authorised for acceptance. The Engineer will endeavour to arrange terms for the passage of the proposed road across two strips of unregistered land on the south of this lot.

Tramways Feeder Cables. A further Report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted forwarding an agreement drawn up by himself and the General Manager of the Tramway Company and containing a basis of settlement of the question of overhead cables, subject to ratification by the Company and the Council. The Chairman, having discussed this matter with the Chairman of the Electricity Committee, is of opinion that there are certain features in the proposed agreement which are not wholly satisfactory in that the result will almost inevitably be that overhead cables will remain for not less than 4 years. He suggests that a joint meeting of the Works and Electricity Committees be held for discussion of the subject, and this course will accordingly be followed.

In the meanwhile the Telephone Company, to whom the original application of the Tramway Company has been submitted for comment, replies to the effect that there is no objection from their standpoint provided the cables are not on the same side of the road as the telephone poles.

French Settlement Extension. A letter from the French Consul General is submitted, informing the Council of the agreement ratified by the French Minister and the Chinese Government with regard to the extension of the French Settlement, and stating that the Great Western and Sicoowei Roads have become the boundary between the two Settlements. The Chairman states that the Shunghai Land Investment Co.Ld. has already recorded its protest at these arrangements, in view of their two estates on the south (now French) side of the Great Western Road, which obtain water, light, and sanitation from the Foreign Settlement in return for the 6 per cent Outside Rate. The question of the Company's estates and of other properties similarly situated will present some difficulty, and it is decided to draw Mr Kahn's attention to the position which has arisen. In any case the Council is averse to acceptance of the proposal that the two roads be maintained at the joint cost of the two Councils, preferring to retain exclusive control. It is directed that the Council's reply be circulated to members for approval.

Advertising Tower. An application by Mr H.E. Lieb is submitted for permission to raise the Advertising Tower of the British-American Tobacco Company in the Bubbling Well Road from 100 to 120 feet. Apart from the question of structural security, to which the Report of the Engineer on the subject refers, the Council is unwilling to allow this exceptional structure to be raised higher than at present.

The Municipal Gazette for July 16 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the note under the heading Volunteer Corps, Motor Car Company, the Commandant suggests the addition of the word "probably" before the words "will be armed with revolvers". It is considered preferable to omit the phrase altogether pending decision as to how the Company shall be armed.

Colonel Bray also suggests omitting the extract from General Kelly's letter on the subject, but it appears to the members that, as the letter in question was written to correct a mistaken impression in the Press as to his original meaning the effect would be lost if it were not published.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

E. Pearce
Chairman.

W. Henson
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 22, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.I. Ezra
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of July 15 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the joint meeting of the Works and Electricity Committees
 of July 17 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of July 17
 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the
Case of Assistant Master Wood, the comments of Messrs Walker and Coates
 are read, and the Council is informed that Mr Wood will regard the
 termination of his services neither as his resignation nor as his
 dismissal, but merely his return to England upon terms mutually
 satisfactory to himself and the Council. A summary of these terms
 is read and approved.

Volunteer Corps, Portuguese Company. Upon the recommendation of the
 Commandant a commission as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr E.
 dos Santos Carneiro, who formerly held this rank in the Company.

Public Gambling. A letter from the Senior Consul is read setting out
 some of the difficulties which the Consular Body see as regards action
 by the Municipal Police beyond the limits of the Settlement, and
 suggesting that legal proceedings be instituted by the Council against
 frequenters of gambling establishments in these districts. This course
 does not commend itself to the Council, and the Chairman suggests, as a
 preferable alternative with regard to No. 24, North Honan Road, that
 official application be made to the Chinese Authorities to close the
 establishment in conjunction with the Spanish Consulate where the
 property is now registered. It is decided to reply to the Senior Consul
 making this proposal.

Chinese Officers' Swords. An unofficial note from Mr Yang Teheng is read expressing the hope that the Council will no longer object to Chinese officers wearing regulation swords in the Settlement. A Report from the Captain Superintendent of Police is submitted stating that there is no such objection provided Mr Yang means no more than bona fide naval and military officers on duty. It is decided to reply in this sense to Mr Yang, mentioning also officers making ceremonial calls on Foreign officials in the Settlement.

General Hospital. A letter from the Secretary to the Governors of the General Hospital informs the Council that the part of the Hospital now occupied by Sikh patients will be demolished in four months time, and that no other accommodation can be made available. At the suggestion of the Health Officer it is decided to reply enquiring whether the inability to accommodate Sikhs is to be considered temporary or permanent, if the word "Sikh" is intended to include other Indians, and what number of such have been admitted during the past few years.

Health Officer. A note from Dr Stanley expresses readiness to renew his agreement, which will expire on December 31, 1914. He suggests Pay at the rate of \$1200 per mensem, but it is decided to point out that the maximum Pay for the post has been fixed by the Finance Committee at \$1100, and to offer him renewal at this rate.

Markham Road Foreshore. From a copy of a note from Sir Everard Fraser to Mr McNeill the Council learns that the judgment of the Court of Foreign Consuls will decree that Mr Holcomb is entitled to build on the portion of U.S. Lot 875 awarded to him under the arbitration. It is further understood that Mr Wilkinson's letter of July 16 was made in response to a suggestion by the Court that the parties come to an agreement as to the remaining outstanding points. It appears to the members that a settlement along the lines of Mr Wilkinson's suggestion will improbably be attained; and, dealing with his four clauses it is decided:-

1. (A) The Council will issue a permit to fence.
- (B) The Council will not take any steps at present to acquire the land by purchase or under Article VIA of the Land Regulations.
2. The Council is unwilling to make any payment to any hospital.
3. The Council will only pay such costs as may be given against them by the Court either as arbitrators or as judges

It is therefore further decided to request that the Court hold a final sitting for the settlement of all outstanding points, in the light of the evidence or fact already submitted, and make an order with regard to costs covering the whole of the transaction.

Quetta Road Market. Comparison of the tenders received for constructing this market in wood and in concrete shows a saving in capital cost in favour of the former material of ₹2813, and, after some discussion, the Council's decision is recorded in favour of wood.

Central Municipal Offices. The Engineer's special recommendation with regard to tenders for the new building, which involve a deposit by tenderers of ₹1000, are read, and, upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, approved.

Opium Shops. A letter from H.M. Consul General requests a statement of the position of the Council with regard to the greatly increased number of licences which have been issued for the retail sale of opium, the communication being the result of questions which have been asked in the House of Commons. It is decided to reply referring to the Council's letter to the Senior Consul in 1910, and stating that the Council's attitude remains substantially the same as at that time. Allusion will be made to the fact that the sale of Foreign opium will cease at the end of two years, also to the evidence of largely increased cultivation of Chinese opium in this province.

Mr Figg doubts the advisability, in view of Settlement extension negotiations now in progress, of any reference to the failure of the Chinese Government's suppressive measures against cultivation, and it is therefore decided that the Council's reply shall be unofficial and not for publication.

Superannuation Fund. The attention of the Council is drawn to the new form of agreement with employes terminable at three months notice in its bearing on Clause 8 of the Rules governing the Superannuation Fund. A note from the Legal Adviser is read stating that the Clause does not apply to the termination of a current three years agreement before the date at which it must come to an end by effluxion of time. This opinion rests upon the difference in meaning between the words "expiry" and "termination", but the Chairman points out that as a matter of equity an employe ^{Engage} for three years and resigning before the end of the period should not receive more consideration than he is legally entitled to. It is accordingly decided to follow Mr McNeill's view in any case which may arise.

Garden City Fete. A letter from Mr H. Cooper is submitted pointing out that the Fete has resulted in a deficit of \$2900 and requesting that the Council forego its charges for electricity, Band, etc, amounting to about \$1500. The Chairman alludes to the fact that the accounts of the Fete have not yet been published, but he is aware that they include a charge of several hundred dollars for motor-cars and other evidence of

mismanagement. In any case the Council is unable to comply with Mr Cooper's request except under special vote of the Ratepayers, and it is decided to reply in this sense, at the same time pressing for payment of the sum due.

Band at the French Fete. The Conductor's explanation of the departure of the musicians on July 14, and their failure to play, is submitted and regarded by the Band Committee and the Council with disapproval. Admitting that the musicians could not play satisfactorily unless provided with chairs, the members consider that they should have waited for the time for which they were engaged, not playing until chairs were brought, and it is decided to address the Conductor in this sense. The Chairman states that at the instance of the Consul General the French Council has made no official complaint, and with the Council's approval he undertakes to address an unofficial note to Mr Kuhn in the matter.

Settlement Extension. A note from H.M. Consul General hands the Council a copy of his letter of July 21 to the Senior Consul, and of the draft agreement which has been made as a basis for the Consular Body's negotiations with regard to extension. The text of the agreement between the French and Chinese Governments with regard to French Settlement extension is also submitted. Sir Everard Fraser suggests that the Council address the Consular Body on the subject giving its views on the draft agreement, and it is decided to adopt this suggestion, as follows:-

1. Any extension which does not include extension on the west would be unacceptable. It is evident from the text of the French agreement that the Chinese Government contemplated making the Sioowai Road, which is at present outside the Settlement, the new boundary. The Fahwa Creek is suggested by the Council as a natural and suitable limit, but it is admitted that if the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hungchow Railways are joined with a loop line this line would be a preferable boundary.
2. The Council attaches considerable importance to the control of the Sooshow Creek, although it is admitted that, as in the past, the Defense Forces of the Settlement would take forcible possession of the Creek, at any time when such a course is necessary.

3. The extension of the function of the Chinese Advisory Board to apply to the existing Settlement is not regarded by the members with favour, although the limitations of the Board's duties, as set out in the draft agreement, appear to provide ample safeguard against abuse. It is the apprehension that the Ratepayers as a body will object to the Board which deters the members from acceptance of Clause IV.

A despatch covering the whole question, and dealing with these points in particular will be circulated to members for approval.

The Municipal Gazette for July 23 is submitted in proof and ordered for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

E. C. Peare

Chairman.

W. Pearson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 29, 1914.
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 H. Figg
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hild
 C.G.S. Muskie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.I. Ezra
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of July 22 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the Garden City Fete, the Chairman points out that the accounts of the Fete have now been published, and the Council is generally of opinion that they reflect very gravely on those responsible. It is decided to bring further pressure to bear on Mr Cooper in respect to the Council's debit notes, which are still unpaid.

Volunteer Corps.

The Commandant and the Superannuation Fund. The reply of the War Office to the Council's letter on this subject is submitted stating that the Army Council has no objection to Pay being issued to Lieut. Col. Bray at a rate 10% higher than originally stipulated; the issue is accordingly authorised. The further questions of (a) an agreement with future Commandants, and (b) payment by the Council of a pension contribution of £70 per annum, are referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

German Company. The resignation of Captain Schellhoss, owing to his departure from Shanghai, is forwarded by the Commandant and accepted with regret, to have effect from July 26.

Entertainment at the Edinburgh Road Garden. A Police Report draws attention to an advertisement of a miscellaneous Chinese entertainment to be held in this garden tonight. Captain Hilton-Johnson's proposal to bar a few sections of road ^{to} traffic is not approved, but it is understood that the traffic diversion arrangements now in force will be applied with rigour to vehicles both outward and inward bound. A Detective Report on the nature of the entertainment will be submitted later.

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Public Gambling. A letter from the Italian Consul is read purporting to express the willingness of the Acting Consul-General, Mr Ros, to co-operate with the Police in punishing Italians connected with the management of No 24 North Honan Road, and in particular one Morando. It is decided to furnish the Consulate with the evidence against this man, but Mr Ros' suggestion that his motor-car licence be withdrawn is considered to be useless, as the licence would without doubt be taken out in another name.

Building Application for a Chinese Lodging House. An application by Mr J. Ambrose is submitted for a block of buildings in the Kwangse and Foochow Roads consisting of a Chinese Lodging House with shops on the ground floor. The building complies with the Building Rules, and a permit for its erection has accordingly been issued; on the other hand the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade reports that the Lodging House will not be fit for licence from the standpoint of fire protection. The case is referred for decision by the Works Committee, at whose meeting the Chief Officer will be present.

Riverine Frontage Lots. A letter from Messrs Platt, Macleod and Wilson is read, forwarding correspondence which has taken place between themselves and Messrs White-Cooper and Oppe with regard to the Land Tax to be paid in the case of Mr Tam Wa. The Council approves the attitude which Messrs Platts have adopted, but not the suggestion that all riverine lots be re-assessed now, in view of the fact that a general re-assessment of the Settlement is due in 1916.

Defence Creek. A letter from the Race Club is read urging definition of the boundary on the east of the Race Course by boundary stones 10 feet east of the present Defence Creek bunding. Provided no claim is raised to any part of the Creek in the section east of Probst's Corner, the Council assents to this proposal, and it will be suggested that a small exchange of land be effected to adjust the break in the Thibet Road at the north end of Probst's corner and to round off the corner of the Thibet and Cemetery Roads.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. The recommendation of the Parks Committee that the running track to be laid by the Olympic Games Committee be made a permanent feature of the Ground is adopted, upon the assumption that the maintenance cost will not be heavy.



Electricity Department.

Tenders for Motors. The Engineer's proposal on the subject of the tenders received in response to Specification No 105 are, upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, approved, viz:

35 motors Messrs Siemens China Electrical Engineering Co. and
10 motors Messrs Andersen, Meyer & Co.

Hongkew Showroom. The proposal to lease a shop in Broadway for this purpose at a rent of about £80 per mensem is also adopted.

Central Municipal Offices. A note from the Commandant is read desiring certain changes in the plan of the Volunteer Corps section of the building. Mr Figg considers that where these proposals involve increase of the allocation of space fixed by the Municipal Buildings Committee they should not be met, and this view has the Council's general support. The points will receive the attention of the Works Committee in detail when the building plans are submitted.

The Municipal Gazette for July 30 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.35 p.m.

E. Pearce
Chairman.

W. W. W. W.
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 5, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
H. Figg
H.C. Gulland
A. Hido
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: E.I. Ezra
A.S.P. White-Cooper

The Commandant of Volunteers and Acting Captain Superintendent of Police also attend.

Settlement Defence. A Report by the Commandant is submitted drawing attention to the fact that the number of men-of-war in harbour is very materially reduced, and suggesting that the Council should take steps to place the Settlement in a more secure state in this respect. In reply the Chairman states that he has learnt from the American Consul General that a section of the American Fleet will be in harbour in the course of a few days, while the Japanese Cruiser "Tsushima" has already arrived.

Volunteer Corps. A Report by the Commandant points out that considerable numbers of the Corps have been ordered away from Shanghai for military service; he requests authority to enroll a special reserve in his discretion. The Council is of opinion that it will be desirable in the first place to recruit the existing active units and reserves to the fullest possible extent. The Chairman reads a draft note calling upon the heads of business houses and the Community generally for an effort in this direction. This note is approved and ordered for publication in tomorrow's issue of the Municipal Gazette.

Ammunition. The Commandant alludes to the possibility that further supplies of ammunition from Hongkong may be temporarily discontinued, and he lays stress upon the necessity for maintaining the present fixed reserve. He is authorised in his discretion to discontinue issues for the Monthly Cup Shooting, the Annual Rifle Meeting, and other prize firing, closing the Range except for class firing and the instruction of recruits and new reservists.

French Settlement. The Acting Captain Superintendent alludes to the possibility of the French Police Force being reduced by the withdrawal from Shanghai of French Army Reservists, and the Council resolves, if requested, to render such assistance as may be found necessary for the protection of the Settlements by the loan of Police from this side. The Acting Captain Superintendent will report further in the matter if necessity actually arises. The question of the French Fire Brigade will be similarly treated.

The Local Situation. The Acting Captain Superintendent's Report on this subject has been submitted to the Watch Committee, and Captain Hilton-Johnson states that in his opinion there is no present necessity for any steps of a special character.

The Commandant and the Acting Captain Superintendent then withdraw

The minutes of the meeting of July 29 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of August 3 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of the Central Offices the Council directs that alternative tenders be invited for construction in Soochow granite and artificial stone.

Public Gambling. A further letter from the Acting Italian Consul General states that unless a written Police Report reaches him it will be impossible for him to take any steps against Morando. The Acting Captain Superintendent's Report on the subject states that Mr Ros has refused to hear the evidence of the Detective Sergeant who from personal observation and enquiries is acquainted with the extent of Morando's connexion with No. 24 North Honan Road, and he points out that a written statement by himself based thereon would be valueless in comparison.

The Council is convinced that Mr Ros has no intention of taking any active steps in this matter, and decides therefore to allow it to drop pending the result of official application of the Chinese Authorities now being made.

Contracts for Machinery. Letters are submitted from Messrs Andersen, Meyer & Co. and Scott, Harding & Co., whose tenders for machinery for the Tungchow Road Workshops have been accepted, alluding to the heavy fall in exchange since these tenders were sent in. The general opinion of the Council is to the effect that the transactions should stand according to ordinary business rules, and the matter is referred for consideration in detail by the Works Committee.

Yangkingpang and Defence Creek. A letter from the Senior Consul to the Chairman of the recent Special Meeting of Ratepayers is read, stating that no objections to the Resolution on this subject have been filed, and that the Resolution has the approval of the Consular Body. This correspondence is ordered for publication.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

W. P. ...

Chairman.

W. M. ...

Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 9, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 A. Hido
 C.G.S. Maskie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.C. Gulland
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of August 5 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to that under the heading Volunteer Corps, the Chairman records that, owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the Commandant of the Council's wishes in regard to implementing the Corps, a Special Reserve unit has been enrolled and now numbers about 160 men with 3 officers. The arrangements which Colonel Bray made in this matter were subsequently approved by the Council.

The minutes of the meetings of the Watch Committee of August 7, and of the Electricity Committee of August 11 and 21, having already been approved by circular, are formally confirmed.

Fire Brigade, Victoria Company. The Chief Officer recommends confirmation of the appointment of Mr Symons as Foreman of this Company. As, however, the present Foreman, Mr Mayne, has been officially granted leave until December 4, the Council is unable to comply with this recommendation unless Mr Mayne's resignation is received.

Gold and Silversmiths' Guild. The Legal Adviser forwards a copy of a letter from Mr H.P. Wilkinson enclosing a draft petition in the Court of Consuls in the matter of the Gold shop to which reference is made in correspondence published in the Gazette of April 30. A full Police Report on the case is in the course of compilation, and upon its receipt the matter will be referred for consideration by the Watch Committee.

Chinese Officers' Swords. A further note from Mr Yang Tehong asks that in addition to the facilities for Chinese officers to wear swords in the Settlement, they may also wear them when making ceremonial or official calls on Chinese. To this the Council is unable to agree

inasmuch as, strictly speaking, no Chinese have official places of residence within the Foreign Settlement, and it is decided to reply to this effect.

Markham Road Bridge. With reference to an application signed by "The Director, Chinese Local Tax Department", for a temporary bridge to be erected at the Markham Road, as in the case of the Sinzu Stone Bridge, at the cost of certain gentry, the Council is of opinion that it would be preferable that the re-construction of the Markham Road Bridge itself proceed. It is therefore decided to request the Senior Consul to hold a second meeting for further discussion of the question, when it may be possible to arrive at a reasonable understanding with the Chinese Authorities concerned.

Haroon Road. A Report by the Engineer is submitted pointing out that Mr Haroon was mistaken in stating that only one small section of this road on its new line remains to be acquired. It appears that on the ground there are two gaps in the new line, the total area of which is Mow 1.437. Upon the understanding that the existing Haroon Road will not be closed until the new road is completed, the Council assents to Mr Haroon's verbal request that so much of the land as has been acquired shall be levelled and raised and that the necessary length of culvert shall be laid where the Yungzeopang crosses the road line. The whole of the work will be, as arranged, at Mr Haroon's cost.

North Szeehuen Road Widening. As a first step towards increasing the width of this road to 60 feet, and in advance of the official necessary steps to that end, Messrs E.D. Sassoon & Co. have been approached with regard to Lot 609, the frontage of which is about to be rebuilt. Mr Moses has suggested, that the Council pay compensation as follows:- The estimated loss in rental, minus 25 per cent for charges, capitalised at 7 per cent and less the rebuilding outlay. These terms are accepted by the Council in principle, it being understood that the actual figures will be agreed upon between the concerned and the Municipal Engineer.

Garden City Foto. Further correspondence with Mr Douglas on behalf of Mr H. Cooper is submitted relating to the Council's claim in this matter and containing his counter-claim of \$2169 largely in respect of articles which are alleged to have been stolen. The Council is highly dissatisfied with Mr Cooper's irresponsible attitude and absurd contentions in this matter, and unanimously resolves to take proceedings against him for the amount due.

Opium Shops. A letter from H.M. Consul General is submitted forwarding a copy of a communication from H.M. Minister on this subject, in which Sir John Jordan strongly urges a practical effort in the direction of reducing the number of opium shop licences or abolishing them altogether. The Chairman is of opinion that the same course should be followed as was adopted in 1908 with regard to opium houses, viz: closing by periodical drawings by lot, and he recommends that a Resolution in this sense be proposed at the next Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. To this the Council assents, and Mr Figge in addition suggests that no new licences be issued between now and March. Considerable discussion ensues, during which Mr Ezra points out that, although it is impossible that many applications for licence will be received, yet sudden discontinuance without notice might have an unsatisfactory effect on the trade generally. At Mr Hide's suggestion it is decided to enquire from H.M. Consul General whether the Chairman's proposal would be considered satisfactory to the British Authorities, but Mr Figge records his objection to any further issue of new licences in any case.

Charity Organisation. A letter from the newly appointed Secretary of this Committee is read informing the Council of the establishment of an office at No. 5 North Sookhow Road. A reply expressing the Council's satisfaction at this step is directed.

Italian Sailors. Mr Figge has learnt that the threat of the Italian Consul General to land sailors with arms has been carried into effect and it is directed that enquiries be made on the subject.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

E. P. Pinner
Chairman.

W. H. Henson
Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 16, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.C. Gulland
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of September 9 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of September 14 are
 submitted and confirmed. That relating to the
Pay of the Outdoor Staff being referred for the Finance Committee's
 approval.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of
 September 15 are submitted and approved, with the following comment:-
New School for Boys. The Chairman states that the modifications
 suggested as a result of a meeting of the Chairman of the Committee,
 the Headmaster and the Architectural Assistant are of a minor
 character, and the sketch plans are therefore approved. Mr Figge
 is of opinion that final approval should await the return of Mr
 White-Cooper, who has been identified with the whole project. It
 appears probable that Mr White-Cooper will be in Shanghai in time
 to scrutinise these plans as a member of the Permanent Educational
 Committee, to which body the finished drawings will be submitted.
Public Swimming Bath. Recalling the fact that there remain only
 seven Chinese boys in the School and that no further Chinese are
 to be admitted the objections of the Watch Committee to the use of
 the Bath by the School are withdrawn and the Health Officer's
 recommendation on the subject is thereupon endorsed.

Opium Shops. The Chairman states that he has written to, and also had
 some discussion with, H.M. Consul General on the point raised by
 Mr Figge at last meeting. Sir Everard Fraser's reply is read, from
 which it appears that he holds the view that no action should be
 taken with regard to opium shop licences except under the definite
 authority of a Resolution by the Ratepayers.

Reference is made to a pamphlet on the subject of the Council's policy with regard to these licences by Mr Arnold Foster, copies of which have been distributed to members by the author in person. Mr Ezen points out that Mr Foster's conclusions are incorrect for the reason that he has lost sight of the various increases in the amount of the licence fee which have been imposed during the past seven years, and which amount in the aggregate to a quadrupling of the fee; he also alludes to the fact that the revenue obtained from this source is fractional in comparison with that obtained by the British Government in Hongkong and Singapore. ^{and Mr Figgis} Mr Hide ^{accepts} Mr Foster's indictment and expresses regret that he had not given the matter closer attention in the past.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.20 p.m.

E. Ezen

Chairman.

M. Ezen
Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 23, 1914,
at 4.30 P.M., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 R.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.C. Gulland
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of September 16 are confirmed and signed by
the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of September 18 are
submitted and confirmed. With reference thereto:

Duties of Foremen. A further report by the Chief Officer is submitted presenting his reply in general to the allegations of the Foremen. In particular he points out that he did as a fact reply to the Foreman of the Deluge Company in writing on May 5 on the subject of the motor plant then under repair, and he submits a copy of his letter. The Chairman states that he has seen Mr Skinner, the Foreman of the Mih-Ho-Loong Company and learns from him that there is considerable high feeling throughout the Brigade against the Chief Officer. He assured Mr Skinner that new rules will be submitted for the consideration of the Brigade before being approved by the Council, and also that no radical change in the practice and procedure of the Brigade will be adopted before the Council has learnt the views of the Foremen and members on the point in question. As arranged, Mr Pearce will see the Chief Officer at an early date with a view to indicating the imperative necessity of restoring and maintaining good feeling.

Rifle Range Safety Precautions. Mr Ezra alludes to the desirability of bringing to a successful termination the negotiations for diverting that part of the road to Kiangwan which is directly behind the Butts; the matter is, however, not one with which the Council is officially concerned.

Convict Labour. A note from the Engineer is read indicating other fields of activity for outside convict labour besides the Madras Road. The Council authorises the formation, levelling, cross draining, etc. of this road forthwith, and notes that the

contribution of £1000 towards the cost of metalling the Ward Road beyond the Yangtze-poo Creek has been received; this work may therefore also proceed.

Second Assistant Superintendent Greasy. This officer's resignation, forwarded by the Acting Captain Superintendent, is submitted and accepted. As a special indulgence and noting that Mr Greasy had no short leave during this year he will be granted Pay until the date of expiry of his agreement, November 14.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of September 22 are submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps, Proposed Austrian Company. The Commandant forwards a further proposal from two Austrian residents on this subject indicating that thirty men are available for the establishment of a unit. The letter does not state specifically what proportion of these thirty are residents, and the Council is unanimously of opinion that a company consisting largely of non-residents would not in the present circumstances justify the expenditure which would be involved by its formation. It is therefore decided to reply that unless thirty residents are prepared to join the application must be refused.

Victoria Nursing Home, Staff. Miss Wilkerson, the retiring Matron, applies that the payment of her passage home may be deferred until next Spring in view of the present unusual conditions. In assenting to this course the Council records its reason for exceptional treatment of the case in point so that the case may not be cited as a precedent.

Electricity Department.

Motors. The Electrical Engineer reports the failure of Messrs Siemens China Co. to fulfil their contract to supply four 3-phase induction motors. Alternative tenders have accordingly been obtained and that of Messrs Andersen Meyer & Co. for £339 is, upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, authorised for acceptance.

Riverside Station Pipework. The Electrical Engineer reports that the steam pipework for connecting the new boilers and also the steam connexion to the new turbines, although completed by the manufacturers some time ago, will not arrive, owing to the war, until the end of October. The erection of the first turbine being practically complete, he recommends the erection of temporary pipework to enable 2,000 kilowatts to be made available by about the middle of October. If this is not done, the first turbine will be unable to supply power until December. Tenders have accordingly been obtained for the work

mls from the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co.Ld. 1900, and the New ^{is} Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, Ld., 1900, and the latter ~~is~~ authorized for acceptance..

Charity Organisation Society. Mr Ezra suggests that with a view to obviating expense in advertisements the Society be permitted to make use of the Municipal Gazette for the announcement of cases seeking employment, but, after some discussion, the Council decides against this course, preferring that the Gazette shall remain strictly confined to official Municipal business.

The Municipal Gazette for September 24 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.

E. Ezra

Chairman.

M. Ersson

Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 30, 1914.

at 4.30 P.M., there were:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
A. Hide
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.C. Gulland
A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of September 23 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the:

Volunteer Corps, Proposed Austrian Company. Mr Figge lays emphasis on the uselessness of enrolling non-residents unless serious need for strengthening the Defence Forces arises. He has learnt from the Austrian Consul-General that there is every probability of an Austrian Company being enrolled with at least the number of residents mentioned by the Council.

Fire Brigade. the Chairman, after a protracted interview with the Chief Officer, has formed the opinion that Mr Pett has considerable grounds for resentment at his treatment by the Foremen of the Brigade, whose letters indicate that they have regarded him rather as a superior mechanic than as their Chief Officer. The hope is expressed that the code of regulations now in process of compilation will tend to put these matters on a better footing.

Volunteer Corps, Gymnasium. A Report by the Commandant is submitted requesting permission to spend \$285 on re-equipping the Gymnasium, and although there is no provision in the Budget for this expenditure, the Council, as a special case, sanctions the outlay.

Rifle Range and Kiangwan Road. A draft notice to be posted at the termination of the North Szechuan Road is submitted together with comment thereon by the Captain Superintendent and Commandant of the Volunteer Corps. The notice as amended is approved, and the Chairman states that he is in unofficial communication with Mr Brodie Clark with regard to altering the position of the road immediately in the rear of the Butte. The Council is prepared to consider paying the whole or part of the cost of the improvement.

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Hongkew Fire Station Site. The Council is informed that owing to the fact that Mr Johnson gave premature notice to certain tenants of Lot 1154, the owner has suffered additional loss of rent, amounting to \$245.68. In view of the co-operative attitude adopted in reply to the Council's request for surrender from this lot it is decided to re-imburse her (Mrs Morrison) to this extent. The Council also assents to pay the amount of Mr Johnson's fee as assessed by Mr Peebles at \$200.

Case of Cadet Bourne. The application of this officer for permission to go home for service with the Army is submitted together with a report by the Acting Captain Superintendent thereon. The Council is unanimously of opinion that this request cannot be granted, Mr Bourne being under agreement to serve for a period of three years.

Plague in the Northern District. The Health Officer reports the occurrence of two human cases of plague in the Boone Road on September 23 and 24. The property in question is owned by the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld. and the Council learns with satisfaction that the infected district is being rat-proofed and re-built.

Yangkingpang and Defence Creek. A Report by the Engineer is read suggesting some modification in the original scheme for culverting these waterways, viz: by a 4 foot 6 inch tube, instead of a graduated tube as originally proposed, at an estimated additional cost of \$8030. It is understood that the French Council is adopting a similar course and the proposal is accordingly approved. Mr Godfrey's further proposals for beginning work on October 10 at the Sinza Road Bridge and working south therefrom is also adopted.

Public Gambling. Mr Fidge states that he learns from the Spanish Consul that no steps can at present be taken against No 24 North Honan Road owing to the refusal of the Acting Italian Consul to countersign the necessary warrant.

The Municipal Gazette for October 1 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication, the note referring to the service of Firamen who are also Volunteers being omitted in deference to the request of the officers commanding these bodies.

The meeting adjourns at 5 p.m.

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Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 7, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Muskie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: H.C. Gulland
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of September 30 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 5 are
 submitted and confirmed except that relating to:-

Locomotion. With regard to the Committee's proposal to purchase
 Assistant G. Ewart's car, the Council re-affirms the opinion that to
 take over employes' private cars, no matter how low the price may be,
 would be contrary to the interests of the public service. It is also
 noted that the requisition for the hire of a Ford car has not been
 approved. The Council records that this minute of disapproval is in
 no sense to be read as vetoing increased means of departmental
 locomotion. The members are of opinion that if the Electricity
 Committee is satisfied that two further cars are required, in addition
 to the Electrical Engineer's car used by arrangement in the Council's
 service and the five cars owned by the Department, tenders for suitable
 vehicles should be invited, or, in the alternative, small uniform cars
 should be obtained of a make already adopted and found satisfactory.

Referring to the minute under the heading

X Outstanding Accounts, the drift of the Committee's discussion is not
 clear, and the Chairman alludes to the apparent misunderstanding of the
 position therein contained. Inasmuch, however, as the Committee has
 decided to make no change in the standing procedure the matter calls
 for no further comment.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of
October 6 are submitted and confirmed, Mr Ezra drawing attention to
the principal features of the new Building for the
Nieh Chih Kuei Public School for Chinese. The plans of this building,
now receiving the Council's approval, will be submitted for comment
by the Permanent Educational Committee.

Fire Brigade. Draft Regulations for the Brigade are submitted and
referred for the Watch Committee's consideration. Copies are now
in members' hands, and it has been agreed that they shall be
forwarded for comment by the Foremen before being finally adopted.

Public Gambling. In reply to a note to the Italian Consul General,
Mr Ros writes that a warrant for putting an end to the public
roulette wheels at No. 24 North Honan Road was supplied by himself
some time ago, but not executed. The Watch Committee is aware that
the warrant in question was made available for six hours only, and
the good faith of the Italian Consulate is once again open to
question.

Captain Superintendent of Police. With regard to the notice by
H.M. Consul General in this morning's North China Daily News,
calling for the return of the Reserve of Officers to England, a
note from Captain Hilton-Johnson draws attention to his obligation
thereunder; he adds that he realises the right of the Council to
make any representations which are considered fit. Mr Figge has
seen Captain Hilton-Johnson in this matter and learns that any
application to retain this officer's services should be addressed to
the General Officer Commanding in Hongkong. The Chairman considers
that under the circumstances it behoves the Council to place the
Police Force in charge of Captain Barrett, and to telegraph
requesting Mr McEuen to return immediately. Mr Figge alludes to the
Council's want of confidence in Captain Barrett in the past, but
states ^{that} he is prepared to acquiesce in the decision of his colleagues.
Mr Anton is of opinion that for a maximum period of five weeks
Captain Barrett should surely be competent to act as Captain
Superintendent. Mr Ezra is of opinion that the Council would be
taking a grave responsibility in interfering with the application of
the Consular notice. Mr Merriman has no fixed opinion, and, after
some further discussion, the Chairman's proposal is adopted.

Mr Hide alludes to the possibility of Mr Bourne renewing his
application for leave and of other applications being received from
members of the Force within the Army age limits. Such applications
will be voluntary and thus on a different basis from the case now

under discussion, and it is decided to await their receipt before coming to a decision thereon.

Landing of Building Materials. The attention of the Council has been drawn to the refusal of the Mixed Court to convict in two recent cases of landing building materials at the North Soochow Road jetties without the usual permit, the Assessor pointing out that no authority for the issue of such permits is contained in the Land Regulations and Byelaws. The case would appear to be met by the addition of a condition to all Boat licences, in accordance with Byelaw XXXIV, and this course will be adopted in the usual manner, after informal discussion with the Assessor concerned, and provided he finds no further objection.

Defence Creek. At the recommendation of the Engineer it is decided to partially close this Creek on October 10, and permanently close it on October 24: a Municipal Notification to be issued on the subject.

Fu Yun Tang Cemetery. A note from Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co.Ld. seeks the Council's approval to make use of a portion of this Cemetery for drying produce and hides. Upon learning of the agreement on the subject of the Cemetery between the Council and the Fu Yun Tang and Pao Ang Tang Charitable Institutions in 1902 Mr Anton states that the application is withdrawn.

Finance Department Staff. A letter from Mr H.E. Middleton at present on long leave forwards his resignation at three months notice in accordance with his agreement. The cost of his return passage will be deducted from the amount issuable to him from the Superannuation Fund.

The Municipal Gazette for October 8 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication. The paragraphs in the Police Report for September relating to the recent accident at the Range and a levy by the Chinese Government on Licensed Pawnshops being omitted. With regard to the latter and to the Chinese Government Receipt Stamps recently introduced, it is decided, at Mr Figge's suggestion, to protest against the application of these small forms of taxation within the Foreign Settlement.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

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 Secretary.


 Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 14, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present: Messrs E. C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C. E. Anton
 E. I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H. C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C. G. S. Mackie
 W. L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. S. P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of October 7 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman. With regard to that referring to the
Landing of Building Materials, the Council is informed that Mr Garstin,
 the British Assessor, was under the impression that a fee was charged
 for landing permits, and it was to this fee that he objected. If,
 therefore, he confirms this statement to the Police Legal Assistant,
 and a note is taken of such confirmation, no action on the Council's
 part is called for.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 13 are
 submitted and confirmed. Mr Ezra takes this opportunity of expressing
 the Committee's satisfaction at the return to the Council Room of
 Mr Gulland, the Chairman of the Committee. With regard to the minutes
 under the heading
Quarry Transport a further Report from the Engineer is read protesting
 against the return to the contractors Tung Chi Kung Tsze of their
 security money and suggesting that they now be permitted to complete
 their contract, the new contract to be cancelled upon payment by the
 Council of \$4000. Mr Ezra points out that it would be hopeless to
 expect the old contractor and the Public Works Department to work
 harmoniously after what has transpired. It is apparent to the Council
 that the new contract was made without sufficient consideration and
 that it has proved a mistake. In the circumstances, however, the
 Committee's recommendation is unanimously endorsed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hunbury School Committee of
 October 23, are read and confirmed, special consideration being given
 to the plans of the new School for Boys, which will now be submitted
 to the Permanent Educational Committee for comment.

Volunteer Corps.

Portuguese Company. The Commandant forwards a request from the officer commanding this Company that the present forage cap be exchanged for a pattern similar to that worn by "A" Company, and this proposal is approved for gradual adoption.

Proposed Austro-Hungarian Company. A Report from the Commandant is submitted informing the Council that 34 Austro-Hungarian residents are prepared to enroll as a unit of the Corps, and the formation of a company on these lines with Mr F.E. Sonntag as Captain is, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, authorised.

Police Force.

Captain Superintendent. The Chairman states that he has seen Captain Barrett on the subject of taking over charge of the Force, and has formed the impression that this officer will do his utmost to carry out his work to the Council's satisfaction until the return to Shanghai of Mr McEuen.

Foreign Branch. The arrangements approved during the week with regard to volunteering for war service on the part of British members of the Branch are confirmed and authorised for publication. The Council's action has been dictated by the expectation that the prosecution of a volunteer for breach of his agreement would fail, and by the statement of H.M. Consul General that the King's Regulation which applies to deserters would, if he considered necessary, be annulled. As arranged with Sir Everard Fraser the Acting Captain Superintendent has reported as to the minimum figure to which, in his opinion, the Foreign Branch can be reduced, consistently with the safety of the Settlement. This Report is submitted and approved; it indicates that not more than 35 volunteers should be permitted to join the contingent of British residents proceeding to England on October 16.

Under Captain Hilton-Johnson's supervision arrangements are being concluded for the departure of this number of men, and at his suggestion the enlistment of a similar number of Chinese constables is authorised.

With regard to the enrolment of special constables, which the Acting Captain Superintendent writes should be anticipated, Mr Figge considers that the Council should, in the first place, avail itself of the service of the Volunteer Corps, which may if necessary be mobilised, one or two Companies at a time, to act as auxiliary Police. After some further discussion it is decided to adopt Mr Figge's suggestion if and when the Acting Captain Superintendent, Captain Barrett, reports that such an emergency measure is required. Mr Ezra

emphasises the desirability of taking no step calculated to cause a feeling of uneasiness in the Settlement at the present time when conditions, so far as his information goes, are entirely peaceable. It is pointed out that under the Council's standing ruling the mobilisation of any part of the Volunteer Corps will involve placing the Police under the command of Colonel Bray.

Tramways. The reply of the Tramway Company to the Council's letter on the subject of cars running after midnight shows that only eleven cars so run, and only until 12.25 a.m. This appears to the Watch Committee satisfactory, and it is decided in reply to state that for any further such privilege the Council's sanction must be secured in advance.

Ellis Kadoorie Public School for Chinese. The plan of the proposed playshed to be erected, at an estimated cost of \$1500, is submitted and, upon the recommendation of the Chinese Educational Committee, approved. It is directed that the building be similar in construction and style to the school building.

The Municipal Gazette for October 15, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

E. C. P. ...

Chairman.

M. J. ...

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 21, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of October 14 are confirmed and signed by
the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of October 15 are
submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of October 16 are
submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of
Sergeant Major Wilkins, Mr Figge explains that the Committee's
 recommendation is based, not upon the Commandant's report on the
 case, but upon his statement that the man was entitled in any case
 to 7 weeks' pay under the terms of his engagement, and that what
 is asked for Sergeant Major Wilkins is only the same ^{treatment} as has been
 given to his predecessors. It is suggested that any unusual payment
 to be made as a result of an unauthorised promise on the part of the
 Council's London Agents be made in London upon proof of such promise.
 After some discussion the Committee's minute is confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of
October 19 are submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Proposed Scottish Company. A letter from the President of the St.
 Andrew's Society encloses a list of 52 names of members of the
 Society who offer themselves as an active unit of the Corps to be
 known as "The Shanghai Scottish". A report from the Commandant
 recommends acceptance of this offer which, while increasing the
 active strength by 52, will reduce the reserve units by no more
 than 6.

Some discussion takes place as to the effect of the formation of this company upon recruiting for the existing infantry units, which though not on a declared national basis, are largely British in composition. The Council in any case welcomes the present proposed increase in the active strength and decides to accept the offer.

Offer by the Light Horse. The Commandant forwards a letter from the Captain commanding the Light Horse offering the services of 35 members of the squadron for mounted patrol police duties in the Settlement between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. As recommended in a note by the Acting Captain Superintendent the Council is unanimously in favour of accepting this offer and on availing of it should necessity arise. The Commandant's recommendation is qualified by the remark, "provided the squadron is not required for mobilisation." This indicates that his intention is that the performance of these duties by members of the Light Horse shall not be considered as a partial mobilisation of the Corps, i.e. that the work shall be performed by members of the Corps acting as special constables. Mr Figge points out that the departure of men on war service has not deprived the Council of the services of any mounted men, and that the mounted patrol work is proceeding as usual.

Light Horse Reserve of Ponies. A note from the Commandant forwards a communication from the officer commanding the Light Horse, in which he desires the Council's intervention in the matter of securing additional ponies for the use of the members upon mobilisation. Inasmuch as the mounting of the Light Horse is a matter for the men themselves, in which the Council takes no part, it is considered fitting that re-mounting should not be on a different basis. While therefore the Council will do what is possible informally to indicate the desirability of the loan of ponies on the part of members of the Race Club, the Council considers that the organisation of a pony reserve should be in the hands of the Commandant and the officer commanding the unit.

Police Force.

Case of Sergeant King. The Acting Captain Superintendent forwards the record of Sergeant F.M. King, guilty of drunkenness on duty on ~~September 10~~ ^{October 16} and allowing a prisoner to escape from his custody. King has addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Watch Committee on the subject of his treatment in the Force. The Watch Committee is unanimously of opinion that the Captain Superintendent's recommendation calls for the Council's endorsement, and it is accordingly decided that King be reduced to the rank of Constable with effect from October 16.

Application by Mr Kirk. A note from the Detective Officer forwarded by the Acting Captain Superintendent requests that an allowance in lieu of uniform be granted to him. As it was never the Council's intention that Mr Kirk should wear uniform the Council decides unanimously that the application cannot be entertained. Mr Figge points out that Mr Kirk's appointment is wholly separate from the roster of Police officers, and comparison therewith as regards terms of service is unwarranted. Mr Kirk is not in line for promotion on the executive side of the Force.

Yangkingpang. A note from the French Council suggests closing the creek to boat traffic with effect from November 1 and a joint notification in this sense is approved for issue.

Quarry Transport. A note from the Engineer informs the Council that Tsong Chong Li, the new contractor, has consented to bring down stone from Pingehiao at \$4 per fong for monthly quantities above 1000 fong.

Tenders for Machinery. Letters from Messrs Andersen, Meyer & Co. and Scott, Harding & Co. are read with regard to their tenders in response to P.W.D. Specification No. 184. They both claim substantially a ten per cent advance in respect of the fall in exchange and increased rates of freight under war conditions. The Works Committee is divided in opinion as to how these applications should be met, Mr Merriman considering that the matter should be treated on an ordinary business basis and the firms concerned made to comply with their engagements, while Messrs Bara and Gulland are inclined to admit special extenuating circumstances.

Considerable discussion ensues, Mr Merriman drawing special attention to the fact that, while delay on the Council's part in accepting the tenders is alleged, the Council's acceptance was, as a fact, within the time explicitly stipulated in Messrs Andersen, Meyer & Co's offer. The Council is averse to making any concession on account of exchange, for, as is pointed out, if exchange for other causes has risen, it is unlikely that the firms concerned would have offered the Council any reduction in prices. The entire correspondence including the original tenders is ordered for circulation to members so that the matter may have fuller consideration.

In the course of the foregoing discussion the Council deprecates calling for tenders in taels for goods to be imported from Europe or America, and it is directed that specifications for such goods in future be in sterling.

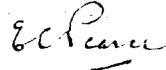
Tenders for Steel-work for the Drill Hall. Seven tenders are submitted in response to P.W.D. Specification No 183 and the lowest, that of Messrs William Jacks & Co., £4800, delivery in eleven months, is authorised for acceptance.

Land Commission. The Commissioners notify the Council of their next meeting to be held on Monday, October 26.

Defence Creek. The Council is informed that Messrs Platt, Macleod and Wilson, on behalf of the Shanghai Race Club, have assented to the changes in the draft agreement with regard to this creek, which the Council desires. The agreement in its amended form is authorised for publication.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

X

Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs C.E. Anton
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of October 21 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Medical Staff. At the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as Lieutenant is authorized for issue to Dr F.M. Neild.

Maxim Battery. The resignation of Lieut. H.E. Middleton, reported by the Commandant, is accepted by the Council with regret.

Proposed Scandinavian Company. A letter from Mr E. Andren is submitted enquiring whether the Council is prepared to sanction the formation of a Scandinavian Company, together with the Commandant's comment thereon. Provided, as in the case of the Austro-Hungarian Company, 30 Scandinavians are willing to enroll in the proposed new unit, the Council will sanction its formation; the limit of thirty must not, however, include transfers from existing units.

Mr Figge draws attention to the fact that the present tendency to form national companies cannot fail to reflect unfavourably on the unity of the Volunteer Corps as a whole, he views the suggested withdrawal of as many as 12 Scandinavians from "A" Company unfavourably. Mr Hide points out that "A" Company has international traditions which it would be regrettable to terminate. It is decided to address the Commandant on this point, directing him to use his influence in maintaining existing well-established units rather than in the formation of new ones.

Jewish Cemetery. In reply to an unofficial enquiry by Mr S.J. Hulse the Council expresses the opinion that Lot 3316, Eastern District, with frontage on the Baikal and Yulin Roads, would be a suitable location for a new Jewish cemetery.

Tenders for Machinery. With regard to the question of the tenders of Messrs Andersen Meyer & Co., and Messrs Scott Harding & Co., the former case has been settled by acceptance of the firm's offer under which the Council will pay such additional freight as is involved by war conditions and war risk if necessary, while the difference in exchange will be borne by the firm. The Chairman has offered the same terms to Messrs Scott Harding & Co, who, however, are unwilling to accept them. The whole of the correspondence on this subject has been scrutinised by the members and considerable discussion ensues as to what should be done in the matter. It is eventually decided to inform Messrs Scott Harding & Co. that their offer, submitted at the last meeting of Council, is unacceptable. The question of inviting new tenders will have the Works Committee's consideration in due course.

Landing of Building Materials. A Police Report is submitted to the effect that Mr Garstin, British Assessor, still finds himself unable to convict Chinese on the charge of landing building materials without a permit, and it is accordingly decided to make such permits a condition of all boat licenses. A draft Notification in this sense is, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, adopted for publication.

Tenders for the Drill Hull Steel-work. A letter from Messrs William Jacks & Co. is read forwarding a telegram from their London Office to the effect that their tender to Public Works Department Specification No.183 is by mistake £720 less than it should be. A note from the Engineer recommends that the firm be held to their tender, but the amount is large and the Council is of opinion that this course is scarcely justifiable in the circumstances. It is ascertained by telephone that the next lowest tender, that of the Shunghui Dock and Engineering Co.Ld. for £50000, is still open and it is accordingly decided to accept it, informing Messrs Jacks that their tender will be treated as incomplete.

Secretariat Staff. The application of the Secretary for two months' leave from November 16 with passage is submitted and approved, with the understanding that long leave, due at the end of next year, will not be applied for, and that if Mr Leveson is unable to return to China within the time stated, the extra days will count against future leave.

Mr Hide considers that, owing to the number of members of the Municipal Staff who have gone home recently, the application is ill-timed, and unless there is some very urgent reason he does not think leave should be granted.

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

Settlement Extension. The Chairman states that he has ascertained from the Editor of the north China Daily News that his recent announcement on this subject was the result of a communication through Mr Yang Teheng, the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, and he will therefore take an early opportunity to impress upon the Senior Consul the desirability of carrying forward the Extension negotiations without relaxation.

Police Force, Sikh Branch. Mr Fidge states that upwards of 100 Sikhs, including a number of members of the Force, have recently waited upon H.M. Consul General with regard to the fate of the Sikhs who lately returned from America in the s.s. "Kumogata Maru". The incident appears to have created some stir and the Chairman undertakes to see Sir Everard Fraser and request that he will publish a definite statement with regard to the arrival of the vessel at Calcutta.

The meeting adjourns at 5.35 p.m.



Chairman.


Secretary. *X*

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 4, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs C.E. Anton
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of October 28 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the Proposed Scandinavian Company, the Chairman has seen the Consuls-General for Denmark, Sweden and Norway in the matter. He finds the last named indifferent to the proposal, while Messrs Raaschou and Reutersward would view the formation of the Company with regret, since they have found by experience that young Danes and Swedes on arrival in Shunghai find membership of "A" Company a useful introduction to the British Community. All of the Consuls are of opinion that it is improbable that a sufficient number of applicants will be found to comply with the Council's terms of formation. In discussing this matter with Mr Raaschou the Chairman took occasion to refer to the negotiations for

Settlement Extension. The Senior Consul said that Mr Yang Toheng laid more stress on the question of Chinese officers' swords than upon any other point under discussion. He suggested that the Council should make some compromise with a view to satisfying the Chinese on this point. Mr Pearce replied that it would be more satisfactory if Mr Yang Toheng replied to Mr Raaschou's official letter stating to which parts of the draft agreement he was prepared to assent, and adding such further stipulations, as for instance in regard to swords, as he desired.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of October 29 are laid on the table. With regard thereto Mr Gulland states that certain of the members of the Commission are desirous of discussing the question of Water Pressure throughout the Settlement, and that in

reply he had pointed out that the matter was somewhat outside the Commission's work in hand. The Council expresses readiness to receive any communication which the Commission may desire to make on this point.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of October 30 are submitted and confirmed. Mr Ezra takes the opportunity to enquire whether any steps are being taken to prevent the continued planting of Roadside Trees in such positions as will hereafter render them obstructions to the foot-paths. He also enquires as to a building which appears as if it were being erected on public creek land adjoining the bridge in the Jessfield Road. These matters will have the attention of the Committees concerned.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of November 2 are confirmed and signed. With regard to the question of Water Consumption, a note from the Electrical Engineer explains the excess in the quantity used during August and September at greater length. The cost involved is small, and the extra expenditure is preferable to incurring the expense of installing a new pump at the Fearon Road Station.

Requisition Book, Order for Cable. With regard to the minute under this heading, the Chairman has seen Mr Burkill, Mr Goodale and Mr Aldridge and as a result of his interview he suggests:

- (1) that Mr Aldridge be furnished with a copy of the Treasurer's letter of October 22.
- (2) that he write across the endorsement of which complaint is made that it is withdrawn, and
- (3) that the Council address a letter to him stating that such a remark should not have been placed in any of the Council's official books.

This proposal meets with the unanimous assent of the Council.

Volunteer Corps.

Austro-Hungarian Company, Uniform. A note from the Commandant describes the proposed uniform for this new unit, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, the details are approved.

Mr Figge then withdraws.

Volunteer Nurses. A note from the Commandant is submitted stating that the members of the King's Daughters Society have offered their services to the Corps as nurses provided they can receive training. The Council is unanimously opposed to the enrolment of any body of nurses with any direct or indirect connexion with the Volunteer Corps, particularly at the present time when such a step would create the impression that the Council anticipates trouble in the Settlement.

On the other hand the Council has no objection to the Matron of the Victoria Nursing Home giving private instruction in nursing to any ladies who may apply, provided she is willing to do the work and that it will not interfere with her ordinary duties.

Police Special Services. With regard to the Council's decision to double the tariff of charges the Acting Captain Superintendent has pointed out that it would be inadvisable for this step to apply to any but the Foreign Branch, for if the Chinese institutions who now employ police on special services were to discontinue such employment owing to the higher tariff the result would be exceedingly unsatisfactory. Mr Ezra has information to the effect that certain Chinese are already contemplating discontinuing police services on these grounds. The measure was the result of war conditions which have not affected either the Sikh or Chinese Branch, and, after some discussion, it is decided to double the fees for Foreign Sergeants and Constables only.

Mixed Court Departmental Summonses. A note from the Acting Captain Superintendent is read suggesting that applications for summonses on behalf of Municipal Departments be addressed direct to the Court instead of to the Secretariat. It is pointed out that Captain Barrett has lost sight of the fact that such applications are sent to the Council's offices not as a time-wasting formality, but in order that the Committee concerned may approve the proceedings before they are taken. It is accordingly decided to make no change in the existing procedure.

Szechuen Road Widening. Mr Hardoon's reply to the Council's letter on the subject of Lot 79 is read, and the Chairman states that Mr Hardoon has called upon him in the matter and with him visited the property in question. Mr Pearce finds that the concession made to Mr Hardoon at the corner of the Szechuen and Peking Roads together with the work carried out under "repair permits", have effectively postponed the widening of the Szechuen Road for many years and he is of opinion that any further concession to Mr Hardoon would be held up to the Council by other landowners as a precedent for not building back to the scheduled line. He considers ^{therefore} that if any rebuilding work is undertaken in the section to which Mr Hardoon's present application refers it should be set back. The Council unanimously confirms this view. As regards the leased strip at present included in the road it is decided to offer Mr Hardoon the amount of the annual rent capitalised at 6 per cent. If this is unacceptable to him the Chairman suggests that the matter be referred

to the arbitration of Mr Bourne, H.M. Assistant Judge. Mr Ezra points out that arbitration by any other party than the Land Commission would be irregular and it is decided to refer the case to the Commission in the event forementioned.

Loan of 1914. A report by the Treasurer is submitted forecasting the financial position of the Council at the end of the current year and suggesting the issue of debentures for ₹1½ lakhs. The Council concurs in the view expressed by the Chairman that, so as to keep the amount of the loan of 1915 as low as possible, the Council should avail itself to a reasonable extent of the authority already obtained under the Resolutions passed in March last. It is therefore decided to issue the usual Notification inviting tenders for a further instalment of the Loan of 1914 up to ₹2 lakhs at 5½ per cent interest.

The Municipal Gazette for November 5 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the note under the heading National Companies some discussion ensues, Mr Ride stating that he has found Major Pileher strongly in favour of converting "A" Company into a purely British unit, except as regards men of other nations already enrolled. He considers that it would be preferable for the Council's note to be issued after the meeting of the Company which has been convened for tomorrow. It is pointed out that the Council's note will give an indication to members of the Company as to the way in which the Council views this matter, whereas if the Company passes a resolution on the subject the members will improbably alter their recorded opinion. The note is accordingly authorised for inclusion in the Gazette.

Council for 1915. The Chairman states that he will be glad to learn at the Council's next meeting which of the members will allow themselves to be re-nominated for the Council for 1915. He takes this early opportunity of enquiring inasmuch as some members, for instance himself, may be under the necessity of referring home before assenting. Mr Merriman expresses the hope that, in view of present conditions, the whole of the Council will see its way to serve for a further year. He considers that no material change in the personnel of the Council would be desirable.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 18, 1914.

at 4.30 P.M., there were:

Present:

Messrs E. C. Pearse (Chairman)
 E. I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H. C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C. G. S. Maskie
 W. L. Merriman
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs C. E. Anton
 A. S. P. White-Cooper.

The minutes of the meeting of November 4 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of November 5 are submitted for the members' information.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 13 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of Italian Company. A letter from the Acting Consul-General for Italy is submitted stating that at a recent meeting, 43 Italian residents expressed the wish to form an Italian Company in the Corps with Captain M. Varaldu in command. He requests the Council's acceptance of this offer. The Commandant has stated that it has been intimated to him that should it be refused the Italians will organise as a body of Volunteers independently. Mr Figge expresses the view that this would be an infringement of the terms of Byelaw XXXVII but that any dispute on such a point would be very undesirable at the present time. It is also pointed out that by these notable additions to the Corps the provisions of the current Budget may be considerably exceeded. After some further discussion it is decided that there is no course but to accept the offer. The condition of the Council's acceptance, however, is that the officer nominated to command the Company, to whose previous career Mr Figge makes reference, be acceptable to the Commandant, and that it be clearly understood that the members of the Company shall consist of residents only.

Sergeant Wilkins' Passage. The Chairman expresses the view of the Finance Committee that the proposed payment in cash of the difference between the P & O and the Japanese Mail passage, though the amount

is insignificant, appears to be an unfortunate departure from the principle that no employes should profit by taking a cheaper passage than that prescribed by rule as suitable to his position in the Municipal service; and that it will tend to form a very undesirable precedent. The need for this special treatment is attributed by the Chairman of the Watch Committee entirely to the Commandant's permission to Wilkins to take his own passage under the impression that he would receive the difference; he maintains that although the action of the Commandant was mistaken it should nevertheless on this occasion be supported. He has formed the view that the wording of the Board Order on the subject of passages might possibly be misunderstood. The members are unanimously of opinion that it is unfortunate that it should apparently prove unavoidable to permit this special treatment to Sergeant Wilkins when so many past applications have been refused, and after some discussion sanction the payment as recommended.

Referring to the wording of the Board Order, the members are of opinion that there may be ambiguity sufficient to give occasion for misunderstanding such as that which is stated to have occurred in this instance; and it is directed that the Order ^{be} redrawn with the approval of the Watch Committee.

Gold Shop Case. The Chairman has interviewed the Legal Adviser and finds that he is still unwilling that any additions which he considers to be in the nature of argument should be included in the Council's answer to the petition in the Court of Consuls. He has handed to the Chairman a copy of a letter from him to Mr Wilkinson dated October 28, which from the standpoint of the Council's Legal Adviser completely include the material arguments made clear in the alternative answer submitted. There accordingly appears to be no course but to make use of the Legal Adviser's answer as drafted.

Volunteer Corps.

Mr H. Bell's Commission is forwarded by the Commandant on his return from home, having completed the course of instruction, for cancellation together with his expired commission in the Customs' Company.

Headquarters' Staff. An application by Sergeant Major Fry is submitted for permission to volunteer for war service under Board Order No 3797 as he has received an offer of a commission in the Leicestershire Regiment; with the Commandant's comment that although by his departure the remainder of the staff would perform more work, it is willing to co-operate as far as possible. The Chairman of the Watch Committee observes that after all that has been done for this employe he regards the application with surprise, but has no wish to prevent his availing of his opportunity. The Chairman undertakes to speak with the

Commandant expressing to him the Watch Committee's reluctance to sanction this application in the case of an employe appointed so recently as August 7 with Pay higher than has hitherto obtained in the Headquarters' Staff. In the event of the Commandant's failing to prevail on Fry to continue his services, his application will be sanctioned, with the proviso that there should be no understanding that he will be re-engaged on his return if he so desires; but that his re-engagement will then have to be considered de novo.

Police Force. An application by Captain Barrett is submitted for permission to volunteer for war service in accordance with the terms of Order No 3797. At the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent who has consulted with the jamadars as to the state of feeling in the Sikh Branch, it is decided not to grant this application, and to intimate in the Municipal Gazette that the special exigencies of the Police Force at present make it necessary to retain Captain Barrett's services in the Settlement.

Pawnbrokers. The reply of the Senior Consul is submitted to the Council's representations as previously decided on the subject of an endeavour reported in the Chinese press to institute a system of Chinese Government license and taxation on pawnshops. The Senior Consul states that he has received no communication from the Chinese Authorities such as that which has been reported and that the matter has not been discussed between the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs and himself. In order to dispel any mistaken impression on this point on the part of the Chinese residents the correspondence is ordered for publication forthwith.

Opium Shops. The Chairman states that certain members of the Missionary body have expressed a wish to interview him as to the Council's policy on this subject, and he enquires whether any other of the members wishes to ^{be} present, suggesting that Mr Ezra's special knowledge might be of advantage in the discussion. Mr Ezra undertakes to be present accordingly. The Chairman understands that these Missionaries are dissatisfied with the statement contained in the Council's published letter to H.M. Consul-General of September 21, that the discontinuance of licences will be concurrent with the disappearances of stocks, and desire that a definite date for the closure of the opium shops be settled. It is accordingly decided that the date for the complete discontinuance of licences shall be December 31, 1917, or earlier, as circumstances may permit, but that this cannot be definitely stated until the Ratepayers' Meeting.

Garden City Fete. A note from the Engineer is submitted requesting that in view of the judgment in the recent case against Mr Cooper, the blame previously attributed to himself for not having been acquainted with the work in progress at the Town Hall prior to the Fete should now be withdrawn. The Works Committee sees no reason for modifying its views, which were recorded on April 14. Messrs Merriman and Hide take a sympathetic view of the Engineer's request, but after some discussion it is decided that the previous minute shall stand.

Electricity Department.

Coal Supply. The recommendation of the Electrical Engineer to postpone the notification for tenders for coal as usual at this period, until January or February, and to accept the offer of Messrs Furukawa & Co. to supply 8000 tons for use at the Fearon Road Station in addition to the contract amount without change of price, is approved.

Educational Grants. An application by the St. Joseph's Institute, otherwise known as the French Orphanage, is submitted for an increase of the Council's grant, £3000. Mr Fidge points out that as the majority of the orphans have come from the Foreign Settlement, the Council's previous refusal constituted somewhat harsh treatment, and he regards the application for an increase as reasonable. Mr Ezra speaks highly of the work of the orphanage, which in his opinion it is the Council's duty to support by an adequate grant. He points out that the grant has remained at its present amount for nearly forty years, and that in view of the largely increased expenses of the orphanage, it is now insignificant. It is directed that this application be submitted to the Permanent Educational Committee with the Council's favourable recommendation.

Loan of 1914. Tenders aggregating £572900 have been received in response to Notification No 2283, and the Treasurer's recommendation is that allotments to the amount required £200000, be sanctioned as follows:-

£180000 at 102.30 less $\frac{1}{2}\%$ brokerage

12000 at 101.80 net.

Some discussion ensues as to the wording of the tender of Mr Merriman offering "issue price", which is included in the amount of £12,000. He states that it was his intention thereby to offer as high a price as the highest tenderer, and that he is tendering on behalf of several friends who are small investors.

The members are unanimously of opinion that it is undesirable to permit the whole of this issue of the debentures to be taken up by a firm of brokers whose intention is presumably speculative, namely to sell them piecemeal to small investors at an increased premium. Mr Merriman's tender is accepted, and also that of Dr S.I. Woodbridge whose small holding of the 1895 5c/6 Loan was recently redeemed, on his understanding with the Treasurer that he would have this opportunity of re-investment. The allotments accordingly are sanctioned as recommended.

The Municipal Gazette for November 19, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.



Chairman.


Acting Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Monday, November 23, 1914,
at 12.15 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Galland
A. Hide
W.L. Merriman and
The Acting Secretary

Absent:

Messrs C.E. Anton
C.G.S. Mackie
A.S.P. White-Cooper.

Settlement Extension. The Chairman states that he has convened this meeting in connexion with a private communication received from H.M. Consul General intimating that it would further prompt decision if the Council would give an assurance, without binding its successors in office or the ratepayers, to refrain from carrying out any extensive system of road construction without previous explanation to the Chinese Government or the actual foreign interests in the way of houses built or agreed to be built.

The Chairman states that he has pointed out to H.M. Consul General that on the new boundary in the vicinity of the Suwginkiang small extra extensions will inevitably be requisite comparatively in the near future; and that in reply H.M. Consul General stated that the whole object of requesting this assurance is to prevent any considerable system of extra-Settlement roads following after the extension. The Chairman is in favour of acceding to the request provided that it be clearly understood that nothing in this undertaking shall in any way affect the Council's permanent rights in the terms of the last paragraphs of Land Regulation VI. After some discussion the members are unanimously of opinion that it would be reasonable to give such an assurance with the safeguard which he indicates.

The Chairman, then referring to a plan, showing the Western District beyond the existing boundary explains that, as previously arranged, the proposed railway loop-line running between the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow Railways of which he points out approximate situation, ^{will} form the new Western boundary, and that west of the Siccawei Road the Hungjao Road will form the Southern boundary of the Settlement; thus specially excluding the village and the colleges at Siccawei. He adds that it is understood that the

Nanyang College and Li Hung Chang Memorial shall continue to be regarded as Chinese Government institutions.

With further reference to H.M. Consul General's note it is observed that he makes mention of the arrangement as to political offenders, a document of which the Chairman has received an amended copy. Its provisions are read and discussed. The provision that a non-political criminal refugee to the Settlement shall on proof of his identity be expelled from the Settlement, appears to have been changed, to state that he shall be handed over to the Chinese Authorities. The Chairman is of opinion that the wording of the first two paragraphs is unsatisfactory inasmuch as it fails to specify the Court, if any, before which the delinquents and the proofs are to be produced. Mr Ezra points out that there is thus no provision for a prima facie investigation in the Court, of the case against a non-political criminal refugee who has been inside the Settlement for less than six months, and that this might lead to serious abuses, such as the Council has always striven to frustrate.

The members are unanimously of the view that further provision must be made in the first two paragraphs sufficient to safeguard the principle that refugees of all kinds cannot be handed over without some preliminary enquiry at the Court, ^{and} sufficient to accord with the principle expressed in correspondence with the Consular Body of many years standing, and also in the resolution of the Ratepayers in the year 1902. This matter will be brought to the notice of H.M. Consul General in order that further arrangements may be made, and thereafter his letter will receive a written reply.

The meeting adjourns at 1 p.m.

E. R. R. R.

Chairman.

J. M. McKinnon

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 25, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of November 18 and of the Special Meeting of
November 23 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of
November 20 are read and confirmed with the proviso that further
discussion is requisite in connexion with the seniority of Matrons.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 23 are
submitted and confirmed. On the subject of
Railless Trams A Report by the Engineer is submitted now stating that
 the weight of an empty car has been definitely proved to be 5 tons
 instead of the approved weight of 3½ tons; and that whereas they
 are designed to carry passengers estimated to weigh 1½ tons there are
 often 60 passengers in the cars and thus the total weight is 8 tons.
 It would seem advisable to request the Tramway Company to desist from
 running these cars in order to obviate or minimise the claims to which
 the Engineer has referred but there is some doubt as to whether this
 course might not lead to claims from the Tramway Company for losses due
 to stoppage of service and it is accordingly decided to seek the Legal
 Adviser's opinion forthwith as to whether the Council would be legally
 justified in stopping the cars from running on the ground that their
 weight as mentioned in the Company's formal application of February 19,
 1913, has been so considerably exceeded. It is also directed that
 instructions be given to the Police forthwith to note and report in the
 meantime the number of cars with passengers in excess of 30, the
 complement which they are designed to carry, and to take steps to
 prevent this practice.

Consideration as to the further question of the responsibility of the Company with regard to such claims as may arise for various damages will be deferred pending the receipt of further information as to their extent.

Pingshiao Quarry. H.M. Consul General has expressed his opinion that it would be desirable that the Engineer should see Mr Bristow personally at Hangchow on this subject, and that Dr. Main should not be introduced into the matter unless at Mr Bristow's special wish. There should, however, be no departure from the terms of the Council's letter of September 3 to H.M. Consul at Hangchow, that the only arrangement as to payment be that the rent for the future be in money rather than in stone.

Sinza Stone Bridge. Noting the Works Committee's remarks it is decided that a further letter may be addressed to the Senior Consul to the effect that in view of the now improved prospects of the completion of the draft agreement relating to Settlement Extension, and as a result of recent conversations, the Council has arrived at the conclusion that its approval of the re-construction of the bridge may now be given.

Garden City Feiq. Mr Gulland refers to the discussion again raised by the Engineer as to the criticism recorded on April 14, but after general comment the members are unwilling to take any action, and Mr Gulland states that if the Engineer has further remarks to offer, upon this now too much ventilated subject, they should be made to him verbally.

Volunteer Corps.

"B" Company. Six months' leave is granted to Captain J.D. Gordon from December 15.

Street Barricades. A Report by the Commandant suggests practising the erection of barricades in the streets; but this is regarded as undesirable at present, except on that part of the Recreation Ground at the Race Course where drills are performed, or in some similar place away from the public roads.

Italian Company. The Commandant in a note submitted expresses regret that his communication to the Watch Committee on this subject during the meeting of November 13 was set out in the minutes. It is pointed out that the remarks of the members as to the formation of this new Company seemed to be of importance such as to make it requisite that they should be recorded; but the Council concurs in the Commandant's view.

Sergeant Major Wilkins' Passage. The Commandant states that he does not consider the record of the Watch Committee's discussion on this subject to be impartial, for his action, results from the manner in which the Board Order on the subject of passages is framed, which he regards as ambiguous. As Sergeant Major Wilkins' passage money has been issued with the additions for which he applied, and the recent instructions as to amplifying the Order are being complied with, there is nothing more to be done, but the Commandant will be informed that his opinion has been noted.

Headquarters' Staff. A further Report by the Commandant is submitted requesting re-consideration of the decision that after Mr Fry's return to England from military service his application for re-employment be then considered de novo. The Chairman of the Watch Committee makes a comment that the Council's attention has been somewhat overmuch engaged of late with the various applications of the subordinate employes of the Headquarters' Staff; and the instructions previously recorded on this point are re-affirmed.

Opium Shops. The Chairman recounts what passed at the interview between himself, Mr Ezra and two members of the Missionary body, Messrs Hayward and Crofoot in the course of which they were definitely assured that the statement that the closing of the opium shops would be concurrent with the exhaustion of opium stocks means that they will be closed in accordance with the procedure adopted with respect to divans, at latest by the end of 1917, but possibly at the end of 1916, and that nothing more definite than this could be stated until the Ratepayers Meeting. He adds that Mr Ezra spoke to so much effect that the missionaries retired, practically unable to make further demand.

Settlement Extension. A draft letter to H.M. Consul General is submitted embodying the substance of the decisions recorded at the recent special meeting, together with results of further negotiations with H.M. Consul General relating to Chinese taking refuge in the Settlement. This letter provides that such Chinese shall not be handed over "without a preliminary enquiry at the Mixed Court", sufficient to accord with the practice defined in the Senior Consul's letter of December 5, 1898, and the principle expressed in the resolution of the Ratepayers in the year 1902. The Council is unanimously of opinion that the privileges of Chinese in the Settlement will be adequately safeguarded by the arrangement set forth, supported by the co-operation of the Assessors; and, after verbal amendment suggested by Mr Figge, the letter is approved for despatch.

Court of Consuls. The petition of Messrs Fleming and Davies in the case of Mrs Saki Baba is submitted and referred to the Legal Adviser for answer.

Land Commission. The Commissioners' Awards in Cases Nos. XCIV and XCV, already duly communicated to the concerned are submitted and authorised for publication as usual.

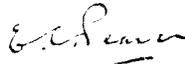
Electricity Committee. Mr C.R. Burkill communicates his resignation owing to his departure from Shanghai until next March, and it is decided to request Mr A.W. Burkill to serve in his stead.

Educational Grants. The Council's reply to the application of the French Orphanage having been communicated, to the effect that the application was referred to the Permanent Educational Committee which will give it attention when considering the Educational Grants for the year 1915, a further letter from the Orphanage is submitted stating that in view of the need of arranging the budget of the Institution and of last year's deficit, the uncertainty as to final reply occasions inconvenience: a decision as early as possible is accordingly requested.

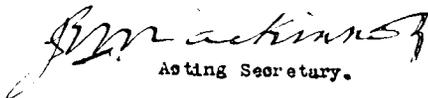
The Committee has stated that the question must await the meeting when the other Educational Grants are considered. Messrs Ezna and Figge express the opinion that the Committee should be informed that the application for the amount in question has the Council's approval, and that the meeting for consideration of annual Grants should take place in December as published on a previous occasion.

The Municipal Gazette for November 26 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication with the omission of the tenders for motor cars for the Electricity Department on the subject of which a further report is required from the Electrical Engineer.

The meeting adjourns at 6.05 p.m.

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Chairman.


Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 2, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figgc
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of November 25, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of December 1 are read and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Veterinary Staff. At the recommendation of the Commandant twelve months' leave is granted to Captain E.V. Hobbs from December 1.

Italian Company. The Council's views having been transmitted to the Commandant a note was at the same time communicated in explanation of the reasons for which the Watch Committee's views were recorded; namely, that the remarks of the members seemed to be of importance such that their recording appeared requisite. The Commandant has demanded the removal of this explanatory note. The Vice-Chairman states the reason for this objection: the Commandant objects to any expression of the individual view of the Secretary upon any matter of business being recorded in a semi-official communication.

The Vice Chairman has upon enquiry been satisfied that the expression of such views and indications in these semi-official notes to Heads of Departments has been a practice of many years' standing, and therefore he deprecates modification therein, pending the absence of the Council's Secretary. Although of opinion that the procedure was entirely bona fide he is inclined to question the fitness of making use of a footnote for the purpose; and it is explained by the Acting Secretary that this was done in consequence of previous remarks by the Commandant from which it was gathered that he, personally, preferred individual information to be conveyed separately from any expression of the Council's views or decisions. Mr Anton remarks that the matter seems trivial, and in this the other members, with one exception, generally concur, and approve treatment of the matter as indicated by the Vice Chairman.

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Locomotion. An application from the Commandant is submitted referring to his need of a motor car for duty and also to some extent for private use. This matter having been discussed between him and the Chairman of the Watch Committee, it is decided that a motor car shall be purchased for the official and private use of the Commandant for which payment shall be made at the beginning of the forthcoming year; and that all charges for maintenance be paid, a deduction being made, from the Commandant's pay, of £50 per annum, which is his additional pay, as indemnity for locomotion, as set forth in the Council's letter to the Army Council of February 3, 1913. The carriage and horse with which the Commandant has provided himself will be purchased by the Council and in this connexion Mr Figge further states that he has conversed with the Health Officer as to the need for supplying some suitable form of locomotion for nurses proceeding to outside night duty, and also occasionally for the matron during the daytime; he accordingly recommends that the Commandant's carriage be utilised for the Victoria Nursing Home for the purpose in question, a suitable fee for the vehicle being added to the charge per visit of a nurse at night on occasions where the concerned do not themselves supply the necessary locomotion. These arrangements are approved.

Tavern Licences. A further letter from the licensee of Neumann's Cafe is submitted referring to the fact that he has received no reply to his previous communication as to the extension of closing time. This was the result of the decision recorded in August to discontinue correspondence on the subject.

The licensee now again sets forth his contentions at length, ending with an indication that he is prepared to take proceedings in order to obtain the same treatment as another establishment in this respect. An adverse Police Report on the application is submitted and as a result of enquiries by the Watch Committee, a further Police Report is read stating that the establishment, being under strict Police surveillance, has been found to be closed at midnight ever since August, though several persons have left the premises at later hours.

The members are unanimously of opinion that this licensee should be given an opportunity of conducting the business with latitude as to the closing hour identical with that accorded for another establishment viz. until 2 a.m.; with the proviso that in the event of the least cause for Police complaint in the future, the privilege of late closing shall immediately cease.

Japanese Troops in the Settlement. A letter from the Japanese Consul General has been submitted, stating that on November 28 600 Japanese troops and 20 officers were expected to pass through the Settlement under arms for transshipment to Hankow, and a similar detachment hereafter, returning from Hankow on route for Japan. If this proceeding were allowed, it might be said that a technical breach of neutrality has been permitted by the Council. The Chairman accordingly interviewed H.M. Consul General and the Japanese Consul General, and has succeeded in arriving at an understanding that other arrangements should be made for the transshipment of these troops without landing.

Chapel Works and Tax Office. A note is read from the Chapel Works and Tax Office, the administration which succeeded the Chapel Constabulary, stating that by arrangement with the local Authorities the Office is abolished from December 1. This removal of a separate administrative organisation in Chapel, which has so long been the subject of the Council's representations in connexion with Settlement Extension, is believed to be primarily due to lack of funds. It appears also to foreshadow the forthcoming approval of the Extension agreement and is accordingly noted with satisfaction.

Opium Shops. Communications on this subject are submitted from Mr. Hayward, representing the Shanghai Missionary Association, and from Mr E.S. Little.

As to Mr Hayward's letter Mr Ezra remarks that certain members of the Missionary body evidently hold irreconcilable and uncompromising views. A statement in the North China Daily News of this date reports that Mr Hayward has informed his Association that at his recent interview with the Chairman and Mr Ezra no specific date could be given for the cessation of the licences. This information is erroneous inasmuch as he was definitely assured that the licences will cease at latest by the end of 1917 but possibly at the end of 1916. It is directed that this error be pointed out in reply to Mr Hayward's letter.

Mr Little's strictures are unanimously thought to be exaggerated, but particularly his statement that the Council's intention is the perpetuation of the retail sale of opium in the Settlement, an allegation which is obviously beside the mark. Mr Ezra refers to other unsatisfactory features of Mr Little's remarks, for embodiment in the reply.

Mr Hide observes that the Council should obtain an expression of the Legal Adviser's opinion as to what its legal responsibility would be vis-a-vis the holders of opium stocks, in the event of its abruptly ceasing to issue licences for the retail sale in the shops. If its responsibilities are such that a cause for civil action by the concerned would thereby be occasioned, it is evident that this would prove a complete answer to pressure of the kind which the Council's opponents are endeavouring to exercise.

Railless Trams. The Company, having broken one of the conditions on which permission was granted for the running of these trams, namely that relating to the weight of the vehicles, has in accordance with the Legal Adviser's opinion been ordered to discontinue the service forthwith, and has immediately complied. In response to the Company's enquiry as to the arrangements proposed for making Fokien Road suitable for cars of the approved weight, a report by the Engineer is submitted in which he recommends that in lieu of the £460 annual contribution by the Company a request be made for payment of half the cost of the concrete road already recommended. This point is referred for the Works Committee's consideration.

Communications have been received from the Telephone and Waterworks Companies, the former claiming that the Council should make good such damage as may hereafter be found to be done to their underground works; and the latter enquiring whether the Council or the Tramway Company will pay for the damage already done, and likely to be done, to pipes and mains. To the Telephone Company, the Council has replied that no responsibility is admitted, and that the reconstruction of the road is under consideration. To the Waterworks Company, the Legal Adviser has recommended a reply referring to the Tramway Company's abuse of privilege, as to the weight of the cars, and stating that its liability for injuries caused to the property of others by the working of the system appears to be indisputable.

Electricity Committee. Mr A.W. Burkill has stated verbally that the Council's request that he should rejoin the Committee is not acceptable to him as qualified by the indication that his membership shall only last until Mr C.R. Burkill's return; for he states that the latter will probably leave and return on more than one occasion before March, and that thereafter he will still perhaps not leave for home.

It is pointed out that the form of the Council's invitation to Mr A.W. Burkill to rejoin the Committee was identical with that made to him on a previous occasion, and that Mr C.R. Burkill, as the successor of Mr A.H. Collinson in the Committee according to previous arrangements is, properly a permanent member when not absent from

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Shanghai. The Chairman states that he will arrange this matter personally with Mr Burkill.

Rifle Range and Kiangwan Road. The Chairman reports the result of his informal communications with Mr Brodie Clarke with regard to altering the position of the road immediately in the rear of the Butts, in accordance with the decision of September 30. Mr Brodie Clarke proposes a deviation which is shown on a plan submitted, at an estimated cost of \$12000 for the necessary land and construction towards which the International Recreation Club is willing to make a contribution. The Chairman points out and the members agree that this arrangement would be of little value unless it is clearly understood that the existing road shall be effectively abandoned, remaining without communication with any other thoroughfare except where it now debouches into the North Szechuen Road Extension.

Council for 1915. The Chairman states that he has learnt of the probability that the Japanese section of the Community will nominate and endeavour to elect a Japanese member for the Council for the forthcoming year. He mentions Mr Richards as a desirable member to replace Mr Anton, in the event of his being unable to serve for a further year.

The Municipal Gazette for December 3, is submitted in proof and authorized for publication with the omission of the recent communication to the Consular Body on the subject of the Sinzu Stone Bridge.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

J. C. Richards
Chairman.

W. M. A. Kinnison
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 9, 1914,

at 4.30 p.m., there were:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr. A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of December 2 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman; with the following addition at the request of Mr Hide under the heading

Italian Company. "Mr Hide dissenting, states that in this case the Commandant has his entire sympathy, he also comments unfavourably on the friction that appears to exist between the Secretariat in the past and the Heads of Departments the cause for which appears to him in most cases to emanate from the Secretariat. Mr Figge states that he considers there is a great deal in what Mr Hide says with regard to the friction between the Secretariat and the Heads of Departments. Nevertheless he favours allowing the matter to stand over till the return of the Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of December 3, which are submitted for the members' information, refer to a proposal by Messrs Emmett and Davis that the Commission shall submit a resolution to the Council to the effect that the pressure and water supply are inadequate. Mr Gulland states that he is aware of the terms of this resolution and is inclined to regard it as somewhat beyond the sphere of the work of the Commission. Information on this point will be circulated for consideration, and Mr Gulland undertakes thereafter to inform the Commission of the Council's opinion thereon.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 7 are read and confirmed. With regard to

Markham Road, Lot 4325. The Chairman states that Mr Halse has approached him personally requesting immediate payment, and after some discussion it is decided to accede to his request.

Pingshiao Road. At the recommendation of the Works Committee and after inspection of a plan submitted, the opinion prevails that it is desirable that negotiations with the owner for the surrender of the land west of that of Zuo Zung Foo be begun and pressed forward at once, so that the terms of both surrenders may be arranged as far as possible simultaneously.

Railless Trams. Commenting upon the decision as to the contribution to the reconstruction of Fokien Road to be paid by the Tramway Company, Mr Figge points out that the use made of the roads by railless cars is not comparable to that made by ordinary trams: the former make use of the entire thoroughfare, and that thus no argument is furnished for requiring the Company to contribute half rather than the whole of the cost. He is inclined to expect that whatever claim the Council makes the Company will seek terms more advantageous. Considerable discussion ensues whereafter at the recommendation of the Works Committee its decision is confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Maxia Company. A commission as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr A. C. Lightfoot.

Artillery. A commission as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr J. S. Hay.

Reserve Company. The resignation of Mr K. D. Stewart, Lieut. in this Company is accepted.

Police Force.

Case of Constable Laws. Police Reports are submitted to the effect that Constable Laws, besides having made false declarations at the time of his engagement as previously reported, has misappropriated a part of the funds of the Police Recreation Club. If dismissed, he would accordingly forfeit all claim to the amount standing to his credit in the Superannuation Fund. Replacement in this manner of the amount in question is authorised, and it is directed that criminal proceedings be instituted against Laws in order to prevent his return to Shanghai.

Health Department. Reports by the Health Officer are submitted stating that Inspector Courtney has disappeared with the sum of \$439, the pay of the Chinese Staff at the House Refuse Depot. This matter is in the hands of the Police.

Opium Shops. The Legal Adviser's opinion is read in response to the enquiries prompted by Mr Hide. The Legal Adviser does not state definitely that the Council has no power to refuse licences for shops; but that he does not consider that it would be a reasonable act to discontinue licences abruptly at the end of December.

His letter is apparently insufficiently explicit to be suitable for effective use in the controversy which is now proceeding; but Mr Hide has received a copy for exhibition to the Representative of the Missionary Association.

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The Chairman then draws attention to the terms of Article 3 of the agreement between Great Britain and China of May 1911 and Article 18 of the International Opium Convention of January 23, 1912, and also to a statement contained in the Council's letter of November 28, 1910, to the effect that there were 310 licensed shops, which the Council was very willing to close altogether, "but so long as opium is imported into the Settlement, some cognisance must be taken of its retail sale, and it must receive its proper measure of supervision under Municipal License."

Mr Hide describes the view of the Missionary Association, that the Council's proposal as to closing the shops at the latest by the end of 1917, involves no action suppressive of the opium habit, beyond the inevitable suppression due to exhaustion of stocks; and that the Association has enquired whether its views and the Council's might be made to appear at one, by the proposal to close the shops within 18 months, or such similar early period, as might be regarded as suitable, alike by the Association and the Council.

Mr Ezra states that a period thus curtailed would not be a reasonable time in which the stocks may be liquidated; and that the Chinese owners of existing stocks would sell their holdings and not renew them, leaving a quantity in the hands of foreign merchants, which would, in the end, prove unsaleable.

Mr Hide reverts once more to the view of the Association, and the Chairman brings the discussion to a close remarking that he has conversed with the Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and that he intends to confer with H.M. Minister, who is now in Shanghai, whereafter he will report progress.

Settlement Extension. The Chairman states that he has made a tour of inspection with H.M. Minister in order to indicate to him personally the districts proposed for inclusion in the Settlement, and that further discussions are proceeding.

General Hospital. A letter is read notifying that the new accommodation for the Sisters, and for kitchens is nearing completion, and requesting that two of the members pay a visit of inspection. Mr Anton and one other member will comply with this invitation.

Mr Gulland draws attention to the advantage of the use of Chinese servants at the General Hospital, which, in his experience tends to make the attendance on patients better than at the Victoria Nursing Home. The Chairman of the Watch Committee points out that there is a radical difference in the conditions as to attendance on patients in the Home, due to the employment of trained nurses, whose methodical procedure, in accordance with the orders of the doctors, is incompatible

with the use of Chinese servants and makes their employment less necessary than in the General Hospital. Improvement of the attendance at the Home and also of the messing arrangements, are points which, to his knowledge, are receiving the serious and constant attention of the Matron.

Electricity Committee. A note from Mr A.W. Burkill expresses his acceptance of the Council's invitation to rejoin the Committee.

Thomas Hanbury School. The Chairman states that he has received a visit from Dr Cox who expresses his wish to receive the sum of £500 which will be in the nature of a solatium for the loss of reputation which he alleges he will suffer by the cessation of his services at the School, when its medical care is placed in the hands of the Municipal Surgeons. The Chairman having consulted with Dr Marshall on this point, is confident that there is no ground, either in relation to etiquette in the medical profession, or on any other ascertainable consideration, which might furnish a basis for a payment such as that which Dr Cox suggests.

The Municipal Gazette for December 10, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

E.C. Pearce

Chairman.

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J.M. Atkinson
Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 16, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr A.S.P. White-Cooper.

The minutes of the meeting of December 9 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 10 are
 submitted and confirmed. With regard to the
Quarterly Collection of Accounts. An addition to the decision as
 recorded has been suggested by the Chairman of the Committee to the
 effect that dis-connections of supply after notice of nonpayment shall
 only follow provided that it has been satisfactorily established that
 steps to collect the accounts have been taken, and that payment has not
 been withheld owing to dispute as to its correctness.

Some discussion ensues as to the advisability of adopting the
 scheme and finally the Committee's recommendation is approved.
Signature of Vouchers. The Chairman has discussed this point with
 the Treasurer and is inclined to think that such accounts should be
 initialled by the Electrical Engineer. The Finance Committee will
 give further attention to this question.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of
 December 11 are submitted and confirmed with the following exception:-
Kaiser Wilhelm Schule. The Vice-Chairman remarks that this school
 is in fact open to children of other nationalities and that the
 consideration that an additional fee is charged for such children is
 counterpoised by the fact that the German community pays heavily for
 their education, by the large contribution which it makes to the
 income of the school; and that the fees paid by such children fail to
 cover the actual cost of education per child. Mr Ezra also points out

that this, and other existing schools of special nationality, tend to relieve the community as a whole or part of the duty of providing educational facilities in the Settlement; the existing^{ence} of such schools having the effect of keeping the Council's expenditure on education within notably moderate limits; and that they are therefore entitled to assistance out of the public funds.

In response to question which arises, as to how it comes about that the Committee does not definitely recommend whether the issue of grants to national schools generally should, or should not, be adopted, it is pointed out that there is a difference of view of long standing in this connexion between the Chairman of the Committee and Mr Walker; the former having consistently maintained that even temporary aid would be a violation of the principle that within a cosmopolitan Settlement public money should only be used for the support of cosmopolitan institutions or for charitable purposes: and the latter that grants should be made to "national schools" in proportion to the number of ratepayers of each nationality. It is directed that this question be referred to the Committee for the pronouncement of a definite view, which, when it has been expressed, will facilitate the consideration and equitable treatment of the application of the Kaiser Wilhelm Schule.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of December 15 are

submitted and confirmed with the following exception:-

Extraordinary Expenditure - Buildings. As to the item of \$8000 for pavilions the decision of August 20, 1913, is read and in accordance with the view therein contained this provision in the estimates is not approved. The Chairman undertakes however to interview the Recreation Fund Trustees and enquire whether they will make a contribution to the cost of the proposed buildings.

Volunteer Corps. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the following commissions are authorised for issue:-

"Shanghai Scottish" Company: to Mr C.H. Rutherford as Captain and to Mr G.L. Campbell as 2nd Lieut.

Italian Company: to Mr D.M. Varalda as Captain and to Mr M. Commencini as 2nd Lieut.

Customs Company: to Mr R.H.R. Wade as Captain.

The resignation of Lt. H.S. Sweeting, reported by the Commandant, is accepted by the Council with regret.

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Opium Shops. A further communication from the Shanghai Missionary Association is submitted setting forth its views in detail as intended for publication, and suggesting that a more definite statement might now be made as to the dates and rate of the reduction of licences as proposed to be submitted to the Ratepayers.

It is directed that an expression of thanks be conveyed to the Missionary Association for submitting its views for the members' information, and that it be stated in reply that the Council is not disposed to give further particulars at present. It is decided, however, not to permit the licences to increase beyond the number issued for December, and to inform the Missionary Association of this verbally. Mr Hida, who has been in conversation with the representative of the Association, undertakes to do this.

The Chairman states that Sir John Jordan has expressed the opinion that he would like to see an earlier closing of the opium shops than the Council proposes: nevertheless he is of opinion that the stocks must be taken into consideration. In the light of Mr E.S. Little's recent representations, the members learn with considerable diversion of certain overtures which he has made to Mr Ezra and the course of negotiations into which he has entered with the design of acquiring the whole of the stocks by purchase, acting as the representative of a clique of Chinese officials, whom he describes as very influential.

Water Supply. Mr Gulland communicates a resolution proposed to be submitted to the Building Rules Commission by Mr Emmett, as to the need for an enquiry upon the water supply in the Settlement and in outlying roads. He points out that the Commission, though it originated in connexion with the prevention of fire waste, was appointed to suggest amendments to this end in the Rules with respect to new buildings and that to include an investigation as to the Water Supply, would tend unreasonably to prolong and extend its labours. He regards the resolution as affecting issues somewhat beyond the scope of the recommendations of a Commission appointed to enquire into the Rules, and looks upon it as a matter in which primarily the Municipal Engineer should form a considered opinion, and submit recommendations, with a view to negotiations between the Council and the Waterworks Company in connexion with clauses 6 and 7 of the Waterworks Agreement. The Chairman suggests that the Council might entertain a recommendation by the Commission that the water supply in the Settlement and outlying districts be the subject of enquiry: but agrees that this is not a matter for enquiry by the Commission; and after some discussion this view is adopted.

In a Report submitted the Engineer recommends that he be associated with a few others who have expert knowledge on this point, and the view is expressed that an engineering representative of the Shanghai Waterworks Company and the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade might suitably be selected for this purpose. Mr Gulland undertakes to inform Mr Emmett accordingly, and thereafter the point will receive further consideration by the Works Committee.

Court of Consuls. In the case of Mrs Saki Baba the Court has requested the parties to agree to take the opinion of an independent medical practitioner as to whether the plaintiff should submit to further treatment and what result would follow. Dr Ziervogel has been suggested by the plaintiff and he will be acceptable from the Health Officer's standpoint. Noting, however, that Dr Ziervogel has already conducted an X-ray examination of the woman, it is directed that it be ascertained if the selection of Dr Hart will be satisfactory to her counsel. Mr Merriman points out the desirability of producing evidence as to her earning power in relation of the large claim which is advanced.

Land Commission. The Commissioners' Award in Case XCIII is submitted and authorised for publication as usual.

With respect to the forthcoming departure of Mr Robins, Mr Hide suggests the re-nomination of Mr Cubitt, and the Chairman undertakes to give the matter consideration.

Advertising. An application by the British American Tobacco Company is submitted for the Council's permission to use a captive balloon for advertising purposes; and is disapproved on the ground that it will occasion obstruction of traffic and possibly accident.

Public Library. The resignation of Mr Austin is read and accepted with regret. It is directed that particulars be submitted, with a view to the selection of a member to replace him.

Public Band. The Vice-Chairman draws attention to the fact that he has received a request from the wife of Musician Engel for monetary relief during his absence in Japan as a prisoner of War. To comply with this application might involve claims from the families of other employees similarly situated: it is therefore decided that no such assistance can be given, but with her husband's authority Mrs Engel may be permitted to draw suitable instalments from the amount standing to his credit in the Superannuation Fund.

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The Municipal Gazette for December 17 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication with the omission of a paragraph in the Police Report relating to Railless Trams and the Tenders for a Motor-car for the Public Works Department.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

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J. M. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 23, 1914,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H. Figge
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of December 16 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman with the following exception:-

Lund Commission. The Chairman states that he has been re-perusing the
 minute of the Works Committee of October 20 and of the Council's
 decision of April 1 on the subject of Mr Cubitt's non-nomination as
 the representative of the Ratepayers for 1914, and states that in view
 of the opinion then expressed he is unable to acquiesce in any
 suggestion that Mr Cubitt be now invited to act as the Council's
 nominee in place of Mr Robins. Mr Hide, supported by Mr Ezra, repeats
 the sentiments which he has formerly expressed, and states that he
 thinks some injustice has been done to Mr Cubitt. Mr Anton shares the
 Chairman's views and proposes Mr H.E. Campbell as a suitable nominee
 on the Council's behalf. Mr Gulland seconds Mr Anton's proposal, and
 upon a show of hands it is adopted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hambury School Committee of
December 15 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of December 16 are
submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of December 17
which are submitted for the members' information, are the subject of
explanatory remarks by Mr Gulland, describing the differences of
opinion as to Fire resisting Materials especially for staircases;
and the opinion is generally expressed that the usage permitted under
the terms of the London Building Acts might suitably be adopted
locally.

The minutes of the meeting of the Public School Committee of December 18 are submitted and confirmed. In the course of discussion on the subject of

Kindergartens, Mr Ezra once more reverts in the same terms as on a previous occasion, to the desirability of providing a Foreign school in the Western District and his suggestion is referred to the Permanent Educational Committee for consideration. On the subject of the Headmaster's Pay, Mr Figge questions the desirability of adhering rigidly to the maximum in the case of an employe of such excellent services as Mr Billings and suggests that he might be especially informed of the Council's satisfaction with his services and its assent to grant him pay under the new agreement at the rate of £725. Mr White-Cooper undertakes to discuss this matter with the Chairman of the Public School Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 21 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the

Chapoo Road Bridge recommended for replacement in steel, Mr Merriman questions whether it is not perhaps preferable to construct a steel bridge at the crossing of the Szeehuen Road where the increasing through traffic between the Central District and the Hongkew Recreation Ground and Kiangwan indicates the advantage of an improved bridge at this point. It is directed that the attention of the Engineer be directed thereto, and that a report be submitted for the Council's information on the subject. It is observed that a steel structure of a considerably lighter type than the Garden Bridge would suffice; and Mr Hide in this connexion remarks upon the desirability of obtaining drawings from home, not exclusively local designs, for selection.

Permanent Paving. In connexion with the continuance of permanent paving work in the Central District during the coming year as fore-shadowed in the Chairman's speech at the last Meeting of Ratepayers, Mr Merriman once more comments unfavourably on certain sections of the paving laid in this road, and the opinion is expressed that this tends to show the unsuitability of locally made blocks for the purpose.

Volunteer Corps.

Customs Company. A special recommendation by the Commandant is submitted that a commission as Lieutenant be issued to Mr D.C. Dick. Mr Dick having commanded the Company until his resignation in September 1913, the Chairman of the Watch Committee observes that this recommendation is of a special kind, and that it is desirable that he should confer with the Commandant thereon in the first place. Subject to his approval the issue of the commission is authorised.

Police Force.

Volunteers for War Service. An application by Detective Sergeant Welch for permission to volunteer for war service is submitted with an adverse Police Report, in which regret is expressed that this employe should lose the opportunity which is offered to him of obtaining a commission in the British Army, but pointing out that there are other men in the Force who will probably endeavour to obtain similar privileges, and that in view of the exigencies of the service, and the previous decision not to grant any additional permissions it is necessary to refuse this application. Mr Hide in view of the desire of H.M. Minister, is in favour of stretching a point in this case. It is, however, decided that under the circumstances Detective Sergeant Welch's application is not entertained.

Rewards. A Police Report is submitted recommending payment of a reward of \$1000 promised for the arrest of those implicated in the Neumann murder, and this is authorized accordingly.

Recommendations are submitted on the subject of the need for prompt payment of rewards, and especially referring to the decision of the Watch Committee of April last that money rewards by outside donors should be deposited in the Recreation Fund, in preference to their distribution to the men who perform the duty, for which the reward is given. The Watch Committee is of opinion that the readiness previously expressed, to receive Police recommendations as to rewards for good services rendered by any members of any branch of the Force, should suffice to encourage the Detective Branch, and the report is referred for further consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

Court of Consuls.

Gold Shop Case. The judgment in the case of the gold shop is submitted, generally to the effect that the conditions upon which the articles were to be surrendered were entirely dependent upon the Mixed Court of the Foreign Settlement within whose jurisdiction the gold shop is situated, and that therefore before they were surrendered the Police should have obtained an order from the Court in this sense. On this ground the judgment is for the plaintiffs with costs.

The Chairman states that in his opinion half of the expenditure involved should be borne by the French Settlement on the ground that the French Police were parties to the procedure of the Council's Police, and that the owner gave a receipt undertaking to refund the purchase price if required. It is directed that this point be brought to the attention of the French Consul General accordingly.

Public Works Department Motorcar. The Engineer's recommendation on the tenders for a new or second-hand car has been submitted, in favour of a Hupmobile at a cost of £1550. As this is a second-hand car the Works Committee is in favour of accepting the tender for a Ford car for £1350, which is new, and is the lowest tender submitted. In accordance with a note by the Treasurer on this subject the necessary expenditure will be incurred after the end of the year, and the requisite provision will be made in the estimates for the year 1915.

The Municipal Gazette for December 24 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

E. L. ...

Chairman.

B. Mackinnon
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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 6, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.I. Ezra
H. Figg
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of December 23, are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of December 29, are
submitted and confirmed. With regard to the

Grants for Hospitals. The Chairman points out that the grant to
the Shantung Road Hospital has already been increased from £2000 to
£3000 for the year 1913 on the ground that it was advisable to obviate
applications for extra grants by timely moderate increases, a similar
increase being granted simultaneously to the other two charitable
hospitals; that last year in connexion with the increase in the grant
to the Pamlun Hospital it was recorded as desirable that the Watch
Committee should hold a thorough enquiry into the financial condition
of the three institutions and into their work for the general public,
making recommendations to guide the Council in its attitude towards
them in the future; that this enquiry has, so far as he is aware, not
yet ensued that on this occasion no application for an increase appears
to have been submitted; and that without this enquiry, and in the
absence, of an application by the Hospital, the Committee's
recommendation of an increase has the appearance of being premature.

Mr Hide states that the Hospital has in fact applied for a further
increase last year but that the application was made too late for
consideration in connexion with the Budget, and that when the grant
to the Pamlun Hospital was increased he was informed by the Chairman
of the Watch Committee that an application on behalf of the Shantung
Road Hospital would have his support. The Chairman is of opinion that
this matter requires further examination in accordance with the decision
of the Finance Committee of February 9 but in deference to these
expressions of opinion he offers no further comment.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 4, are
submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following

commissions are authorized for issue:-

Medical Staff. Lieut. J.E. Murray as Captain.

"A" Company. 2nd Lieut. G.M. Billings as Lieutenant.

German Company. 2nd Lieut. E. Rohreke as Lieutenant.

Light Horse. 2nd Lieut. H.S. Lindsay as Lieutenant.

"B" Company. Mr J.H. Crocker as 2nd Lieut. provisionally pending
his passing the requisite examination.

The following commissions are authorized for renewal:-

Maxia Company. Captain R.H. Gaskin.

Engineer Company. Lieut. S.S. Sellick.

"A" Company. The resignation of Lieut. W. Brand has been forwarded
by the Commandant and accepted with regret. Lieut. Brand has
served as an officer of the Corps since May 1908, and retired rank
of Captain is accordingly conferred upon him, with the right to wear
the prescribed uniform, under Article XIII of the Regulations.

Special Reserve Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieut. G.U. Robins
from December 24, has been forwarded by the Commandant and accepted
by the Council with regret.

Opium Shops. A further communication from Mr E.S. Little is submitted
in which he proposes that the number of licences be reduced by 50
per centum from January and that at the Ratepayers Meeting a
resolution be proposed that the same reduction continue until the
end of the current year, whereupon all licences cease, and that the
fee until that time be increased. It is decided to make the
briefest reply in the terms of the last reply to Mr Hayward.

The Chairman then recounts the terms of conversations which
he has held with Mr Wilton of H.M. Consular Service, with whom Mr
Ezra states that he has had some correspondence on the subject of
opium. Mr Wilton has earnestly impressed upon the Chairman the
desirability, in his private opinion, of closing the shops by March
1916. Mr Ezra states that in response to Mr Wilton's remarks he
has expressed concurrence in the view that if the shops remain open
until the end of 1916, this would be a just sufficient time to
allow of such disposal of the stocks as would not involve serious
prejudice to the interested merchants. He points out however, that
while in response to Mr Wilton's remarks he has expressed his
concurrence he is not personally in a position to speak further on
the subject. It appears advisable to consult the opium merchants
on this point, and after some discussion, in the course of which

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Mr Figge suggests the desirability of obtaining also an expression of the views of the Chinese opium merchants thereon, the Chairman undertakes to obtain an expression of the opinion of the Chairman of the opium combine.

Chinese Government Premium Bonds. Communications from Chinese Authorities through the Consular Body, and from a syndicate of Chinese Bankers, are submitted in protest against the preliminary Police action which has been taken with a view to preventing the sale of these bonds in the Settlement. This was due to the exterior resemblance of the undertaking to a lottery, and was taken as a result of Police recommendations to the Watch Committee, and the view of the Police Legal Assistant which were based upon insufficient information, Fuller particulars having subsequently been submitted by the concerned, a letter from the Legal Adviser adheres to his advice as given in 1908, generally to the effect that the sale of these bonds is not open to objection. Replies are directed accordingly.

Corporal Punishment. Extracts from the Chinese Press are read reporting that corporal punishment in a manner defined by the Board of Justice will be enforced in the Chinese City from January 1. The Captain Superintendent has learnt that some representations by prominent Chinese are desirable before the Assessors can accordingly re-introduce this punishment in the Mixed Court; but as the necessity for such representations is not clear, it is considered preferable that the Chairman should hold verbal communication with H.M. Consul General in order to ascertain what course will be pursued.

Railless Trams. From the Police Daily Return of January 4, the Watch Committee has learnt that these trams are occasionally running upon roads other than the Fokien Road, and it is directed that the Police on duty be instructed to prevent the practice.

Library Committee. At Mr White-Cooper's recommendation the Rev. D. MacGillivray will be invited to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Austin's resignation.

Superannuation. Particulars as to the case of Park-keeper Coulter are submitted, who having formerly held the discarded form of agreement, received upon its expiry a form of agreement terminable at three months' notice, before the three years period of which he has now resigned, and applies for Superannuation under Rule 8. The advice of Mr McNeill in former cases is that an employe resigning in this manner under such an agreement is not entitled to treatment under Rule 8; but the fact that Coulter formerly held and fully served a

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discarded form of a three years' agreement is in the members' opinion a material point of difference from other cases. It is accordingly directed that Mr McNeill's advice be sought as to how this ex-employee should be treated. Mr Gulland regards the wording of the Form B Agreement as unsatisfactory, inasmuch as the provisions for expiry after three years and determination after three months' notice, produce an impression of ambiguity, and Mr White-Cooper undertakes to examine this point.

The Municipal Gazette for January 7 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication with the omission of the correspondence on the subject of the General Hospital.

The meeting adjourns at 6.35 p.m.

E. J. Gulland
Chairman.

J. B. MacKinnon
Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 13, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.I. Ezra
H. Figge
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 6 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman. With regard to
Corporal Punishment, the Chairman states that he has made enquiries of
H.M. Consul-General, who has merely stated that there will probably
be objection on the part of the American Consul-General to the
re-introduction of Corporal Punishment. Mr Figge states that his
memory of the Council's decision was that endeavours should be made
with a view to occasioning representations by the Assessors to their
respective Consuls-General on the subject, and that the German Consular
Authorities are prepared to sentence prisoners to the bamboo as soon
as it is understood that it is being applied in the Chinese City.
After some discussion Mr Merriman undertakes to ascertain the views
of the American Consul-General.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of January 12 are submitted
and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of January 12 are
read and confirmed. With regard to
Inter-departmental Correspondence, it is noted that the weighing of
the Railless trolley cars took place without the Works Committee's
approval and that as to the report on the
Bulk Supply the Electrical Engineer's Report was submitted to the
Committee with due promptitude and that in any case the consideration
which could be given to a matter of such far reaching importance could
only be of a preliminary character in the first instance.

In the course of comments on this point the Chairman remarks with
reference to observations made at the previous meeting of the Council,
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Italian Company, generally to the effect that he feels that it is but natural that occasionally certain friction must attend the work of the Secretary's Office, for it has the duty of transmitting every adverse decision upon any recommendation to the Head of the Department concerned, that, as he mentioned at the time, the Secretary has the members' full confidence, and that it is essential that his duty should not be regarded by the Heads of Departments as interference, delay and so forth, that it is desirable that it should be fully realised that it is his prescribed duty to lay before the Council full information upon any point which arises, and that any alleged friction is, generally speaking, attributable to some failure to recognise this fact.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of January 12 are read and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Mr Fry. An application by Mr Fry has been submitted for payment of Superannuation on the ground that his agreement has been terminated by the Council. The Chairman of the Watch Committee points out that this is not an exact statement, but that the Council has permitted the cancellation of the agreement, and permitted the employe to volunteer for war service at his request; and that as his agreement is cancelled, without promise of reinstatement, it is correct to return to him his own contributions to the Fund made under the terms of that agreement. The issue to Mr Fry of Superannuation under Rule 8 has accordingly been authorised.

Engineer Company. The resignation of Lt. Needham, forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted with regret.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A communication from the Consular Body informs the Council of the election of the representatives of the Netherlands, Denmark, and Great Britain to constitute the Court for 1915 in accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII of the Land Regulations.

Case of Mrs Saki Baba. The questions to be submitted for independent medical opinion in accordance with the request of the Court have been drawn up by the Legal Adviser in consultation with the counsel for the plaintiff. The latter desires further questions to be submitted in addition to those which the Court suggested, and accordingly at the Health Officer's recommendation, it is decided that the Legal Adviser be requested to endeavour to arrange that two additional questions of cardinal importance should be put, the first as to whether the injured woman received and carried out proper treatment before the case came into the Assistant Health Officer's hands, and the second as to whether

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any lung condition has been caused by the accident. In the event of objection to these questions by the plaintiff's counsel, it is directed that the Legal Adviser be instructed to apply for the assent of the Court thereto, on the Council's behalf.

Mixed Court. The Chairman refers to conversations which have taken place between himself and H.M. Consul General, from which he has learnt of the intention of the Diplomatic Body to relinquish the Foreign administration of the Mixed Court, before the conclusion of the pending arrangements with reference to Settlement Extension. It is desirable in the members' opinion that formal representations be made to the Consular Body recording the Council's objection to this course and earnestly advocating that this concession to Chinese Official feeling be made dependant upon assent to the arrangements as to Settlement Extension which still remain pending.

Opium Shops. The Chairman describes his consultation with representatives of the Opium Combine as recently decided: five representatives Messrs Howard, Dovy, Abraham, Levi and Setuna were present. They stated in the first place that there are somewhat over fifty so called guild-shops in the Foreign Settlement, which besides engaging in retail sale, act as whole-sale dealers in the capacity of distributors and are signatories of the Combine. The representatives have pointed out that if these establishments are closed there will be no local outlet for the opium stocks, and therefore to treat them uniformly with other establishments will cause undue hardship. Mr White-Cooper suggests that the measures in connexion with the closing of shops need only apply to exclusively retail establishments. As to the period for the withdrawal of licences the majority of the members of the Combine recommend two and a half years, viz: June 1917, as the shortest time in which the whole of the licences should be withdrawn.

Referring to the suggestion previously made as to the desirability of obtaining also an expression of the opinion of the Chinese merchants on this question, Mr Ezra undertakes to arrange an opportunity for the Chairman to ascertain their views.

Tramways Byelaws and Police Regulations. In view of the Police suggestion that the Legal Assistant should take part in the forthcoming discussion between the Councils and the Company's Legal Advisers, a suggestion has been made by the Tramway Co. that an employe of the Company should also attend. Mr McNeill considers this unnecessary, and it is accordingly decided that it will suffice if the Police Legal Assistant maintains touch with the course of negotiations through Mr McNeill and informs him fully of the Police requirements

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with regard to the regulations as occasion arises during his consultations. The presence of an employe of the Company will thus be obviated.

Library Committee. The acceptance of the Rev. D. MacGillivray to the Council's invitation to serve on this Committee is submitted and noted.

The Municipal Gazette for January 14 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication with a minor omission in the Police Report and the omission of the usual financial particulars in the Report of the Electrical Engineer for November.

Referring to the decrease in the net profit to the end of November in comparison with that for the same period of last year, Mr Merriman refers to the lack of finality in the plant extensions for any period sufficient to enable their financial effect to be fully evident. Mr Hide expresses his opinion that the tendency is to make supply [unnecessarily] cheap with a view to acquiring a monopoly of the demand to the prejudice of the Gas Company; as stated, to his knowledge, by the Electrical Engineer on a certain occasion to which he refers.

Mr Figg, referring to the lack of a sinking fund, states his opinion that whereas much importance in discussion is attached to depreciation in lieu, and to the value of the existing plant as an asset, electrical more than any other plant becomes quickly out of date and that the depreciation which is written off is thus insufficient. A lengthy general discussion follows at the close of which it is decided to request the Committee to draw up and submit a report designed to give effect to Resolution VIII passed at the last annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Chairman.

D. Merriman
Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 20, 1915,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

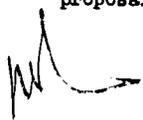
Mr H. Figge

The minutes of the meeting of January 13 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of January 14 are submitted for members' information. With regard to the work of the Commission Mr Gulland states that a very large part has fallen upon the Municipal Engineer, Mr Godfrey, and that he has performed his part to the Committee's satisfaction. He suggests, therefore, that the Council might offer Mr Godfrey a honorarium in respect of his services. The members express readiness to give this proposal consideration when the revision work is completed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of January 15 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the suggested Grant to the German School, Mr White-Cooper alludes to the far reaching effect which the issue of a grant may have if upon any other basis except the number of indigent pupils educated, i.e. unless a charitable grant. He adds that if the Committee is unable to agree in this matter the views of the minority will also be forwarded for the Council's information.

Public School and Thomas Hanbury School Committees. The Council unanimously approves the proposal that these bodies be amalgamated into a Foreign Educational Committee. The change may most easily be made at the end of the current Municipal year and in the meantime the proposal will be submitted for comment by the two Committees concerned.



The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 18 are submitted and confirmed. With reference to the Road Extension Plans for 1915, a note from the Engineer is read estimating the cost of widening the Gordon Road at \$44500. After some discussion the Council decides against this suggestion upon the grounds that the traffic requirements are not such as would justify the measure. Further rounding off of corners at all the cross-roads in the Engineer's discretion is approved. With regard to the Bubbling Well Road it appears to the members desirable to await the completion of the Pinghiao-Avenue Road junction, and the completion of the Yangkingpang and Avenue Edouard VII main thoroughfare. The effect of these important improvements cannot fail to relieve the Bubbling Well Road traffic, and as it is probable that a widening scheme would meet with opposition on the part of the land owners concerned their protest could not reasonably be overruled. The Council is of opinion that the proposal might more properly receive further consideration in two years' time.

Chinese Hotel. A note by Mr Wright is read to the effect that Article 49 of the Building Rules does unquestionably give the Council discretionary authority to determine what precautions for safety are desirable in such a building as that under discussion. The Engineer has stated that upon communicating this opinion to Mr Ambrose the building application in question was withdrawn.

Riding Roads. The Council endorses Mr Gulland's view that the improvement of these roads in accordance with the wishes of riding men is desirable, and it is directed that the matter have further close attention at the hands of the Public Works Department.

Police Force.

Chinese Government Decorations. The Captain Superintendent forwards a letter from the Mixed Court Magistrate conveying to three members of the Detective Branch Chinese Government medals and scrolls as a reward for the arrest of eight robbers in February last. There appears to the Council to be no reason against acceptance of these by the policemen concerned.

Sub-Inspector Mills' Leave. The special circumstances of this Sub-Inspector's application are considered by the Council, and in view of the fact that leave was due to him in February 1914 and of the further fact that his application was submitted before the recent order on the subject of long leave was issued, the Council consents to treating his case as an exception, and leave will be granted accordingly.

General Hospital. A note from the Hospital Secretary informs the Council that, as foretold in the Governors' former letter, Indian in-patients

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cannot be accommodated after this week. The project for erecting a hospital for Indians is in its preliminary stages, and the matter is referred therefore for further consideration by the Watch Committee.

Case of Sakl Baba. A note from the Legal Adviser is read indicating reluctance to include the Health Officer's suggested two questions among those to be placed before Dr Birt, for reasons which are not clear to the members. It is decided to leave the matter in the hands of Dr Stanley and Mr McNeill to arrange the exact form which these questions shall take. Inasmuch, however, as Mr McNeill will be absent from Shanghai for the next two weeks, the Secretary is authorised to arrange, if possible, a compromise, through the intervention of the Japanese Consul-General.

Railless Trams. The Company's reply to the Council's letter on this subject is submitted. Further consideration will await receipt of reports from the Captain Superintendent and Engineer on the points which are raised.

Public Band. The offer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. that the Constabulary Band of Manila shall play at the Town Hall on Friday next is, upon the recommendation of the Band Committee, authorised for acceptance.

Settlement Extension. The line of the new railway loop beyond the Western District having now been laid down it is decided to forward an amended plan to the Consular Body, showing the railway in so far as it will form the new boundary of the Settlement. Attention is drawn to the inadvisability of allowing the Hungjao Road to be the boundary even for a short distance, since houses fronting on the road from the outside will not be subject to the Council's control. It is considered desirable that the boundary should be entirely the railway and tidal creeks.

Senior Consul. The Chairman states that Mr Siffert, who has been the Senior Consul for many years, will return to Shanghai tomorrow. He expresses the intention of being on the Jetty to meet him, and the hope that as many of the members as possible will also be there. It is decided to furnish the Sikh escort, customary in the case of distinguished visitors.

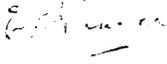
Opium. The Chairman reports the upshot of the meeting between himself with Messrs Ezra and White-Cooper and certain leading opium merchants. The latter expressed the hope that the opium shop licences would not be finally abolished before the end of 1917, and in any case that the 54 old established hongs should be closed by a separate drawing and not included with the numerous small retail dealers.

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Vehicle Licences. At the suggestion of Mr Ezra the Finance Committee undertakes to consider the proposal to increase the motor car licence fee on cars plying for hire.

The Municipal Gazette for January 21, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 27, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
C.E. Anton
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
C.G.S. Muckie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 20 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of January 21
are submitted for members' information.

Resignation of Member. A letter from Mr H. Figge is received tendering
the resignation of his seat on the Council, in reply to which it is
decided to express appreciation of Mr Figge's four years' work for the
Community, and regret at the loss of his services.

It is further decided to request Count L. Jezierski, Member elect
of the Council for 1915, to fill the vacancy so created.

The following changes in the standing Committees are arranged:
Mr H.C. Gulland will transfer to the Watch Committee and Mr C.G.S.
Muckie to the Works Committee. Count Jezierski will join the Finance
Committee.

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Gulland, Mr
White-Cooper is elected Vice-Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Annual Inspection. A note from the Commandant enquires the Council's
wishes as regards this annual function and some discussion ensues.
It appears that it would perhaps be advisable to hold no inspection
this year, rather than run the risk of any contretemps between a high
British military officer and the German and Austrian units. On the
other hand Colonel Bray indicates that to omit the inspection altogether
would be a disappointment to the Corps as a whole. It is decided to
postpone the discussion until next week.

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German Company. The Commandant forwards a letter from three officers of this Company, in which they allude in temperate language to the position of the Company in the present time of war. They ask for an assurance that the Council took no part in the recent anti-German Municipal Election campaign, and recommend that the Company do not attend Corps parades until peace in Europe is declared. Colonel Bray's view is endorsed:-

- (a) that the Council can give no such assurance as is suggested, and
- (b) that he cannot, as Commandant, be restricted in any way as to the orders which he may give to any unit under his command.

There is no question as to the Council's participation in the Election, while there is complete confidence that Colonel Bray will continue to command the Corps without inter-company friction.

A reply in the foregoing sense is directed, and it is also suggested that the Chairman have an unofficial conversation with Captain Stephanius, the senior officer concerned, with a view to setting his mind at rest on the points raised. This course is approved, Mr Pearce undertaking to consult Colonel Bray before doing so.

Case of Suki Baba. The Council is informed that Mr Ariyoshi will advise this claimant to settle her dispute with the Council by means of a compromise, and that, at the suggestion of the Health Officer, \$3000 or, if necessary, \$5000, will be offered by the Legal Adviser. This arrangement is approved.

Vaccination of Foreigners. The Health Officer suggests the issue of a Notification announcing that Foreigners will be vaccinated without charge at two Health Department sub-stations. The Chairman points out that this step may possibly meet with opposition at the hands of the medical practitioners, but it is considered improbable that any recognised patients will avail themselves of a privilege mainly intended for indigents.

Olympic Games. A letter from the Far Eastern Athletic Association is submitted desiring that the contests to be held in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, for which permission was formerly granted, be held in May next, and upon the recommendation of the Parks Committee the sanction of the Council is granted.

New Central Offices. A note from the Engineer is submitted containing amended tenders by Yue Chung Tai for a granite facing for this building viz: for the ground floor and columns \$135000, for the whole building

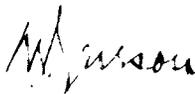
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\$260000. During the discussion which ensues, and at Mr Merriman's request, the minute of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 13 is read. Mr Ezra expresses the strongest opinion in favour of granite facing, at all events for the first storey in the first place, his opinion being based upon actual knowledge gained after inspection of buildings in Japan and elsewhere. The Chairman considers that the Council is to some extent bound by the remark of Mr Burkill at the Ratepayers' Meeting in 1913, who stated that the new building would cost \$750000. Generally speaking, it appears to the members undesirable to pledge the Ratepayers without consultation to the full sum, and it is therefore suggested that the Council accept the tender for the ground floor and columns, leaving the question as a whole for reference in the Chairman's speech at the forthcoming Meeting. After some discussion this course is approved.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 3, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs	E.C. Pearce	(Chairman)
	C.E. Anton	
	E.I. Ezra	
	H.C. Gulland	
	A. Hide	
Count	L. Jezierski	
Messrs	C.G.S. Mackie	
	W.L. Merriman	
	A.S.P. White-Cooper	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	

The Chairman expresses to Count Jezierski the thanks of the members for his assent to fill the vacancy in the Council, and thus anticipate his regular assumption of duty as a Councillor for next year.

The minutes of the meeting of January 27 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the German Company, S.V.C., the Chairman has learnt from the Commandant that it is improbable that the officers of the Company will take any further steps in regard to their letter read at last meeting. Colonel Bray has expressed the hope that no friction with this unit will arise.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 1 are submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps, Annual Inspection. The Chairman has seen H.M. Consul General with regard to this function and discussed the advisability of its being held. In view of the general wish on the part of the Corps that it take place as usual, if necessary without a full parade of the Corps, Sir Everard Fraser concurs in the suggestion that an unofficial note be addressed to General Kelly, pointing out the difficulties of the position, but expressing the hope that he will arrange to inspect the Corps as in former years.

Police Force, Case of Sub-Inspector Craig. The Captain Superintendent reports on the subject of this Sub-Inspector, whose agreement expired on January 14, stating that, for reasons which the Watch Committee fully endorses, it is advisable that Craig's services terminate. The Council directs that he be given three months' notice, or pay in lieu of notice provided he leaves Shanghai within the period. He will be entitled to the whole sum standing to his credit in the

Mixed Court. The Captain Superintendent reports on the practice lately instituted by the British Assessors of dispensing with the Senior Consul's stamp on warrants and summonses signed by themselves. The reasons against this course are set out for the Council's consideration, and the innovation is considered unsatisfactory. It is therefore decided to address H.M. Consul General on the subject in the first place.

Case of Saki Baba. The Chairman states that this woman's legal representatives have consented to compromise her claim for the sum of \$5000 with ¥600 for legal expenses, and the Council consents to pay this amount in settlement of the affair.

Case of Assistant Inspector Courtenay. A note from Messrs Teesdale and Godfrey is read claiming one-third of the sum standing at this man's credit in the Superannuation Fund. Courtenay, having been dismissed from the Service, is not entitled to receive any such sum, and it is decided therefore to refer Messrs Teesdale and Godfrey's letter to the Legal Advisers. The Council, however, aware that a large number of claims have been lodged against Courtenay in the British Court, and that he is entirely without funds, expresses readiness to pay his passage to England, provided he will consent to leave Shanghai at once and provided some arrangement can be made with his creditors. At Mr Merriman's suggestion it is directed that the Council's treatment of the case, if along these lines, be treated as private and not made known throughout the Service generally.

Water Closets. The reply of Messrs Platt, Macleod and Wilson to the Council's letter of January 30 is read in which they decline to admit the Council's right to prohibit these devices. Some discussion ensues during which Mr Ezra states that a letter is being signed by Dr Macleod and the majority of the medical practitioners in Shanghai advocating the use of septic tanks. Mr Gulland, who is not yet acquainted with the whole of ^{the} correspondence in this matter, is inclined to the view that modern sanitation demands some such measure as Messrs Platt indicate, in which case the Council's prohibition rule is in need of modification. The matter is referred for further consideration by the Watch Committee.

New Central Offices. With reference to the Council's decision on this subject recorded at last meeting a note from Mr White-Cooper has been circulated desiring that the matter remain in abeyance pending further discussion. A report on the subject by the Engineer is accordingly submitted, setting out at some length the Council's position as regards the granite facing and recounting the various

statements and minutes which are on record in re. The Chairman considers that Mr Godfrey's conclusions are sound, and after inspecting the McBain building and the French Bank, which illustrate the difference in appearance between natural and artificial stone, considers that the Community would be well advised to adopt the former, at least for the first storey of the new buildings. At the same time he points out that Mr Burkill's statement at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in 1913 has, strictly speaking, a binding effect upon the Council to keep the cost of the building below the estimate of £750000, a figure which has already been exceeded by £75000, exclusive of extras over which there was no control. Mr Ezra strongly supports the Engineer's proposal, while Mr White-Cooper holds a contrary view. Mr Merriman points out that the case may be met by adopting a natural stone facing for the plinth course, (foundation), at a cost of £15000, while the question as a whole may thereafter be a subject of reference at the Ratepayers' Meeting. This proposal is eventually adopted.

Szechuen Road Widening. With regard to the strip of Lot 79 formerly leased to the Council, a letter from Mr Haroon is submitted, adopting the same attitude as he assumed in 1907 with regard to Lot 540, stating that as he has not refused to surrender the land he cannot be compelled to submit the case to the Land Commission. In the former instance the Council obtained an exceedingly full opinion from Mr W.A.C. Platt, in which it was held that the case was unquestionably one for such submission, and it is decided in reply to the present letter and with a view to avoiding a suit in the Court of Consuls, to quote Mr Platt's opinion in extenso.

Simla Road. As a result of a discussion of the case of Lot 6058 with Mr Tam Wa and Mr White-Cooper, it is suggested, for the reason that the alteration in the line of the road annuls the Council's right to free surrender of any portion of the strip of the lot required, that the case be submitted for the sole arbitration of Mr W.S. Jackson and the Council approves this course.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of February 1 are submitted, and with regard thereto Mr White-Cooper points out that the Committee has made certain alterations in the draft as circulated. Alluding to these alterations in detail, he states that, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Committee, the attitude of the Secretary at the meeting and his subsequent drafting of the minutes was unsatisfactory. He recounts the circumstances under which the Committee's Report, now presented to the Council, was compiled,

firstly by himself in draft, then approved by the Chairman, and afterwards discussed informally with the Chairman and Mr Fairchild; it was then transmitted to the Electrical Engineer, and copies for the Committee made in the Electricity office, which, in Mr White-Cooper's opinion, may have been due to inadvertence or to the fact that Mr Burkill found this method convenient.

The Chairman points out that owing to the course which was followed with regard to the Committee's Report now presented to the Council, the Secretary was unable to fulfil the duties assigned to him under the Standing Orders. He reads a letter from the Secretary drawing attention to the deviation from established procedure which has taken place, and desiring the Council's support in his contention.

Mr Hide considers that it must obviously be open to members to discuss a document of this character in rough as they may find convenient. In reply it is pointed out that the document, as copied in the Electricity office can in no sense be described as "in rough", for, with certain minor verbal changes, it is now the Committee's official report.

Mr Ezra, referring to the 3 pages not embodied in the Report, points out that there can be no question but that a document bearing on the business of the Council or of the Electricity Committee, if in the hands of the Electrical Engineer, should also be when required on file in the Secretariat. He recalls the fact that the same point as has now arisen had the Council's attention in 1913, at a time when Mr Burkill was Chairman of Council, and that on that occasion Mr Burkill expressed regret for the course which he had followed.

The Secretary states that the present position has not arisen as a result of inadvertence, but is apparently intended to show that the difficulties under which the Electricity Committee is said to be working are partially due to friction in connexion with the Secretariat, which friction, he states, has not heretofore existed.

Mr White-Cooper points out that it would be scarcely fair for the Council to form a decision on the point now at issue at a meeting at which Mr Burkill is not present, and the Council unanimously endorses this view. The Chairman undertakes to see Mr Burkill on the subject before any further step is taken.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of January 29, are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of Opium Shops. The Chairman states that the desire of the opium dealers that the closing should take place in two years, i.e. two years from the Meeting of Ratepayers and not, as proposed in the Committee's minutes, from January 1. He therefore suggests that the proposal be

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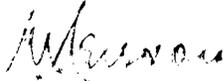
modified to the extent of holding the drawings in June and December, and the actual closings in March and September. The Council assents to this change.

Passages for Families. Mr Ezra is of opinion that the Council should not be called upon to pay the passages of the families of the senior members of the staff or indeed of any employes whose salary exceeds £400. The Council generally is of opinion that it ought to be possible to draw a line of division in this sense, and the matter is referred for re-consideration by the Finance Committee.

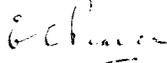
Public Band. Upon the proposal of the Conductor, endorsed by the Band Committee, the offer of Miss Macleod to act as leader during the current season is accepted, her remuneration to be \$200 per mensem.

The Municipal Gazette for February 4, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.



Secretary.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 10, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs	E.C. Pearce	(Chairman)
	C.E. Anton	
	E.I. Ezra	
	H.C. Gulland	
	A. Hide	
Count	L. Jezierski	
Messrs	C.G.S. Mackie	
	W.L. Merriman	
	A.S.P. White-Cooper	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	

The minutes of the meeting of February 3 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. On the subject of the:-
German Company, S.V.C., the Chairman states that no friction is to be apprehended with regard to the officers and men of this unit.
Mixed Court, with regard to the stamping of warrants and summonses by the Senior Consul a note from the British Assessors has been received expressing concurrence with the Council's views and undertaking to adhere to the established practice.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 9 are read and confirmed. In the matter of Water Closets, a note from the Legal Adviser is read to the effect that while Notification No 1789 may possibly not be enforceable, yet, in Mr Bell's opinion, the Council may prohibit septic tanks by means of the Health Officer's certificate in each case. In these circumstances it is decided to resist the application on behalf of Messrs George McBain, leaving it to the Legal Adviser's discretion either to defend an action in the Court of Consuls or to take steps for bringing the matter to an issue in H.M. Supreme Court as he may consider most likely to lead to a successful issue.
Superannuation Fund, in the case of Assistant Inspector Courtenay, a note from the Manager of the Grand Hotel draws attention to the judgment obtained in the Supreme Court on February 9 against this man for \$250.

Revolver Practice. Referring to the recent shooting affray in which two Foreign constables were damaged, the Chairman enquires the extent to which the Police who carry revolvers practice in the use of that weapon, and a Police report on the subject is called for.

Wayside Park. The Council confirms the arrangement made during the week for the purchase of the remaining piece of land required to complete this Park for the sum of £2900. The Chairman alludes to the untiring work of Mr Ezra which has brought about this satisfactory settlement of a long outstanding matter.

Szechuen Road Widening. A letter from Mr Hardoon is read in which he states that after carefully perusing the Council's letter and the legal opinions embodied therein he is unwilling to submit the case of Lot 79 to the Land Commission and is about to file a petition in the Court of Consuls on the subject. Mr Ezra states that he considers it likely that Mr Hardoon will accept the assessed value of this land, plus 10 per cent and less (say) one-third for betterment, and his offer to arrange the matter on this basis, if possible, is accepted. As regards the amount of betterment applicable the Engineer will be consulted and Mr Ezra will report the progress of his negotiations in due course.

Allusion is made to the number of occasions in past years when the contention now advanced by Mr Hardoon that the Council is unable to compel landowners to submit their claims for scheduled land for settlement by the Land Commission, ^{has led to the Council's decision} Although it would be satisfactory to obtain a final settlement of the point, yet the consequences, were the Court of Consuls to decide against the Council, would be exceedingly serious, and it is considered undesirable to run even the small risk which, having regard to the legal opinions on record, is involved.

Chengtu Road Extension. A draft letter to the Commissioner of Customs on the subject of Lot 1965 is approved, drawing attention to the fact that the preservation of the creek on the west of the lot was the sole reason assigned by Sir Robert Hart in 1907 for not complying with the Council's wishes in this matter. It is generally known that the Customs Authorities contemplate selling this property, and it is decided to enquire unofficially whether they will consent to surrender the land required upon the Council sewerage the creek and giving an undertaking not to enter into occupation so long as the house is used as the Commissioner's residence.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of February 8 are read and confirmed. With regard to the question of Extensions 1915/7, considerable discussion ensues. Mr Ezra alludes to the important question of policy involved in embarking upon the supply of electricity to the French Settlement, the City, and beyond; he considers that the credit of the Settlement should not

be pledged for this object, and that, if debentures are raised for such purposes, they should be secured on the assets of the Department only and not upon the general Municipal property and revenue. Mr White-Cooper alludes again to the fact that it is only by largely increasing the output of the undertaking that the Ratepayers are enabled to enjoy the low tariff now ruling and contemplated, also to the fact that English municipalities do not hesitate to supply electricity beyond their own limits with the same objects in view.

It is directed that the Electrical Engineer's report on this subject be circulated for members' perusal. Mr Merriman considers that the Council's judgment should be suspended until the results of last year's working are known, i.e. until it is satisfactorily shown that the recent large extension, as yet not fully installed, is upon a profit-bearing basis. In any case the Council awaits receipt of the attendant estimates of cost.

Office Accommodation. Mr Ezra considers that the Council should under no circumstances consent to pay so high a rate as £2000 per mensem for the accommodation of the Department, and that a less valuable site than one assessed at over £30000 per mow should be found. Mr Merriman is of opinion that it would be preferable to house the Department in the new Central Offices, to the exclusion of the residential flats at present intended. It is directed that the Municipal Engineer report upon the possibility of adopting this latter course, as well as upon the scheme as recommended by the Committee.

Electricity Committee's Report on the Management of the Department. Copies

of this document are in members' hands, and the Chairman expresses the hope that members will give it careful consideration in conjunction with the reports, etc., published in the Gazette of March 14, 1914. He has already made some notes of comparison for Mr White-Cooper's consideration. A letter from the Treasurer is read pointing out that while it was intended last year that the checks on the management of the undertaking should be strengthened rather than relaxed, the present report contains proposals for relieving the Council of even its present inadequate control. A suggestion to call for a report from the Electrical Engineer on the objections to the present system of management is adopted.

The Chairman also points out that it may not be possible under the Land Regulations for the Council to delegate its financial responsibilities to the extent indicated in the Committee's report, and his proposal that the document be referred for the opinion of the Legal Adviser is adopted.

Electricity Committee. With regard to the Secretary's letter of February 3 the Chairman states that he has had several conversations with Mr Burkill on the subject. He summarised Mr Burkill's contentions in a memorandum which he reads. Mr Burkill's letter of February 8 is also read, and the Chairman's reply of the following day. The Chairman expresses the sincere wish to arrive at the root of the matter under discussion, and points out that, as it is evident that the Secretary was excluded from the confidence of the Chairman of the Committee, it should be stated to what that lack of confidence is due, particularly in view of the fact that the Secretary's agreement will expire in March. He reads a further letter from the Committee in which it is suggested that the Council inform the Committee what rule has been transgressed. Mr White-Cooper alludes to the necessity that the Council should support the dignity of the Chairmen of all sub-Committees, and, while expressing regret that such an incident should have arisen, states that the Committee was not aware of the terms of the standing orders to which reference has been made. It is decided in reply to the Committee's letter to inform the Committee of the terms of the Secretary's complaint, and to refer to the standing orders which are affected, the reply to be circulated for the Council's approval before despatch.

Education, Correspondence in the North China Daily News. The Council notes that the matter of Mr R.F.G. Kirk's letter to the North China Daily News of February 2 is under consideration by the Chinese Educational Committee. The letter in question traverses the Council's educational policy generally, and is rebutted in a report furnished by Mr Billings Headmaster of the Public School for Boys. The Public School Committee suggests the publication of this report in the form of a contributed article, and this course is approved.

Charity Organisation. The report of the Committee on its work during 1914 is submitted and ordered for publication in the Municipal Gazette, the appendix to the report to appear in a summarised form. It is decided to comply with the Committee's request to renew the grant established last year.

Chinese New Year Holidays. After some consideration it is decided to close the Municipal Offices from Monday, February 15, to Thursday, February 18, inclusive, thus following the lead of the Exchange Banks.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.40 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

W. J. Mason

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Mr W.L. Merriman
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of February 10 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 19 are
submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps, Annual Inspection. The reply from General Kelly to the
 Council's application is read, and it is noted that conditionally on
 the political situation allowing him to leave Hongkong, he will arrive
 about April 20 and will inspect the units of the Corps separately.

Fire Brigade, Deluge Company. The Chief Officer notifies the Council of
 the appointment as Foreman, on election by the Company, of Mr C.W.
 Porter, in succession to Mr L.R. Wheen, resigned. This appointment
 is duly confirmed.

Shanghai General Hospital.

Regulations. A letter from Messrs Platt, Macleod and Wilson is
 read forwarding a re-draft of the Regulations communicated to the
 Council last summer. A note from the Health Officer points out that
 his former criticism has been met so far as is expedient and, upon
 the recommendation of the Watch Committee, the revised draft is
 approved.

Extension Scheme. A letter from the Secretary of the Hospital
 informs the Council of further extension proposals contemplated, and
 requests that the Council guarantee two-thirds of the interest on the
 overdraft to include additional expenditure amounting to £100000.

After some discussion as to the possibility of this overdraft being

paid off it is decided to accede to the present request. It is suggested that hereafter the guarantee of the two Councils may be extended to cover the principal debt as well as the interest, and that it may be paid off by the issue of Municipal debentures. Such a course would facilitate the co-ordination of the income and expenditure of the institution. Mr Anton points out that the donations to the Hospital during the past year have amounted to an insignificant sum only; a result which is attributed to the Council's growing acceptance of responsibility for the Hospital.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 22 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the Official Plans of Road Extensions, those for the Eastern District, Sections A and B, are signed by the Chairman. Wuchow Road Market, Mr Ezra considers that the Council should only resort to arbitration in exceptional circumstances, for the reason that the Land Commission is established for the settlement of such questions as that now raised. Building Contracts, some discussion ensues as to the Committee's proposals under this heading, certain members holding the view that any departure from the terms of a signed contract would be an undesirable precedent. Mr Ezra has information to the effect that in the event of Yue Chang Tai falling and tenders being invited for the completion of the building, the cost would probably exceed the present contract price by £100000, and although such cost might fall upon the contractor's guarantor, yet it would obviously be preferable that his present energetic and efficient work should be carried to a conclusion. The Committee's recommendation is ultimately approved.

Wayside Park. The proposal of the Parks Committee that £400 be spent upon laying out the newly acquired strip forthwith is adopted.

Ichang Road. The request is submitted of the Naigai Wata Kaisha Ltd., who have purchased four large mill estates in the neighbourhood of this road, that the name be altered to the Naigai Road. A note from the Engineer recalls a similar request by Japanese in regard to the Chinwangtao Road, and, upon his recommendation, the present request is refused on the same grounds. In reply it will be mentioned that the road has been in existence for a number of years and that its name has been used in describing the boundaries of lots in title deeds and other documents, the change would therefore be inconvenient from this standpoint. It would also make it difficult for the Council to refuse such applications in other parts of the Settlement.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of February 11
are submitted for members' information.

Electricity Department.

Tenders for Coal. Twelve tenders in response to Specification No. 123 are submitted, and upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee that of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Ltd. for Fushun-Milke-Hongay Coal at ₹5.40 per ton is authorised for acceptance.

Tenders for Lamps. Four tenders in response to Specification No.118 are submitted, and upon the recommendation of the Electricity Committee that of Messrs Andersen Meyer & Co. at ₹831 is authorised for acceptance.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 17 are submitted and confirmed. With regard thereto:-

Telephone Shares. The Chairman states that the Committee has to some extent re-considered its decision on this subject, and is now of opinion that the additional shares should be treated in a manner similar to the Council's purchase of shares in the Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. The Council concurs in the view that it would be inadvisable to dispose of the 333 additional shares, and that to regard them even temporarily as an investment of Trust Funds would be inadvisable. The result of this change would be that the Financial Statement for 1914 will show a small deficit, but this is regarded as of no importance.

Victoria Nursing Home. A note from the Health Officer is read to the effect that after seeing the final accounts for 1914 he is able to reduce the total appropriation for the Home by ₹7000; the remaining increase over last year's figure is attributable to the increased cost of drugs, dressings, groceries, etc.

Budget 1915. Further adjustments of the estimates made as a result of the Committee's decisions, have shown that it will be impossible to confine the Loan of 1915 to ₹500000. The Treasurer is accordingly compiling a final proof upon the basis of a six lakh loan. In these circumstances the Council approves raising the Road Extension appropriations to the same figures as last year, viz: ₹120000 and ₹60000, and including the sum of ₹30000 for Permanent Paving.

Jessfield Park. It is pointed out that in addition to ₹25000 required for the extension of the Park, provision is also necessary for the balance due to the original Chinese vendor, ₹10000.

Bubbling Well Police Station Wall. Mr Gullani draws attention to the fact that this wall has on two previous occasions been recommended by the Watch Committee and excluded from the Budget on financial grounds.

He considers that the present occasion is a suitable one to re-insert the item, and this course is adopted, to cost ₦4000.

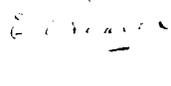
Electricity Supply to the French Settlement. The Chairman has given this matter careful attention and is now in favour of acceding to the French Company's application. He alludes to the community of interest between the French and Foreign Settlements, and to the fact that the gas and telephone services are from a single source of supply. Mr Ezra is prepared to admit the proposed contract with the French Company, if it is made clearly dependent upon the extension scheme meeting with the Ratepayers' approval. He foresees that the transaction is intended to lead to securing the supply to the Chinese City and other Chinese districts beyond limits, a course to which he would be opposed as a matter of general policy.

After some further discussion it is decided to adopt the course recommended by the Electricity Committee. This decision is expressly stipulated to relate to the 3500 kilowatts required by the French Company, and to have no bearing on the further question of extension into the Chinese districts beyond.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. The Chairman points out that March 21, the usual date for the Meeting, is this year a Sunday, and that the following day, if permissible under the Land Regulations, would be most convenient for the Meeting. It is decided therefore to suggest this date in the customary letter to the Senior Consul.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.


Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 3, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs C.C.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman and
 The Secretary

Absent:

Messrs H.C. Gulland
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of February 24 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

Settlement Extension. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted forwarding draft agreements signed by Mr Yang Tchong in relation to the Extension of the Settlement and to the transfer of refugee offenders. Mr Siffert points out in a private note that the former document requires some amendment in respect to the boundary near Slocawel and to the Police supervision of the Sawjinkiang. Both of these documents are under consideration by the Consular Body, and they are forwarded to the Council at this early stage in order that the Community may have an opportunity of discussing their terms in ample time before the Ratepayers' Meeting. It is decided to reply suggesting necessary changes in Articles 1 and 10 and stating that a Resolution will be prepared for the Ratepayers' adoption.

Budget 1915.

Isolation Hospital Fees. A Report by the Health Officer is read indicating the desirability of reducing the tariff of fees at the Isolation Hospital to the extent of making admission free and charging only for a separate room and unusual drugs or messing. Dr Stanley's proposals are endorsed by the Watch and Finance Committees and are now confirmed, to take their place in the Council's Budget proposals.

Motor Lorries. Attention is drawn to the fact that the Finance Committee's proposal to increase the licence fee payable by motor-cars for hire leaves the existing rate for vans and lorries relatively low. There are as yet only nine such vehicles in the Settlement, but the Council is of opinion that the rate should be raised to a

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maximum of \$25 per quarter in view of the wear and tear of such vehicles on macadamised roads. The necessary change in the annual schedule is accordingly approved.

Introduction. Draft of the Council's prefatory remarks is read and, with some amendment, approved. The reference to the Markham Road and Sinza Stone Bridges is deleted in view of the fact that in the latter case the Council has sanctioned the erection of the bridge by the Chinese applicant. The word "error", as applied to the Thomas Hanbury School site, is regarded as needless and the paragraph in question will be re-drawn. As regards the natural stone facing for the new Central Offices, Mr Hide was under the impression that the point would be submitted for the specific approval or disapproval of the Ratepayers, and both he and Mr Merriman regard the allusion to this subject as insufficient. Considerable discussion ensues, during which Mr Ezra points out that the publication of the Engineer's very full Report on February 11 has set out exactly how the matter stands. It is eventually decided to leave the paragraph as drawn; the Chairman undertaking to give the fullest possible information as to the matter in his Budget speech, and to state that the Council will proceed with the granite work unless instructed by the Ratepayers to the contrary.

The Final Draft of the Budget, which has been in members' hands for some days, is now approved, and it is directed that the changes in the licence schedule be communicated for the information of the French Council in advance.

Volunteer Corps.

Light Horse Reserve. A commission as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr T.G. Drakoford.

"A" Company British. A commission as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr W.J. Monk.

Maxim Company. A commission as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr S. Herman.

The promotion of the following to be Lieut. is authorised.

2nd Lieuts. E.K. Howe and A.H. Swan, American Company, with effect from February 4, 2nd Lieut. J.T.W. Brooke, Engineer Company, with effect from February 18.

Shanghai Scottish. Particulars of the uniform of this unit, forwarded by the Commandant, are approved by the Council.

Easter Camp. The Commandant's suggestion to hold the Camp at the Brennan Mill, instead of at Gordon Road as formerly, is also adopted.

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Water Closets. The petition of Messrs McBain in the Court of Foreign Consuls on this subject has been received and transmitted to the Legal Adviser.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of February 26 are submitted for members' information.

Electricity Department.

Electricity Committee. The reply of the Committee to the Council's letter of February 17 is submitted and, upon the proposal of the Chairman, it is decided that the correspondence may now suitably cease.

Supervision and Control of the Department. Copies of the Electrical Engineer's Report on the difficulties under which the Department labours are in members' hands. With regard to the Committee's Report the opinion of the Legal Adviser is submitted, generally to the effect that the objects which the Committee had in view cannot legally be achieved in the way proposed, and that the scheme upon examination breaks down in its first and vital principle. In these circumstances the Council unanimously finds itself unable to adopt the Report. The Chairman states that in anticipation of this decision of the Council he has caused to be drafted a Resolution embracing the suggestion contained in the Treasurer's Scheme No.2 of last year, viz. the formation of a Company with the Council as sole shareholder. This draft, which is approved by the Legal Adviser, is read and considered. Mr Hide points out that the Electrical assets already form part of the security for the Municipal Loan, and in his opinion this would preclude their being made the capital assets of a new company. Mr Anton is of opinion ^{that} great difficulty would be experienced in securing registration of the proposed company. Mr Merriman foresees that the liberation of the Electricity Committee in any form from the Council's restraining influence will involve a vast expansion in the activities of the Department, to which expansion he is entirely opposed until there are assurances that the present incomplete extension is on a profitable basis. The Chairman points out that even had Mr Bell not found the Committee's proposals open to legal objection, he would have been unable to accept them, since the position as regards contracts, agreements, and other documents calling for the Council's seal, would have been left in a position of confusion and uncertainty. Count Jezierski draws attention to the loss which the present debate is experiencing owing to the absence of Mr White-Cooper, the representative of the Committee, from the Council table. At his suggestion it is decided to notify the Committee of the Council's decision with regard to its Report, to

submit the draft Resolution for the Committee's comment and to hold a special joint meeting of the Council and Committee at 12 o'clock noon on Monday for further discussion as to what is to be done in the circumstances.

Tramways, Railless Service and the Fokien Road. The reply of the Company to the Council's letter on this subject is submitted in which their assent to contribute \$10000 to the cost of re-laying the Fokien Road is made conditional upon receiving an assurance as to the licence fee for motor lorries. In reply it is decided to point out that the Council has no authority to do more in the matter of licence fees than carry out the instructions of the Ratepayers, and that it is open to the Company to make any proposal on the subject at the forthcoming or any succeeding Ratepayers Meeting. It will be added that the Council has the intention of proposing an increase in the licence fee for these vehicles at the next opportunity.

In this connexion the Chairman states that the Tramway Company has served a writ on the "North China Daily News" in respect of a recent article on the subject of the Fokien Road, which the Company considers to be libellous. The request has been made that the Municipal Engineer be made a witness for the defence; but the members endorse the Chairman's view that if possible the Council and its servants should be wholly unconnected with this dispute.

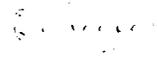
The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Harbury School Committee of February 23 are submitted and confirmed. Mr Ezra's remarks in connexion with the proposed admission of the child Lazarvitch as a free boarder have been communicated to the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of February 25 are submitted and confirmed, Mr Ezra explaining to the Council the various points dealt with therein.

The Municipal Gazette for March 4 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. Attention is drawn to the Mixed Court Report for February, which meets with the special commendation of the Council, and it is decided to communicate a note in this sense to the Registrar through the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.


Secretary.


Chairman.

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At a Joint Meeting of the Council and the Electricity Committee held on
Monday, March 8, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, there are:

Present:

Messrs	E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
	C.E. Anton
	E.I. Ezra
	H.C. Gullard
	A. Hide
Count	L. Jezlowski
Messrs	C.G.S. Mackie
	W.L. Merriman
	A.S.P. White-Cooper
	A.W. Burkill (Chairman)
	C.M. Bain
	F.A. Fairchild
	G. Wulleumder
	The Electrical Engineer
	The Treasurer and
	The Secretary

Future Management of the Department. The Chairman, after thanking the members of the Electricity Committee for their attendance, states the objects for which the meeting has been convened. The Council's views with regard to the Committee's recent Report on this subject are known to the members, as are also the terms of the Legal Adviser's opinion.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 7 is read, and the draft Resolution proposing the conversion of the Department into a limited liability company, amended to omit the reference to the capital of the proposed company, is submitted for discussion. Mr White-Cooper has prepared a memorandum, stating, in effect, the conditions under which he would be prepared to accept the Resolution. These are briefly:-

1. That the directors be nominated by the Council, and one at least be a Member of Council.
2. That the Council occupy a position similar to that of a Consulting Committee.
3. That there be certain special safeguards with regard to additional capital or new debentures.

The Chairman alludes to the effect upon the security of the existing debenture issue which a future issue of company debentures will have, if such company's debentures be made a first charge upon the property of the undertaking.

Mr Ezra states that he was favourably impressed by the scheme until he perceived that the financial burden would remain with the Council. He is now of opinion that the status of the Department should not be changed, adding that the Council's re-examination and occasional veto of the Committee's minutes has been of benefit; in which view Mr Anton concurs.

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In reply to Mr Hide, the Treasurer states that he sees no adequate reason for change in the present procedure.

Count Jezierski is fundamentally opposed to the control of electricity or similar public undertakings being vested in the Municipality. He considers that rules suitable in a public service may not be applicable to the management of such undertakings. In the face of the Ratepayers' decision of last year therefore, and appreciating the inevitable progress of the Department, he finds the present proposal the best alternative.

Messrs Burkill and Merriman consider that the Committee's Report should in any case be published, and the latter reiterates his view that the decision of the Ratepayers should be taken as to the main question of expansion.

Upon the proposal of Mr Gulland it is decided to submit the question of the legality of the Committee's proposal for a further legal opinion, viz., that of Mr R.N. Macleod. Count Jezierski dissents from this decision. Mr Burkill points out that a second legal opinion will be of little value, if the Council as a whole is opposed to the Committee's proposals. He lays stress on the fact that any arrangement to be successful in working involves cordial co-operation between the Council and the managing body in whatever form.

Upon the proposal of the Chairman the draft Resolution, as amended and with the safeguards suggested by Mr White-Cooper, is then submitted to the vote of those present and carried by a majority of ten to three, Messrs Anton, Ezra and Mackie voting in the minority.

The meeting adjourns at 1.10 p.m.

Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 10, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezlerski
 Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: Mr C.E. Anton

The minutes of the meeting of March 3 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Maxim Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieut. A.C. Lightfoot was
 forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret
 on March 5.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following
 Commissions are authorised for issue.

Maxim Company. Mr F.B. Heaton-Smith as 2nd Lieutenant.

Customs Company. Mr H.D. Hilliard as 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally,
 pending his passing the requisite examination.

Commandant. Mr Hide states that he has learnt from Colonel Bray
 that there is some uncertainty as to the payment of his passage home
 and the Chairman undertakes to discuss this matter with him.

Opium Shop Licences. A letter from Mr E.S. Little is read desiring
 further particulars as to the Council's proposals on this subject,
 in reply to which it is decided to state that the Council has nothing
 to add to the announcement contained in the Introduction to the Budget.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of March 4
 are submitted for members' information.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 7 are
 submitted and confirmed with certain minor amendments:-

Bulk Supply to the French Settlement. The Chairman has learnt
 that the Council's offer has necessarily been referred home by the
 French Company before final acceptance.

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Extensions 1915/7. Mr White-Cooper explains at some length the scope of the Electrical Engineer's proposals and considerable discussion ensues. Mr Merriman is not satisfied that the rates of depreciation allowed in the departmental balance sheet are sufficient. In reply to which criticism the Chairman points out that the rates were approved both by the special auditor, and by Mr Preece when visiting Shanghai who remarked that the rates were higher than those ruling at home. Mr Merriman also considers that the accounts for 1914 should be in the Ratepayers' hands as soon as possible to enable them to form an opinion as to the new scheme. The text of the Resolution on the subject is read and approved, leaving the method of raising the necessary capital to be determined in 1916.

The minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Council and Electricity Committee

of March 8 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. In further discussion of the question of the Future Management of the Department, a Report by the Treasurer is read in support of his view that the only logical course is to maintain the direct control exercised by the Council. With regard to the project for incorporating the Department as a company and, in reply to Mr Merriman, Mr White-Cooper states that neither he nor Mr Bell can foresee any great difficulty as regards registration. Mr Ezra states that after reflecting on the increasing amount of work which Members of Council are called upon to do during the present growing and developing condition of the Settlement, he has arrived at the conclusion that it will be well to delegate the management of the electrical undertaking in detail to others.

The Chairman states that he has learnt by telephone that Mr Macleod endorses the view which the Legal Adviser takes of the Committee's proposals. In this connexion Mr White-Cooper states that even had this been otherwise he is now of opinion that the company scheme is an improvement on that put forward by the Committee. The draft Resolution containing the company proposal is then formally submitted, and adopted, with the added words, "and because the methods of control of a business undertaking are dissimilar from those of the public service." A draft note explaining the Council's position in this matter and giving the reasons for the Resolution is submitted and with some amendment approved for publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of

March 2 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the constitution of this Committee for 1915, the Chairman states that although Dr. Hawks Pott and Dr. Bondfield will be absent from Shanghai for a portion

of the year yet it will be desirable to secure the continuation of their services if possible. It is decided accordingly to request both of these gentlemen to allow themselves to be re-nominated.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

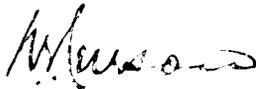
Council's Resolutions. Proof copies of these Resolutions are in members' hands, comprising the annual routine proposals, the two special electrical Resolutions already approved, and a Resolution on the subject of the Extension of the Settlement. With regard to the last named, the Chairman states that its terms meet with the approval of H.M. Consul General. A letter from the Senior Consul is read enquiring the probable income and expenditure to be derived from the new districts; figures in response thereto are in process of compilation but will necessarily be rough as estimates.

Ratepayers' Resolutions. A letter from Drs. Patriok and Goode is read forwarding a Resolution which they intend to bring forward on the subject of the Tuberculosis Hospital. This matter is referred to the Health Officer for report to the Watch Committee. Upon the Committee's recommendation it is decided to publish a re-print of three recent articles in the North-China Daily News dealing with this matter.

The Municipal Gazette for March 11 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. It is decided to add a note intimating the forthcoming publication of the Electrical Engineer's extension proposals and the Electricity Committee's Report on the future management of the Department with the Legal Opinion thereon.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 17, 1915,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hido
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent: Mr C.E. Anton

The minutes of the meeting of March 10 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the Commandant of the Volunteer Corps, the Chairman states that he has seen Colonel Bray on the subject of the passage of himself and his family to England, and that it is understood that no claim on the Council arises in this matter.

Volunteer Corps.

American Company. Seven months' leave is granted to Captain W.E. Sauer from March 20.

"Shanghai Scottish." Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr J.S. Chisholm.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 12 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the Re-lighting of the Buri, it is noted that the Engineer's consultation with the Captain Superintendent of Police will be unofficial.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of March 11, are submitted for members' information. Mr Gulland points out with regard to Mat Shades and Bamboo Structures projecting over streets, that the proposals of the Commission will probably need revision at the Council's hands in view of the well established and convenient practice which obtains.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of March 15 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the Treasurer's Report on the Future Management of the Department and the Extension Scheme, the members endorse the view of the Committee that the Treasurer's opinion, being contrary to the Council's declared intentions, is not fitted for publication. While it is unquestionably the Treasurer's duty to advise the Council with freedom on all matters coming within his province, yet it must remain within the Council's discretion as to whether his advice shall be made public or no. This procedure is applicable to the Reports of all Heads of Departments. The Chairman states that Mr Goodale has personally requested publication in this instance, stating that his position as Municipal Treasurer would otherwise be untenable. In reply it is pointed out that the Treasurer has safeguarded his position as a Municipal employe by the fact that his Report has been laid before the Council. In general reference to the subject of the Extension Scheme, the Chairman lays stress upon the fact that there is nothing in the argument that the Council has not had time to make a thorough examination of the Electrical Engineer's proposals; for the Resolution only seeks authority for the Council to exercise its discretion, and the Council has not less than five months within which period to examine the matter in detail before being called upon to make a final decision. The Chairman undertakes to make this point clear in his speech on the subject.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 11 are submitted and confirmed, and particularly that relating to the Passages of Employes' Families. The minute on the subject of the Secretariat Staff is deferred for consideration at the end of the meeting.

Public Band. A letter from the Commandant of the Volunteer Corps is read desiring that the usual weekly concert on Sunday, April 4, be cancelled, to enable the Band to play at the Light Horse Gymkhana. While reluctant to deny the Volunteer Corps this request, the Council is of opinion that on the whole the Band's duties with the Corps, which take precedence of other engagements during the week, should not interfere with the customary Sunday concerts during the winter months. The prevailing factor in this decision is that 850 people attended the concert on Sunday last, while not more than 300 are expected to be present at the Gymkhana.

The minutes of the meeting of the Thomas Hanbury School Committee of March 9 are submitted and confirmed without comment.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of March 12 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of Grants-in-Aid, copies of the Report of the minority of the Committee have been printed privately and are now distributed to members. Dr Hawks-Pott's Memorandum, to which these minutes refer, is read, and in order that the Council may give the matter fuller attention it is decided to print this document also, as amended by the majority of the Committee, so that both Reports may have members' careful attention previous to replying to the application of the Cathedral School Committee.

Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

Resolution IV. Draft of the speech on the Report and Accounts is submitted, and the principal paragraphs therein read by the Chairman. That in regard to the New Central Offices in particular meets with the Council's approval.

A letter from the Shanghai Horse Bazaar and Motor Co.Ld. and others, on the subject of the Council's proposals with regard to the Licences for Public Cars has, under instructions of the Finance Committee, been referred to the Committee of the Automobile Club of China for comment.

Resolution V. A similar course is followed with regard to the speech on the Budget and to the draft will be added a statement in regard to the Passages for Employes' Families based upon the minute of the Finance Committee foregoing. On the subject of Opium Shop Licences, three letters from H.M. Consul General are read, conveying a communication from Sir John Jordan to the effect that the paragraph on the subject in the Introduction to the Budget was without his authority. Sir Everard Fraser has undertaken to telegraph explaining that the passage in question was issued on March 8, adding that the Chairman of Council will state that since its issue the Council has received notice from the Minister with regard to the possibility of cultivation ceasing in the remaining provinces and the stocks being automatically sealed.

With reference to the Amendment of which Mr E.S. Little has given notice, reducing the period between drawings from six to three months, the Chairman will point out that such a course will either involve increased consumption during one year or leave a part of the stocks, imported with the sanction of the British and Chinese Governments, unsaleable.

Mr Ezra desires permission to address the Ratepayers' Meeting on this subject in his private capacity and to this proposal the Council has no objection.

Resolution V (a). Tuberculosis Hospital. After some discussion it is decided that the Council will officially support Dr Patrick's proposal in accordance with the Health Officer's recommendation.

Resolution VIII. The speech on the subject of the incorporation of the Electricity Department is read by the Chairman in draft, and approved. With regard to Mr E.S. Little's Amendment proposing that this matter be submitted to a new Committee of Ratepayers, the Council is unanimously of opinion that such a Committee will not elicit any more information than has already been collected by the Special Committee of last year and by the Electricity Committee in their recent Report. It is therefore decided to meet the Amendment with a negative.

Resolution IX. The speech introducing the Electrical Engineer's extension scheme will be made by Mr Fairchild. In furtherance of the success of the proposal a third Report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted and authorised for publication in the Gazette to be issued on Friday.

The Gazette for March 18 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The Secretary then withdraws.


Secretary.

The Chairman refers to the decision of the Finance Committee to renew Mr Leveson's agreement with Pay as recorded and this is confirmed unanimously by the members with the exception of Mr Hide who records his dissent. In response to questions by Mr Gulland Mr Hide states fully the reasons which actuate his dissent, which arise in connexion with the Special Meeting of Ratepayers on the subject of the filling of the Yangkingang and the Defence Creek. Mr Hide describes the matter, which turns on an incorrect statement having been made as to the views of Mr Figge.

The meeting adjourns at 6.50 p.m.



Chairman.

At a Joint Meeting of the Council and the Electricity Committee held on Monday, March 22, 1915, at 11.45 a.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 C.E. Anton
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 F.A. Fairchild (Acting Chairman)
 C.M. Bain
 G. Wulleumder and
 The Secretary

Absent:

Messrs A.W. Burkill
 H.C. Gulland
 W.L. Merriman

Future Management of the Department. The Chairman states that this meeting has been convened upon receipt of a letter from 25 Ratepayers on the subject of Resolution VIII to be proposed at this afternoon's Meeting of Ratepayers. After consultation with Sir Havilland de Sausmarez he has arrived at the conclusion that, even if the Council desires to withdraw the Resolution, it would be preferable that it go forward as a matter of form, in order that the Amendment of which Mr Little has given notice may be presented to the Meeting. He has learnt from Mr Little that the supporters of the Amendment are prepared to increase their proposed committee to a total number of 25 to include the whole of the Council and the whole of the Electricity Committee, and in these circumstances the Chairman suggests that the amendment be accepted by the Council. Mr Fairchild and Mr Ezra point out that so large a committee would possibly prove unmanageable, and would improbably add to the results attained by the two preceding Special Committees. Mr White-Cooper is of opinion that the Ratepayers as a body are more likely to accept the recommendation of a committee of 25, and that although the course suggested would involve traversing the same ground again the result is likely to be a final settlement of the matter. After some further discussion the Chairman's proposal is adopted. Mr Pearce will make the speech prepared in support of Resolution VIII, and, at its conclusion, will state that the Council accepts Mr Little's revised Amendment.

Motor-car Licences. This matter requires further consideration at the hands of the Finance Committee owing to the letter received from the Shanghai Horse Bazaar and Motor Co.Ld., and to the comment thereon by the Automobile Club of China. At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to state that the amount given in the Budget as the Licence

Fee for Motor-cars for hire will be regarded as a maximum, and that it will be in the Council's discretion to reduce the Fee if considered desirable.

The meeting adjourns at 12.15 p.m.

E. C. [unclear]

Chairman.

M. J. [unclear]

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 24, 1915,
at 5 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs	E.C. Pearce	(Chairman)
	E.I. Ezra	
	H.C. Gulland	
	A. Hido	
Court	L. Jezlowski	
Messrs	J. Johnstone	
	C.G.S. Mackie	
	W.L. Merriman	
	A.S.P. White-Cooper	
	The Secretary and	
	Assistant Secretary	

The minutes of the meeting of March 17 are confirmed and signed with one amendment. Regarding the question of the services of the Public Band at the Light Horse Gymkhana, the Chairman suggests, if it be possible to hire the services of the Astor House Band, that the Council defray the cost; this course is unanimously approved.

The Chairman states that, while regretting the loss of Mr Anton's services, the members are pleased to find Mr J. Johnstone at the Council table. After thanking the members for their support during the past year, Mr Pearce vacates the chair. Upon the proposal of Mr White-Cooper, seconded by Mr Ezra he is unanimously re-elected. Mr White-Cooper is similarly nominated Vice-Chairman, and the Standing Committees agree to serve as heretofore, Mr Johnstone filling the vacancy in the Watch Committee.

The Chairman expresses the hope that the Watch Committee will give especial attention to the question of the Tuberculosis Hospital, and indeed the Municipal Hospitals generally, during their year of office. The location of Fire Stations throughout the Settlement and the Rules and Regulations for the Brigade are also matters requiring the members' consideration.

The Works Committee will be occupied with the re-construction of the bridges leading into Chapel, with the large culverting works in progress, and with the question of the development of permanent paving of the streets in the Central District. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr Pearce undertakes to give attention to the rules regarding leave, acting pay and passage money for the Staff, and the revision of the Standing Instructions to Employees as a whole.

He also points out that the Municipal Loan for 1915, and the loan proposals for 1916, are matters of weight requiring full discussion.

As regards the Council's Representatives on the Municipal Sub-Committees those for 1914/5 consent to re-nomination, Mr Johnstone to serve on the Band Committee. It is decided to enquire whether the other members of these Sub-Committees will act for a further year.

Electricity Committee Mr Wuilleumier notifies the Council of his resignation, and it is decided to convey to him an expression of regret at the loss of his services. With regard to filling the vacancy it is decided, after some discussion, to invite Mr P. Peebles, or in the event of his being unable to serve, Mr A.C. Clear. Mr Merriman urges the desirability of including in this Committee a member with a knowledge of electricity; in reply Mr White-Cooper points out that technical supervision of the work of the Electrical Engineer is provided by the Council's Consulting Engineers, Messrs Preece, Cardew and Snell, and that for the Committee itself it is preferable rather to have men of business ability and acumen.

Anti-Japanese Movement. A letter from the Japanese Consul General is submitted seeking the Council's co-operation in suppressing the Anti-Japanese outbreak which has been a feature of the past week. A Police Report on the matter is also submitted, suggesting the issue of a proclamation, the enrolment of special constables and other precautionary measures. With regard to a proclamation Mr Ezra suggests that the Council issue such a document forthwith, but inasmuch as it is desired to prohibit public meetings on the subject of the boycott of Japanese trade, it is considered preferable that the document should be issued by the Chinese Authorities, as in the case of the boycott of British trade in 1908. The Chairman undertakes to see Mr Yang Cheng on the subject, with a view to posting the document as quickly as possible. As regards the enrolment of special constables the Council considers that such a step, which would be unprecedented, would also have the appearance of slighting the Volunteer Corps, and in view of the offer of the Light Horse to do patrol work, if desired, the Captain Superintendent's proposal is not approved. From a later message from the Police it appears that the movement is not making ground but rather the reverse.

French Settlement Boundary. A letter from the French Consul General is submitted, summarising the proposed arrangements with regard to the boundary between the two Settlements after extension. This letter will be considered later upon receipt of reports by the Heads of Departments principally concerned.

The Proposed Chinese Advisory Board. A letter from the Shaoshing Guild is read on the subject of the constitution of this Board, and some discussion ensues as to the best means of making the Board representative. Particulars as to the status of the leading local guilds will be furnished for members' information.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Building Rules Commission of March 18 are submitted for members' information.

The minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Council and the Electricity Committee of March 22 are read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Special Electricity Committee. A number of suitable names are suggested to be forwarded to the Secretary of the recent Ratepayers' Meeting for service on this Committee. Some discussion ensues as to whether the Chairman should, if elected, serve as Chairman of the Committee; the members are generally of opinion that this course would not be desirable, the Committee being a committee of Ratepayers, and not of the Council's proposing.

The Road to Kiangwan. The Chairman refers to a recent letter in the North China Daily News on the subject of the danger still existing from stray bullets from the Range, and he undertakes to enquire from Mr Brodie Clarke how the diversion negotiations are progressing.

Electricity Department, Coal Tenders. With regard to the tenders received in response to Specification No.122, the recommendation of the Electrical Engineer, supported by the Electricity Committee, is approved, viz., acceptance of that of the Mitsui Bishi Co. for Hamazuta coal at ¥5.69 per ton.

Transport of Materials from the Quarry. Tenders in response to Specification No.254 are submitted, with the Engineer's recommendation that that of last year's substituted contractor, Tsong Chun Lai be accepted at ¥3.95 per fong. The lowest tender in this case is that of the Shaw Chi Co. which is reported to be last year's defaulting contractor under another name. At the suggestion of the Works Committee Tsong Chun Lai has reduced his figure to ¥3.75 per fong, at which rate acceptance is approved.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.


Secretary.

Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 31, 1915.

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 24 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the Electricity Committee, the Chairman has seen Mr Fairchild and learnt that he will be glad to be relieved of his duties in the summer. The hope, however, is expressed that Mr Fairchild will continue as a member of the Committee for the current Municipal year.

The Proposed Chinese Advisory Board. Notes on the subject of the local Chinese guilds have been circulated to members, indicating that judging by their annual income and expenditure the Ningpo and Canton Guilds are overwhelmingly the most influential. Mr White-Cooper has learnt that Shaoshing men in important matters group themselves with the Ningpo Guild, while Swatow men are similarly allied with the Canton Guild. Mr Ezra's enquiries show that the Ningpo Guild is fairly representative of Central China residents, while the Canton Guild stands for the Southern Chinese. In these circumstances it appears to the Council inadvisable that any of the lesser guilds should be definitely represented on the proposed Advisory Board; only were the Board to be of a greater number than five would such a course be possible. The Council's reply to the Shaoshing Guild will accordingly be in this sense, to be communicated verbally by Mr White-Cooper, who states that the members are especially desirous that no correspondence on the subject shall appear in the Municipal Gazette.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of March 30 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of the

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Command of the Defence Forces. there is some diversity of opinion as to whether Major Trueman or Mr McEuen should be appointed. Mr White-Cooper considers that the appointment of Mr Trueman would possibly work out better, having regard to the feelings of the members of the Corps, and Mr Ezra would be prepared to recommend Mr Trueman's promotion to the rank of Colonel, if necessary in view of the Council's decision of 1909 as to relative rank. It is eventually decided to leave the point in abeyance until the arrival of General Kelly, the Council undertaking, in the event of riot or disturbance and of the consequent necessity of settling the point without delay, to hold a special meeting for its consideration.

Anti-Japanese Movement. With regard to the employe of the Bank of Taiwan who was convicted of distributing boycott handbills, it is decided to do no more than inform the Japanese Consul General of the facts stated in the Police Report on the subject. A further Police Report on the progress of the local agitation is read, in which the Captain Superintendent enumerates such indications as there are of any renewed disorder. His conclusions are not disquieting, but it is in any case decided to comply with the suggestion of the Consular Body to post 40 more copies of Mr Yang Cheng's proclamation, forwarded by the Senior Consul for the purpose.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 29, are submitted and confirmed, Mr Ezra explaining the matters to which they refer in detail.

Chengtu Road Extension. Mr White-Cooper draws attention to the question now under discussion of the creek on the west of the Commissioner of Customs' residence, Lot 1965, and expresses the hope that the Council will take such steps as are possible for disposing of this unquestionable nuisance. Considerable discussion ensues as to the bearing of the nuisance on the more general matter of completing the road, at the conclusion of which Mr Ezra, on the part of the Works Committee, undertakes to give the matter careful attention.

Electricity Department. A letter from the Chairman of the Shanghai Gas Co.Ld., on the subject of the Council's policy with regard to gas supply in the Settlement, is submitted and ordered to be circulated to the Electricity Committee. The letter leads Mr Ezra to enquire as to whether the subject which Mr Hogg raises is within the scope of the new Special Committee's enquiries. In reply the Chairman points out that the subject must have direct bearing on the status of the Electricity Department as a Municipal undertaking.

A letter from the Secretary of the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers informs the Council of the constitution of the Special Electricity Committee, and states that an announcement on the subject will appear in the newspapers forthwith.

Loans of 1895 and 1915. The Chairman summarises the views of the Finance Committee on this subject for the Council's information, and Notifications in accordance therewith are submitted and approved.

Educational Committees.

Foreign. With regard to the members of the Public School Committee the Council is informed that Dr Ivy and Dr Woodbridge consent to serve on the Foreign Educational Committee if desired. With regard to the Thomas Hanbury School Committee, Mr White-Cooper states that Mr Symons and Mr Hanbury will be glad to be relieved of their duties under the revised arrangements. At his suggestion it is decided to invite Mr C.P. Dawson to serve, thus completing the membership.

Chinese. To fill the vacancy due to the approaching departure from Shanghai of Mr Walker, it is decided to request the Rev. Hopkyn Rees to serve on the Chinese Educational Committee. Mr Chun Bing-him is not prepared to continue his services, and the Chinese membership will therefore stand at two as heretofore.

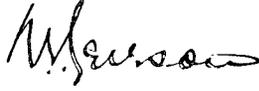
Educational Grants-in-Aid. The Council having duly considered the Majority and Minority Reports of the Permanent Educational Committee on this subject adopt the former, and the reply to the application of the Committee of the Cathedral School will be in accordance therewith. Messrs Hide and Ezra consider that there is some cogency in the arguments of the Minority, and have the impression that the Council will hereafter be under the necessity of adopting some part of the recommendations therein contained.

The Municipal Gazette for April 1 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. The Chairman has learnt from the Senior Consul that, with regard to the Proclamations of the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, there was some misunderstanding in the matter among the members of the Consular Body, due to the fact that the first Proclamation sealed by Mr Yang contained unnecessary allusions which were subsequently deleted. Mr Ezra is of opinion that the Proclamation which has been posted is not in sufficiently plain language to be understood by those for whom it is intended, a point upon which publication of the official correspondence on the subject will lay stress.

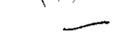
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The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.



Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 7, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gullard
 Count L. Jezlowski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent: A. Hilde

The minutes of the meeting of March 31 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Foreign Educational Committee. Mr White-Cooper states that the ladies of
 this Committee have suggested the name of Mrs Billingham to fill the
 vacancy in this Committee and the proposal is unanimously adopted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 31, on the
 subject of the Loans of 1895 and 1915, the substance of which was
 set forth by the Chairman at the last meeting, are now formally
 confirmed.

Palace Hotel Garden. The Engineer submits an offer from the Central
 Stores, Ltd. to sell the Company's garden situated on the Madras Road
 and measuring about Mow 33 for the sum of ₹22383. The price asked
 is not considered unreasonable, but the Council is, after some
 discussion, unanmously opposed to its purchase, for the reason that
 the property is split into five portions and the cost of the
 intervening strips will doubtless be heavy. It is low-lying ground,
 and there are local indications that the district will be developed
 with industrial buildings.

French Settlement Boundary. With regard to the letter from the Consul
 General for France on this subject, the Captain Superintendent of
 Police, the Health Officer and the Engineer report to the effect that
 the arrangements which Mr Kahn suggests are quite satisfactory.
 It is therefore decided to reply in this sense, adding that the

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Council is still unable to make any change in the existing arrangements as regards the Great Western and Siocawel Roads until the agreement for the extension of the Settlement is ratified.

Anti-Japanese Movement. The reply of the Consul General for Japan to the Council's letter on the subject of the employe of the Bank of Taiwan is submitted, stating that the man was reading a leaflet handed to him and not concerned in distribution work. The correspondence is ordered for publication.

Municipal Debentures. Mr Ezra states as a matter of interest that the Council's 6 per cent debentures are quoted and business done at a $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent premium.

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

The meeting adjourns at 4.55 p.m.

Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 14, 1915,
at 4.30 P.M., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr A. Hyde
 Count L. Jezierski

The minutes of the meeting of April 7 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Volunteer Corps, Annual Inspection. A letter from the General Officer
 Commanding in Hongkong is read, intimating that it is possible that
 he will be unable to inspect the Volunteer Corps this year; General
 Kelly will telegraph his final decision on the subject later.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 12 (Tavern
Licences) are submitted and confirmed. As regards the application
 of the Globe Hotel for a licence at the corner of the Nanking and
 Thibet Roads, a note from the Overseer of Taxes is read to the
 effect that the building, for which plans were approved by the
 Council in January, will shortly be erected. Mr Gulland points out
 that the Committee regards the establishment of a 2nd Class Tavern
 at this prominent corner with disfavour; at the same time in view of
 the Council's published decision of April 30, 1914, there does not
 appear to be any valid reason on which to base refusal. After some
 further discussion the application in the name of Mr Rowick is
 approved.

Nurses Short Leave. At the recommendation of the Health Officer,
 endorsed by the Watch Committee, it is decided to exempt the nurses
 from the Council's ruling on the subject of Short Leave. Their
 duties are arduous, they have no holidays on Sundays and other public
 holidays, and the Council considers that Short Leave after one year's
 service should in their case be permitted.

Wuchow Road Market. The Engineer reports the result of his negotiations with Mr A.E. Algar with regard to the purchase by the Council of a portion of Lot 436 for market and road purposes. The matter has been settled for a payment of \$4000, very considerably less than the limit approved by the Works Committee, \$6500. By this transaction the whole of the site for this market is now completed and the Council directs the preparation of plans for the building without delay.

Sinia Road. Inasmuch as this road has been acquired against the wishes of the adjoining owners, Mr Tam Wa and the Electricity Department, it appears to the Works Committee just that the construction work proceed at once so that the two owners may derive as much benefit from the road as possible. The Engineer estimates the cost of raising, ballasting, metalling a 17-foot strip, and construction of a landing jetty, at \$2400, and the Council approves the suggestion that the work proceed.

Great Western Road. Mr Ezra states that Mr Haroon has consented to the adjustment of his garden wall along the lines proposed by the Works Committee, and it is decided to communicate to this owner an expression of the Council's appreciation of his attitude in this matter.

Tramways, Railless Service and the Fokien Road. Mr Ezra recounts the result of his recent conversation with Mr Whealey, the Chairman of the Tramway Company, at which the General Manager was present. After discussion of the question of the weight of railless cars and the possibility of the Company's evading any contributions by complying with the Council's weight stipulation, Mr Whealey consented to pay the sum stipulated, \$10000, upon receipt of the Council's undertaking to recommend that motor lorries be divided for licensing purposes into 2 classes, and the heavier types charged a higher fee.

Mr Ezra further states that a conversation ensued on the subject of the ricsha service, and the apparent failure of the Council to enforce Conditions 5, 7, 8 and 9 attached to these licences. While stating that the Council would give this matter consideration he did not agree to any condition as regards the Fokien Road contribution. Mr Gullard is averse to any mention of the ricsha question in the Council's confirmatory letter read in draft for approval, and he adds that the matter is already occupying the attention of the Captain Superintendent and Watch Committee. The Chairman states that the thanks of the Council are due to Mr Ezra for this satisfactory arrangement of a somewhat troublesome matter.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 12 are submitted and confirmed with the following comment:-

Office Accommodation. Mr White-Cooper introducing this subject reads the remarks of Messrs Fairchild and Bain upon the circular accompanying the minutes, from which it appears that the Committee was not unanimous as regards the proposal to purchase Lot 17 B, Hongkong Road. These two members are opposed to the project on the grounds that the serious increase in standing charges involved is not at present justified by the net profit.

Mr Ezra is unable to appreciate the necessity for constructing a garage and accommodation for stores on expensive land in the Central District, and he suggests, as an alternative, land in the Eastern District at a maximum cost of £6000 per acre. In reply it is pointed out that Lot 17 B extends to the Soochow Road, has thus frontage on the Soochow Creek, and is especially suitable as being geographically the centre of the Settlement from which working parties may distribute themselves east and west.

Mr Johnstone points out that creek frontage is of no particular advantage in view of the high cost of boat hire and the fact that there is frequently no deep water in this section. After further discussion it is decided to adopt the proposal that the Municipal Engineer report on alternative sites, extending the field of his enquiries further west than the limit set by the Committee.

Extension Scheme. Copies of the Electrical Engineer's Report on this subject are in members' hands, and Mr White-Cooper explains at some length the Committee's proposals. He points out that it will be exceedingly inconvenient to lose the services of Mr Aldridge during this important year, both as regards the work of the Special Electricity Committee and also in view of the fact that of the two 5000 kilowatt engines approved in 1914 one has already broken down and the other is not yet working owing to the non-arrival of certain parts shipped in German bottoms. He offers the suggestion which has occurred in conversation between himself and the Chairman that one of the partners in Preese Cardew and Snell be requested to come out to Shanghai so that the consultations with the Electrical Engineer take place on the spot.

The Chairman reviews the position for the Council's information as follows:- In 1914 application was made to the Ratepayers for a loan of £700000 for an extension of 10000 kilowatts. The machines are in the position to which Mr White-Cooper has referred, and the cost has involved a further loan of £400000. There is as yet naturally no evidence that this extension has proved profitable, nor that the rates at which large contracts have been made with consumers

are on a sound basis. "Is this therefore" Mr Pearce enquires, "a time to place orders for an additional 20000kilowatts? And would the Board of a public company be satisfied with what is before the Committee?" He is himself of opinion that delay would not be dangerous but rather desirable. The proposal with regard to a visit to Shanghai by the representative of Messrs Preese occurred to him as a means of settling the size of the new machines. For if the 5000 kilowatt unit is adopted it will not presumably be necessary to lay down four at one time, but rather carry out the extension gradually as found necessary. He has discussed the matter with the Treasurer who is compiling instructive figures indicating the development of the Department from a financial standpoint, and these will be in members' hands shortly. Generally speaking he is arriving at the conclusion that further delay is desirable.

Mr Ezra states that in a conversation which he had with a Japanese engineer in Tokio he learnt that 5000 kilowatts is regarded in Japan as the most suitable unit in view of the loss of efficiency during breakdown.

Mr White-Cooper alludes to the risk in purchasing very large machines in view of the rapid development of electrical science, and the possibility that they may be out of use in a few years. He considers that the Department should operate with only the smallest margin of safety. He understands that the management of the Shanghai Cotton Mill are inclined to the use of steam for power purposes, and that their opinion as to its economy is shared by Mr Kerfoot. The magnitude of the Committee's proposals is so great, and the position is so fraught with uncertainty, that he too recommends caution and considers that the Council would be well advised to have the benefit of Mr Preese's advice on the spot. Conversations between the Electrical Engineer and the Consulting Engineers in London may be considered sufficient, but for himself, he would be glad to understand the points more fully.

The Council as a whole endorses generally the views which have been expressed, and it is decided to communicate them without delay for the Electricity Committee's consideration.

Settlement Extension. A letter from the Chairman of the recent Annual Meeting of Ratepayers is read, forwarding a copy of his communication on this subject to the Senior Consul. Sir Havilland de Sausarez states that he has up to the present received no reply to his letter. Mr Siffert has informed the Chairman that the text of the Resolution has been forwarded to the doyen of the Diplomatic Body at Peking.

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The Municipal Gazette for April 15 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. As regards the Police Report for March some small amendments are adopted, the paragraph on the subject of Chinese servants being, after some discussion, retained.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 21, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gullaud
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezlowski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of April 14 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 20 are
 submitted and confirmed, Mr White-Cooper summarising the arguments for
 and against the departure of the Electrical Engineer in the middle of
 next month, and the alternative suggestion that a member of the firm
 of Preece, Cardew, Snell and Rider be invited to visit Shanghai and
 report upon the extension scheme. He cites a statement which has been
 made that Shanghai is declining as a distributing centre, that her
 future lies in industrial development, and that in view of the
 important factor which electricity bears in this respect it is the
 Council's duty to lead rather than to follow, the demand for
 electrical power.

The Chairman and Mr Johnstone challenge the statement with regard
 to the port as a distributing centre, the former citing last quarter's
 Wharfage Dues Return which indicates the maintained volume of imports
 and exports even during the present war period, and the latter stating
 that direct shipment to outports is still an exceedingly small
 proportion of the China trade.

The Chairman, in advocating a report by Messrs Preece, considers
 that if it substantially confirms the Electricity Committee's
 optimistic anticipations it will re-assure the Community that the
 heavy capital expenditure involved, approximately £3,700,000, is
 justified and facilitate the necessary financial arrangements next
 year. He has, in particular, devoted attention to the question of
 sinking fund provision, which, if adopted, will involve setting
 aside not less than £100,000 per annum, and, in conclusion, he thinks
 that such a report as is proposed will prove of the utmost value.

Mr Johnstone alludes to the possibility of the Council's incurring penalties for failure to supply electricity under existing contracts, and to the unfortunate results which will attend a break-down of any of the existing machines. In reply the Chairman points out the 1915 load, with 1000 kilowatts added for heating and lighting developments during 1916, is 15840 kilowatts against an existing plant capacity of 18400 kilowatts.

Mr Hide is of opinion that, as there appears to be no doubt as to the necessity for additional plant, the Council should lose no time in taking steps for its installation, and he advocates Mr Aldridge's departure for the necessary consultations with as little delay as possible.

Count Jezierski considers that little would be gained as regards the extension scheme by a report by Messrs Preece. He would, however, favour inviting a member of the firm to visit Shanghai to report generally on the status, methods and progress of the Department, but not specifically on the proposed extension.

Mr Gulland regards it as possible that Mr Aldridge may proceed to England, issue specifications in consultation with Messrs Preece, and return to Shanghai with the tenders received, and accompanied by Mr Preece, who would advise the Council on the spot as to what course to follow.

Under instructions from the Chairman the Treasurer attends for the discussion of this question from a financial aspect.

The Electricity Committee accompanied by the Electrical Engineer also attend, and the Chairman invites free discussion by all concerned of the point at issue. He thanks the Committee for the trouble which they have bestowed upon the matter, and makes a statement with regard to the Council's views as fore-mentioned.

Mr Burkill, on behalf of the Committee, lays stress on the importance of avoiding any delay if the anticipated winter load of 1916 is to be met; he offers no objection to the suggestion that a member of Messrs Preece's firm be invited to accompany Mr Aldridge on his return journey to advise the Council on the subject of the Department generally previous to the acceptance of the tender.

After some general discussion this proposal meets with general acceptance.

With regard to the Treasurer's financial investigation in progress, the Chairman points out that it is essential that he be given all the available information on the subject, and the Committee undertakes that the Electrical Engineer will place the technical statistics of the Department at Mr Goodale's disposal.

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The Electricity Committee with the Electrical Engineer and Treasurer then withdraw, whereupon the Council formally confirms the course proposed.

Regulations for the Fire Brigade. A note from the Chief Officer informs the Council that the Foremen have agreed to all except two of the Watch Committee's proposals on this subject. In view of the satisfactory attitude now adopted the Committee readily assents to the men's desire on the subject of the names of the Companies. As regards confirmation of the appointments of junior officers, the Council's action will be in almost every case a mere formality.

It is decided to communicate to the Foremen an expression of the Council's appreciation of the trouble which they have taken in this matter, and the hope that the new code will prove useful. It is directed that the Regulations be printed and distributed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 19 are submitted and confirmed with the following comment:-

Chengtu Road. Mr Ezra states that he has conferred with Mr White-Cooper in this matter and Mr White-Cooper recounts his subsequent interview with the Commissioner of Customs, who will address the Inspector General on the subject without delay. It is suggested that Mr Urwin be requested to telegraph on the point, firstly to avoid the delay which Customs routine procedure involves, and secondly so that the culverting work may proceed upon Mr Aglen's assent in principle, the actual amount to be paid being arranged thereafter in due course. In the meanwhile the matter will remain in abeyance.

Medhurst Road Drainage. The question of separating the cost of drainage from the road construction appropriation is referred for consideration by the Finance Committee.

Seymour Road Ditch. Mr Ezra points out that the minute on this subject is to some extent incorrect, in view of Mr Merriman's ultimate acquiescence in the views of the majority of the Committee. In any case the Council now confirms the proposal to culvert the Seymour Road ditch without contribution from the concerned.

Tramways, Railless Service. The Council is informed that no correspondence has taken place with the Company on the subject of railless cars running on the existing track, and it is accordingly decided to address them now in the sense of the minute.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of April 15 are submitted for members' information.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of April 13 are submitted and confirmed, Mr White-Cooper alluding to the principal points therein and drawing attention to the fact that the total number of Foreign children being educated in Municipal schools is 540.

Case of N. Scheppelmann. A letter from Dr von Schab is submitted applying for payment of the expenses incurred by a boarding-house keeper previous to the assumption of responsibility by the Council for the care of this destitute lunatic. The decision of June 10, 1914, is confirmed, viz: that the action of the Council for 1913, wrong in principle, was dictated by common humanity, and that a retrospective payment would not be similarly justified.

Chinese Polytechnic. The reply to the Council's application to the Committee of the Polytechnic Institution is submitted, forwarding the amount standing to the credit of its current account, viz: \$25020. It is decided to publish the deed transferring the property to the Council and the correspondence which has ensued.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary. x

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 28, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m. there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 G.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of April 21 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Those relating to the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 20 have been communicated to the Committee and to the Electrical Engineer, and it is decided to publish the Electrical Engineer's reports on the subject of the Extension Scheme, with a note that special statistics of the Department are in process of compilation by the Treasurer. An announcement will also be made to the arrangements now approved as regards the tenders for new plant.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 23 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to that relating to the Case of ex-Sergeant-Major Wilkins Mr Gulland states that the recommendation to pay the amount of the claim appeared to the Committee to be the shortest and most suitable way of disposing of the matter.

Isolation Hospital. Mr Gulland has made further enquiry into this matter and at his suggestion decision thereon is deferred pending further discussion with the Health Officer.



Wuohow Road Market. Mr Hide points out that the Committee's proposal was that alternative tenders be invited for the construction of this market in wood and reinforced concrete, and this course will accordingly be followed.

Inflammatory Circulars. A Report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted, forwarding a translation of a circular which has been distributed to shops in the Chinese City exceedingly anti-Japanese in character. The lack of suppressive steps to which attention is drawn is regarded by the Watch Committee as indirectly affecting the maintenance of order in the Settlement, and, upon the Committee's recommendation, it is decided to bring the matter to the notice of the Chinese Authorities.

Public Recreation Ground. A letter from the Recreation Fund Trustees is submitted suggesting the levy of new and increased charges by way of rent on the various clubs making use of the Interior of the Race Course. The Trustees make no distinction between the clubs whose tenure of their respective grounds is obtained direct and those which make use of the land leased to the Council, i.e. the Public Recreation Ground. To obviate any misunderstanding it is decided to draw attention to this point, and to state that, as regards the former, the Council is not concerned, and as regards the latter, the Council would be guided by the advice of the Committee appointed under the lease.

Far Eastern Championship Games. In reply to a note from the Honorary Secretary of the Contest Committee it is decided to state that the Council has no objection to 100 Chinese soldiers passing through the Settlement and giving an exhibition of physical training in the Hongkew Recreation Ground during the Games to be held between May 15 and 22. The necessary arrangements in the matter will be in the hands of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The late Mr de Rijke. A letter from the Engineering Society of China enquires whether the Council will accept a framed and suitably inscribed photograph of the late Engineer-in-Chief of the Whargpoo Conservancy to be hung in the Council Room, and it is decided to make a suitable reply accepting this proposal.

Secretariat Staff. The application of Mr Mackinnon for 2½ months Special Leave on urgent private affairs is submitted and, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved.

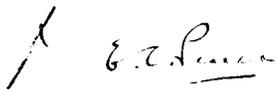
Electricity Department. A Report by the Electrical Engineer is submitted drawing attention to the leader in the North China Daily News this morning which he considers calculated to damage the interests of the Department. Copies of the Report are in the hands of the Electricity Committee, and, in the meanwhile, the suggestion is approved that the opinion of the Legal Adviser be taken as to whether or no the publication is libellous.

Use of the Town Hall. An application by the Secretary of the National Salvation Fund League of China is submitted to hold a meeting of the League consisting of 1000 persons in the Town Hall. The members generally are averse to this use of the Town Hall on the grounds that the League is national in aim and not connected with the Foreign Settlement. Mr Ezra points out that, in spite of the official disclaimer, the objects of the League are anti-Japanese in character. After some discussion it is decided to reply to the effect that the Council would prefer that the meeting be held elsewhere and consequently is, with regret, unable to comply with the application.

Chinese Polytechnic. Mr White-Cooper describes his recent visit to this Institution and to his finding the remains of the original Deed for the property embedded in a stone in a position indicated by the late Mr W.V. Drummond. Application has been made for a new deed in the name of the Council.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 12, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Maokie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of April 28 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman. With regard to the
Far Eastern Championship Games, a note from the Honorary Secretary,
Contest Committee, states that the proposed exhibition of physical
training by Chinese soldiers has not been found practicable and has
been cancelled from the programme.

Electricity Department. The Council notes that, in response to a
letter from the Legal Advisers, the North-China Daily News has
retracted its statement with regard to unfair competition with the
Gas Company and preferential rates for Chinese.

Volunteer Corps.

"B" Company, British. Six months leave is granted to 2nd Lieut
J.G. Hay, from May 17.

Uniform. Upon the recommendation of the Acting Commandant the
Council has sanctioned the following change in the jacket worn by
the Light Horse, Artillery, Maxim Battery, Engineer Company, "A" and
"B" Companies British and the Customs Company.

That the stand collar of jacket be replaced by a turned down
collar similar to that worn by the Shanghai Scottish, also that
side pockets be added.

Major Trueman points out that the suggested change in the
collar will add considerably to the comfort of the men, and that
the addition of pockets is of practical value

Supply of Khaki Serge. Referring to the minute of the Watch
Committee of April 23, the Commandant reports that the serge in
question has been found unsuitable for uniforms and his
recommendation to purchase 500 yards only for warm coats is approved,
the balance to be returned to the suppliers. Mr Johnstone enquires

whether the serge in question was in accordance with the Corps standard or sample, and in reply Mr Hide states that the mistake was due to Messrs W. Hewett & Co. and not to the Commandant.

Band. In accordance with the request of the Commandant the Council sanctions the attendance of the Band, exclusive of the German and Austrian musicians, at a parade of the British members of the Corps on May 24.

Commandant. Correspondence with the Commandant relating to his complaints regarding the Secretariat has been circulated to the Members of Council, and Mr Gulland states that a meeting of the Watch Committee has been arranged for tomorrow at noon, at which Major Trueman will be present for further discussion of the matters at issue.

With regard to the request to inspect the minute of the Council of April 28, it is decided, after some discussion, that Major Trueman shall be permitted to read this minute, provided it is made clear that he does so not as a matter of right but because the special circumstances of the case make it desirable that this permission be granted. Mr Hide considers that as the minute describes a conversation in which Major Trueman took part it is only equitable that he have an opportunity of confirming its accuracy.

Referring to the correspondence regarding the Italian Company (one of the points to which Major Trueman refers) Mr Gulland states that Mr Mackinnon has written a note of regret for the postscript to his letter of November 26, and that Major Trueman has expressed himself as satisfied with the termination of this incident. Mr Hide is dissatisfied with the manner in which this correspondence has been conducted, of which he was not aware until the incident was closed. Mr Gulland points out in the first place that the matter was trivial, and secondly that he felt it his duty as Chairman of the Committee, after consultation with the Acting Chairman, to do what was possible to bring it to a satisfactory conclusion. He is prepared, should the Council so desire, to have no personal or unofficial communication whatever with the Heads of Departments controlled by the Watch Committee. In reply the Chairman expresses the Council's appreciation of what Mr Gulland has done in this matter, and points out the imperative necessity for close touch between all the Heads of Departments and the Chairmen of the Committees concerned.

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Hawkers. Letters from the Mixed Court Magistrate and from certain members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce are submitted on the subject of the recent increase in the Hawkers Licence Fee from \$1 to \$2. An unofficial note from the Senior Consul also refers to this matter, and with these documents is a Report from the Health Officer on the position. Dr Stanley is confident that, although some opposition to the increase was to be expected, the fee will ultimately be paid by all the bona-fide hawkers. The object of the measure is in part the elimination of occasional pedlars, who are often undistinguishable from the loafing and criminal classes, as well as the prevention of sale of unsound food. It is decided to reply in this sense, adding that the operations of the Health Department will be conducted with caution, and so as to avoid disorder.

Wuchow Road Market. A Report by the Engineer is read comparing the cost of constructing this market in reinforced concrete and with wooden posts; it is decided to adopt the former alternative.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 7 are submitted and confirmed, Mr Ezra explaining the points in detail for members' information. The following comments ensue:-

North Szechuen Road Widening, Lot 886 Pac. A note from the Engineer is read to the effect that the land north of this property is covered by two-storied Chinese shops, and it is accordingly decided to comply with the request of the owner of Lot 886 as regards his wall.

Chengtu Road, Lot 1965. Mr White-Cooper states that Mr Umwin is in telegraphic communication with the Inspector General of Customs with regard to the wording of his letter on this subject.

Public Lighting. Mr Merriman is of opinion that the minute under this heading is in need of revision, with a view to laying stress upon the fact that the lighting of the Settlement is in the charge of the Municipal Engineer. The Committee will consider the matter at its next meeting.

Tramways, Overhead Cables. As the reasons for modifying the terms of the agreement on this subject published in July are highly technical it is decided to forward a copy of the Electrical Engineer's report in re for the Tramway Company's information.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of April 30 are read and confirmed, that relating to the

Hongkew Recreation Ground Extension being deferred for consideration at a later stage of this meeting.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of April 29 are submitted for members' information. On the subject of

Gate-houses, Mr Ezra, in reply to Mr Gulland, states that he has personal knowledge of the use of gate-houses for watchmen and otherwise, and that their abolition would meet with considerable and justifiable opposition on the part of Chinese property owners.

Electricity Department, Motors. The recommendation of the Electrical Engineer, approved by the Electricity Committee, to order as a special case 13 Japanese motors from the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha is approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of May 7 are submitted and confirmed. Some discussion ensues on the subject of the

Admission of Eurasians to the Public Schools, and the members are generally satisfied that this matter should receive careful consideration during the year.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of May 10 are submitted and confirmed. On the subject of the

Hongkew Recreation Ground, the members are generally of opinion that the price asked by Father Castrillo for his land adjoining the Ground on the north-west is out of all proportion to the values now ruling in the neighbourhood, and it is decided to reply in this sense.

Passages of the Staff. Mr Johnstone observes that it is a common practice in his own and other firms for employes to travel second class although in receipt of a first class fare, and he is of opinion that there is no objection to this course. The Chairman points out that first class fares are issued to Municipal employes for the credit of the Council's Service. After some further discussion the matter is left for consideration by the Finance Committee later.

Special Electricity Committee. The Chairman reads a letter from Mr Mackay on the subject of members' attendance at this Committee's meetings.

Fokien Road. The Chairman states that he has been approached on the subject of the hardship experienced by the shop-keepers fronting on the sections of this road which are now impassable during the re-laying operations: their request is for the remission of three months taxes. Mr Ezra has personally inspected the road and states that the hardship is unquestionable, on the other hand the members are of opinion that to remit taxes during such operations would

constitute a bad precedent. Attention is drawn to the fact that when the work is completed a marked improvement will be generally felt. It is decided that the Council can do no more than direct that the Engineer do what is possible by means of planks or otherwise to alleviate the conditions.

The Municipal Gazette for May 13 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication with some minor amendments.

The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.



At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 19, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

- Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
- E.I. Ezra
- H.C. Gulland
- A. Hide
- Count L. Jezierski
- Messrs J. Johnstone
- C.G.S. Mackie
- W.L. Merriman
- A.S.P. White-Cooper and
- The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 12 are confirmed with one amendment
and signed by the Chairman.

War Conditions in the Settlement. The letter from the Consul-General
for Germany of May 17, on the subject of the alleged recent
demonstrations on the part of the German Community, is submitted
with reply as approved, and the correspondence is ordered for
publication.

The Chairman reads a private letter from Mr Stepharius on the
same subject, confirming the Consul-General's statement in detail
that no such demonstrations actually took place, and expressing the
hope that every possible step will be taken to avoid incidents
which may hereafter be regretted.

Consular Body. A letter from the Consul-General for Austria-Hungary
is submitted stating that he is unable to recognise the Senior
Consul as his representative in his intercourse with the Council.
Mr Bernauer asks that all communications formerly received through
the Consul-General for Belgium be addressed to himself direct, and
suggests publication of his letter in the Municipal Gazette. The
Chairman states that he has consulted with H.M. Consul-General in
this matter, who suggests that the Council merely acknowledge the
receipt of Mr Bernauer's letter. Mr Ezra is of opinion that the
Council should state its inability to depart from established
procedure as regards intercourse with the Consular Body, and this
view finds some support amongst the members. After some discussion
it is eventually decided to follow Sir Everard Fraser's advice,
which will have the advantage of leaving the Council free to take

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any course in the future which may seem desirable. In the meanwhile no special instructions are given as regards communication to the Austro-Hungarian Consulate-General of any document customarily forwarded to the Consular Body. It is further decided that publication of the correspondence will serve no useful purpose.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 13 are submitted, and in reference to the

Case of ex-Sergeant-Major Wilkins, and other matters arising therefrom, Mr Gulland states that it was his intention to suggest to the Chairman that the Acting Commandant of the Volunteer Corps attend the present meeting of the Council. The Chairman states that he has seen Major Trueman on the subject, and reads a memorandum of his conversation with him. The Secretary suggests that it may facilitate the discussion of this matter were he to withdraw, and, with the Council's permission, he withdraws accordingly, Mr White-Cooper undertaking to compile a memorandum of the Council's further proceedings.

Volunteer Corps, Launches and Lighters. The Commandant forwards a letter from Captain A.W. Dixon suggesting the organisation of a fleet of these vessels to co-operate with the Corps if required on mobilisation. The scheme appears to the Council to be one calculated to have useful results, and it is decided to accept Captain Dixon's offer, details of the organisation to be worked out by the Commandant and himself in due course.

Arrest of Armed Robbers. Police Reports of May 17 and 18 are submitted relating to the struggle which took place during the arrest of 4 robbers in an alleyway between the Honan and Shantung Roads on May 16, during the course of which one robber was mortally wounded and Sergeant Prince shot in two places. At the suggestion of Mr Gulland, the Council places on record its appreciation of the conduct of the Police concerned in this incident, and particularly the pluck displayed by Sergeant Prince, whose condition it is learnt is at present satisfactory.

Storage of Kerosene Oil. Upon scrutiny of the file connected with the application of the Standard Oil Company to construct a kerosene oil tank in Sinza, the Watch Committee is of opinion that it would be sufficient to reply definitely refusing the application. The Chairman points out that Byelaw XXXIII appears to indicate that the Council should point out a locality in which such a tank would be permitted, but, inasmuch as the Council's technical advisers are

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of opinion that the storage of kerosene in bulk should not be permitted within the limits of the Settlement under any circumstances, it is, upon Mr Ezra's suggestion, decided to leave further initiative in the matter to the applicants.

Chinese Proclamations. A note from the Mixed Court Magistrate forwards two single copies of proclamations relating to electric trade marks and already bearing the Senior Consul's seal. Mr White-Cooper points out that the Council has no official knowledge of, or concern with, trade marks, and that the sealing of such proclamations is the survival of a practice which has no special bearing at present being superseded by Customs Regulations. In the present instance he agrees to the documents being sealed, and the Council endorses the view that, as it has been necessary in the past to refuse to seal proclamations affecting the administration of the Settlement, it is preferable to make no protest in cases such as the present which are of little importance.

Stud Contract. Further calculations by the Engineer relating to the maintenance cost of ponies are submitted, together with a note by the Treasurer, confirming Mr Godfrey's former recommendation that an additional payment of £1 per pony per mensem be granted to the Shanghai Horse Bazaar and Motor Co.Ld. The Works Committee is of opinion that the exact figure of extra cost, \$1.75, should be allowed, and after some discussion it is decided to agree to £1.50, i.e. to a total charge of \$30, the rate to remain in force during the present high prices ruling for bran and barley.

Playgrounds for Children. Upon the recommendation of the Parks Committee, and in sequence with the proposal to form a playground at the corner of the Bubbling Well and Hart Roads, it is decided to offer \$550 for the small piece of land No.2471 on the Cadastral Plan.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 14 are submitted and confirmed. With regard thereto:

Office Accommodation. Mr Merriman states that the renewal of his firm's lease of the premises in the Szechuen Road is proving a matter of some difficulty; he will, however, do what is possible to comply with the Council's wishes.

Capital Charges. The Council endorses the view that some measure of guarantee for payment of these charges is desirable, and is of opinion that the Committee should insist upon the advance payment which the minute suggests.

Extra Freight and War Risk. Discussion of this minute discloses further diversity of opinion as to the liability for payment of these charges. The Council generally approves the suggestion that they be shared in equal parts.

Secretariat. A memorandum by the Secretary is read indicating the necessity of engaging further assistants^{es} in the Council's office, and, with the approval of the Finance Committee, steps will be taken for the engagement of a solicitor of a not less age than 30^{years} at the rate of pay fixed for Assistant Secretaries on joining, viz. £450 per mensem. It is proposed to ask Mr J.C. Hanson to assist in making this appointment.

Empire Day Celebration. A note from H.M. Consul General to the Captain Superintendent of Police is read suggesting the attendance of a detachment of Sikh Police at the Celebration to be held in the Consulate Grounds on May 24. Participation of the Police Force in uniform in national functions of this nature would be unusual, but, in the Council's opinion, it would be justified in this instance owing to the peculiar characteristics of the Sikhs upon whose loyalty to the British Authorities the safety of the Settlement in a measure depends. Mr Ezra is informed that the feeling amongst the Sikh Community has lately shown signs of improvement.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 26, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 19 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

War Conditions in the Settlement. With regard to the recent declaration
 of war by Italy the Consul-General for Austria-Hungary has, by
 telephone, drawn attention to the fact that there is an Italian
 man-of-war in harbour. The Chairman has learnt from the Consul-
 General for Italy that the Commander of the 'Sebastiano Caboto' has
 as yet no instructions as to what he is to do and that the vessel is
 at present under repair. It is understood that the Chinese
 Authorities have given permission for the ship to remain until the
 repairs are completed, and in the meanwhile the crew will remain on
 board.

Attendance of Municipal Servants at Courts of Justice. In response to a
 note from H.M. Judge the Legal Adviser has discussed this matter with
 him, and Mr McNeill writes that Sir H. de Sausmarez has expressed his
 approval of the Council's attitude as recorded in correspondence. In
 the case now in question he suggests that the lawyers of both sides
 take a proof of Mr Godfrey's evidence. To this course the Council
 would have no objection were it not understood from the General
 Manager of the Tramway that the case has been, or will be, withdrawn.

Storage of Kerosene Oil. A letter from the Standard Oil Company of New
 York enquires as to the grounds of the Council's refusal of their
 application to construct a tank on Lot 809, Western District. With
 regard thereto the Council awaits Reports from the Engineer and Chief
 Officer of the Fire Brigade.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 24 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to that under the heading

Great Western Road Widening. Mr Johnstone suggests that the case may be met by lowering the wall of Mr Elias' garden at the corner of the Seymour Road. Attention is also drawn to the fact that were the improvement carried out before the culverting of the Changpang the road would become exceedingly narrow. It is possible that the French Council will undertake this section of the culvert on application, but in the meantime it is decided to await the result of Mr Godfrey's unofficial negotiations.

Avenue Road Ditch. The Council endorses the view expressed by Mr Ezra that it is now desirable to proceed with the culverting of this creek as far as Gordon Road. A Report by the Engineer is read estimating the cost of the section at \$5600, and it is decided to call for tenders with a view to possible reduction of this figure. In the meanwhile it is considered advisable to make an effort to secure Mrs Chin Chin Chee's scheduled contribution, preferably through Mr Lester or the registered owner of Lot 3000.

Szeolmen Road Bridge. The Council inspects the drawings for this structure, and Mr Ezra states that, upon further consideration, he is not satisfied that the central span is sufficiently wide, particularly as the span of the Chekiang Road is more than 190 feet. He refers to the discussion which took place on the subject of the Garden Bridge, as to whether it would be of one or two spans. Mr Johnstone points out that a better scour is sometimes obtained by a narrower span. Mr Hide alludes to the suggestion formerly made that the bridge be designed in England. After some further discussion it is decided to call for a Report from the Engineer on these points.

Encroachment on the Siccawei Road. Two letters from the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, on the subject of certain buildings in course of erection by the Nanyang College which encroach upon the Siccawei Road, have been handed to the Chairman by the Senior Consul unofficially, and a Report by the Engineer sets out the extent of the encroachment. The Council is informed that there is no actual title to this part of the Siccawei Road, and that the small lot on which the houses are being built is unregistered. The Chairman undertakes to explain how matters stand to Mr Siffert.

The minutes of the meetings of the Building Rules Commission of May 13 and 20 are submitted for members' information. Mr Gulland states that the Commission is approaching the conclusion of its labours, and, at his suggestion, he is authorised to communicate to the members the

Council's sincere thanks for the work which they have done, and particularly to the Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs Godfrey, Halse and Peebles, upon whom the drafting of the rules has chiefly fallen. He also alludes to the fact that the rules with regard to reinforced concrete have been made in the Public Works Department under Mr Godfrey's supervision; he suggests that a gratuity of (say) ₹1000 be issued to Mr Godfrey in recognition of this work, and Mr Ezra speaks in support of the proposal, which is referred for the Finance Committee's consideration.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 25 are read and confirmed with the following comment:-

Extension Scheme. With regard to Mr Fairchild's memorandum, attention is drawn to the fact that it might be assumed therefrom that alternative tenders were to be invited for engines of 5000, 7000 and 10000 kilowatts, whereas Mr White-Cooper points out that it was the Committee's intention that if the Electrical Engineer and Consulting Engineers are in agreement as to the most suitable size tenders will be invited accordingly; in the alternative the point will be referred for the Council's consideration.

Mr Merriman enquires whether the tenders will be f.o.b. or c.i.f. and, in view of the extraordinary conditions regarding freight and insurance due to the war, it is considered preferable that the former system be adopted.

Clerical Staff. The Chairman is of opinion that ₹400 per mensem is an unusually high rate of Pay, having regard to the fact that chartered accountants are engaged for the Finance Department with the initial pay of ₹300 per mensem, and this minute is referred for consideration by the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of May 21 are submitted and confirmed.

Opium. Mr Ezra informs the Council that all disputes between the Chinese Government and the opium merchants are at an end, and that the arrangements with regard to provincial consumption have the approval of H.M. Minister. The Chinese Government has given evidence of bona-fides in this matter by withdrawing illegal restrictions with regard to the sale of opium, and there is every indication that the trade will cease at the time indicated at the recent Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

The Municipal Gazette for May 27 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 13 are again submitted, and the Chairman states that he has put the results of the interview between Mr White-Cooper, himself and Major Trueman before the Watch Committee. Upon the proposal of Mr Johnstone the Secretary withdraws.

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

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Chairman.



Secretary.

E.C.P.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 2, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
Court L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper and
The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 26 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. As regards the Encroachment on the Sicoawei Road the Chairman has seen the Senior Consul in the matter who expects to be able to settle it unofficially in the course of a few days.

Volunteer Corps. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, the following arrangements are approved:

Artillery. Commission as 2nd Lieut. to be issued to Mr S.B. Neill.

"B" Company British. The leave granted to Captain J.D. Gordon to be extended to September 30 under medical certificate.

Lieut. J.C. Bosustow, Chinese Company, to be temporarily transferred to "B" Company British, of which unit two officers are at present on leave.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 13 are again submitted, and confirmed. With regard to the Case of ex-Sergeant-Major Wilkins, a discussion ensues as to the terms to be offered when steps are taken for securing the services of a new Commandant and Sergeants in the future, and Mr Ezra states that unless as favourable terms are granted as were enjoyed by Colonel Bray and Sergeant Wilkins newcomers will undertake duty with some prejudice. It is decided, however, in the first place and when addressing the War Office on the subject, to adhere to the approved Terms of Service, leaving any application for increase to be considered if and when made.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 31 are submitted and confirmed, with the following comment:

Prisoners' Motor Van. Mr Gulland suggests that for the sake of regularity it would be better to invite tenders formally for the car, and this course will be followed.

Scale of Pay for Foreign Branch. The Police Report to which this minute refers makes recommendations with regard to promotion to the rank of Sergeant and these will be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

Hardoon Road. Correspondence with Mr Hardoon on the subject of the closing of the old line of this road, is read, and the Council is of opinion that he has undoubtedly exceeded the permission recently granted to him. Mr Ezra points out that the permit under which Mr Hardoon states that his fence and wall are being erected certainly gave no permission to block the Bubbling Well Road entrance to the Hardoon Road as has now been done. On the other hand Mr Hardoon has left accommodation for pedestrians, and his allusion to the Council's Notice that the road is not fit for vehicular traffic is regarded as a point in his favour. After some further discussion, and upon the proposal of Mr Hide, it is decided to address a further letter to Mr Hardoon on the subject in the sense of the foregoing, and to take what steps as are possible to expedite the opening of the new line.

Building Operations without a Permit. The Engineer reports that Mr Hardoon is carrying out the conversion of the building known as 'Maitland's Stables' in the Great Western Road into a Chinese school without the Council's permit. Mr Ezra has visited the spot, and the matter is referred for consideration by the Works Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of May 28 are submitted and confirmed. The question of the Scale of Pay for Assistant Masters is referred for confirmation by the Permanent Educational Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of June 1 are submitted and confirmed, the additional grant of £500 for the purchase of War Literature receiving the requisite special approval of the Finance Committee and Council.

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Chinese Polytechnic. Mr White-Cooper states that the property was formally conveyed to the Council this morning, and that thereupon the Committee has dissolved.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

W. Manson
Secretary. *x*

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 9, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hyde
 Court L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

Absent:

Mr E.I. Ezra

The minutes of the meeting of June 2 are submitted and confirmed with
 one amendment.

Amunition. A Report by the Commandant, S.V.C., is submitted pointing out
 that unless a further requisition for 50000 rounds is forwarded to
 Hongkong he will be unable to meet the Police requirements under the
 new Musketry Course. The matter is referred to the Watch Committee
 for consideration.

Police Force, Overdue Leave. A Report by the Captain Superintendent is
 read recounting his recent interview with H.M. Consul-General on the
 subject of the men to whom leave is due under the Terms of Service.
 Acting upon Sir Everard Fraser's suggestion it is decided to maintain
 the refusal of the men's application, while the Captain Superintendent's
 proposals with regard to compensation will receive the attention of
 the Watch Committee. Reply to the letter of Mr J.W. Rice will
 accordingly be to the effect that the Council is, with regret, unable
 to meet his clients' wishes.

Tramway Byelaws. In accordance with the instructions of the Watch
 Committee a Police Report is submitted enumerating certain cases in
 which the Police Traffic Regulations have been called in question at
 the Mixed Court. Therefrom it appears that the statement that these
 Regulations cannot be enforced was not strictly accurate, for
 although difficulty has been experienced in enforcing them and
 although the greatest care is necessary in framing charges thereunder,
 yet in the instances submitted conviction has been followed by a fine.
 In these circumstances the suggestion that the Regulations be given
 additional legal status by reference to a Special Meeting of
 Ratepayers falls to the ground, and the reply to the Legal Adviser's

note on the subject will be to this effect.

As regards the Tramway Company's Byelaws the Council endorses the view which Mr McNeill has expressed both in his present note and in the opinion which he gave in 1908, viz: that they are no concern of the Council's, and that an undertaking to observe them should be part of a contract at the time of purchasing a ticket. Upon this basis the discussion between the Legal Adviser and the lawyers of the Tramway Company may proceed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 9 are submitted and confirmed, Mr Merriman alluding to the indisposition of the Chairman, who was unable to be present. As regards the question of the Chengtz Road Extension some discussion ensues as to whether it was part of the Council's original proposal that payment for the strip of the Customs lot should be made now although actual surrender be deferred. The correspondence on the subject indicates that such was not the case, and, in reply to Mr Unwin's letter, it is decided to state the Council's reasons for declining to treat his lot exceptionally, viz. the injustice which would be involved to other landowners similarly situated.

Public Recreation Ground. Mr Gulland refers to a recent minute of the Public Recreation Ground Committee, in which the subject of the engagement of a Park-keeper was again discussed, also the question of levying rent upon the clubs making use of portions of the Ground. The question of a Park-keeper has become acute owing to the fact that Mr Peebles contemplates giving up the post of Honorary Secretary and to the difficulty in finding a successor. Both of these matters would be simplified in Mr Gulland's opinion were the duties of the Committee entrusted to the Parks Committee, which exercises similar control over the other Recreation Grounds in the Settlement. The Chairman undertakes to see Messrs Jackson and Wrightson in this matter, with a view to the withdrawal of their opposition to the suggested change.

Opium Shop Licences. A letter from the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade is read, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed by this body, regretting the action of the Council with regard to retail opium shops. It is decided to make no reply to this communication.

As regards the shops to be closed the Overseer of Taxes' suggested arrangements for the drawing to be held on June 30 are, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved, except

only that the Chairman's suggestion is adopted that the drawing take place in the Town Hall.

Electricity Committee. A note from Mr C.M. Bain is read intimating that he will be absent from Shanghai for a period of four months from June 11.

Electricity Department. Pay of Shift Engineers. The Chairman describes at some length the proposals of the Electricity Committee with regard to raising the Scale of Pay for these employes, with the objections thereto from the standpoint of the Finance Committee. Mr White-Cooper, while appreciating the objections to the course proposed, states that the Committee is apprehensive of losing the services of a number of the men in question unless their request is granted, their agreements being terminable upon three months notice on either side. Mr Johnstone points out that there has been an increase in the pay of marine engineers in England but not locally, and, after further discussion of the point, he undertakes, at the Chairman's request, to investigate the proposals now before the Council in the light of the rates ruling for Coast and River steamers engineers.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of June 8 are submitted and confirmed.

Chinese Theatre Licence. With reference to the Council's refusal to issue a licence for No 47 Fokien Road, a further letter from the Anglo-French Land Investment Co.Ld., is submitted, desiring that the question of the safety of the building be referred to an independent engineer. The Council is unwilling to go beyond the certificates already furnished by the Municipal Engineer and the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, and their emphatic recommendation that the licence be refused is again confirmed.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 16, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper and
The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of June 9 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 14 are submitted
and confirmed. With regard to the question of:-

Ammunition, a note from the Treasurer points out that in order to
provide for the revised Musketry Course for the Police Force the
further supply of ammunition required will be 33000 rounds.

Sergeant Instructors, the Chairman considers that it may be well
to supplement the Council's application to the War Office by
unofficial representations and Mr Johnstone suggests making use of
the Soldiers and Sailors Employment Bureau.

Chinese Theatres. An application by Mr Alex. Y. Ting on behalf of a
Chinese theatre is submitted, desiring permission for a number of
actresses to perform therein. From a Police Report in re, and upon
enquiry from Mr Chun Bing-him, it appears that the strong distaste
for theatrical performances with a mixed cast which was expressed
in 1907/8, is equally strong at the present time, and, in reply,
therefore, it is decided to refuse the application upon the grounds
that compliance would give offence to the better classes of the
Chinese Community.

Opium Shops. A draft Notification announcing the forthcoming drawing to
be held in the Town Hall on June 30 is submitted and approved. The
suggestion to admit licensees and others interested by ticket is
adopted, and it is further agreed that, if hereafter any proprietor
of a shop drawn to be closed make private arrangements for exchange
with one not so drawn, his application in that sense to the Finance
Committee will receive consideration.

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Chengtu Road Extension. Further reply from the Commissioner of Customs on the subject of Lot 1965 is submitted, and the Council approves the suggestion that a short agreement be drawn under which the Customs will undertake to surrender the scheduled strip when the house ceases to be the Commissioner's residence at a price to be agreed at the time of surrender or, in the event of disagreement, to be referred to the Land Commission, and in return the Council will agree to culvert the creek forthwith.

Electricity Department, Pay of Shift Engineers. Mr Johnstone furnishes a note and schedule on the subject of the scale of pay in force for local marine engineers, and he adds the important fact that at present no competent engineers can be obtained in China. The Chairman suggests that, in order to avoid any complications with the Electricity Committee, it would be well to submit this document to the members with the Council's request that the matter be given re-consideration, expressing at the same time readiness to assent to the suggested increase if still considered desirable. If the increase is necessary on account of existing war conditions it will be a simple matter to adopt a temporary advance of pay to cease when the war is concluded. This proposal meets with general acquiescence on the part of the Council.

Shanghai Waterworks Co.Ld. The Company's proposals for increasing the capital are considered in two Reports by the Treasurer. In the first place Mr Goodale points out that from a shareholder's point of view the proposal to issue shares at 100 per cent premium does not appear financially sound. Money is plentiful in the Settlement, and no difficulty would be experienced in floating debentures at about 6 per cent, thus leaving the extra 6 per cent required to make up the customary 12 per cent dividend for distribution amongst the shareholders. Having had an interview with the Chairman of the Company, Mr Goodale finds that there are certain legal technicalities to be decided in connexion with the Company's debentures, and that opposition to the proposed share issue would embarrass the Board. The Council holds 1950 shares, and it is decided that the Chairman shall attend the meeting of the Company and vote in favour of the scheme, the amount due to be paid in sterling or taels as the Finance Committee may hereafter decide. The total sum involved is \$68000.

Tramway Byelaws. A second letter from the Legal Adviser is submitted, enclosing copy of the correspondence which has taken place between his firm and Messrs Platt Macleod and Wilson. Mr White-Cooper explains at some length the position in which this matter stands, and the Chairman undertakes to see Mr McNeill on the subject.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of June 11 are submitted and confirmed.

Wetmore Road Drainage. A letter from the Waterworks Company is read maintaining the view that on principle the Council should defray the whole of the cost of reversing the gradient of this sewer, at the same time stating that the Company is still prepared to contribute the sum of £320 towards the cost. Considerable discussion ensues in the course of which Mr Ezra maintains that the acquiescence of the Company to the drainage scheme laid down in 1894/6 justifies the Council in declining to incur expenditure on the suggested change in the direction of the flow. He admits liability for increasing the size of the pipe if and when found necessary. Mr Hide states that the correspondence published in 1896 was incomplete, and it is eventually decided that the matter shall have further attention at the hands of the Works Committee.

Recess. At the suggestion of the Chairman it is arranged that the Recess shall be between August 4 and September 8.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

H. Lawson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 23, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hilde
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper and
The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of June 16 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Correspondence in the Russian Press. A note from the Consul General for
Russia forwards extracts from the 'Novoie Vremia' relating to German
influences in Shanghai and particularly as regards Police
administration. This matter will have the attention of the Watch
Committee for whom a Police Report is being prepared.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 21 are
submitted and confirmed after full discussion. With regard to that
under the heading Wetmore Road Drainage, Mr Ezra lays stress on the
point as to whether the drain is being used excessively. He
considers that only if the Company can show that such is the case
should the Council be called upon to contribute towards the cost of
reversing it. Mr Hilde alludes to the Council's promise to take
every precaution to avoid contamination of the intake, and Mr
White-Cooper refers to the subject of river pollution generally,
and to the fact that there is a world-wide endeavour on the part
of municipalities and others to combat influences tending towards
pollution. The Committee's minute is confirmed nem con.

Railway Crossings and the Bremen and Hungjao Roads. The Engineer
forwards an application from the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway
desiring temporary diversions of these roads during the construction
of level crossings on the original lines, and, upon his recommenda-
tion, it is decided to sanction the work.

Bubbling Well and Mohawk Roads. The reply of the Race Club to the
Council's letter on the subject of the scheduled strip of Lot 1457
is submitted, and, in accordance with the proposal contained in the

concluding paragraph, the case will be submitted to the Land Commissioners at an early date.

Tramway Byelaws. The Chairman has seen the Legal Adviser in regard to this matter and, as arranged, Mr McNeill now forwards a draft of the Company's proposed Byelaws. The matter will have the attention of the Watch Committee upon receipt of the Captain Superintendent's comment.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce. A letter from this body, desiring exemption from General Municipal Rate on their new building on the site partly occupied by the Temple of Heaven in the North Honan Road, is submitted, with a Report by the Overseer of Taxes in re. Mr Ezra is acquainted with the building in question, and with the purely commercial and secular uses for which it is intended; he is of opinion that the claim of exemption under Clause 8 of the Hongkew Boundary Agreement is utterly untenable. Mr White-Cooper, on the other hand, considers that there is something to be said for the Chamber's contention, and the Finance Committee undertakes to give the matter further consideration after inspecting the premises.

Case of Constables Keating and Young. The Council is informed of the development of this case, and that the Petition in the Court of Foreign Consuls was filed on June 16. Nothing remains therefore, but to let the case go forward, and the hope is expressed that the Court will in any case reprove the men for failing to see that their duty at present lies in loyal service at Shanghai.

Railless Cars. A note from the Tramway Company asks for permission to run a few trial trips of railless cars on the portion of the Fokien Road south of Nanking Road. The Works Committee is under the impression that time is yet required to enable the new cement paving to set, and Mr Ezra suggests a delay of at least one more month.

The Municipal Gazette for June 24 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

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Chairman.

M. Manson
Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 30, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezlerski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of June 25 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of June 28 are submitted
 and confirmed. With regard to the:-

Extension of the Foreign Isolation Hospital, it is decided to
 enquire what work in the Architectural Branch of the Public Works
 Department is delaying the preparation of the plans for the new wing.

Extra Pay for Clerk and Interpreter, this matter is referred for
 consideration by the Finance Committee.

Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, the feeling of the Council on this
 subject is that good reasons must be assigned before dismissing a
 zealous employe such as Mr Pett has proved himself to be. On the
 other hand there is evidence that his mode of address to firemen on
 duty is needlessly rough, and Mr Ezra points out that the unanimity
 on the part of the whole of the Fire Brigade indicates that there are
 faults in Mr Pett's administration.

Salt Gabelle. A Police Report is read informing the Council that the
 Senior Consul has countersigned an order of the Mixed Court, issued
 on the instructions of the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs,
 directing the sealing up of 34 godowns said to contain salt, in
 connexion with arrears of salt dues. The Captain Superintendent
 points out the irregularity of this proceeding without a proper
 hearing at the Court, and Mr White-Cooper draws attention to the fact
 that it is as true of the property of Chinese residents in the
 Settlement as of their person, that no seizure or other process of
 law can be set in motion without a prima facie hearing before a
 Foreign Assessor. It is decided to address the Senior Consul on the

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subject, and the Chairman undertakes in the meanwhile to explain the Council's position to him. There is urgency in this matter for the reason that the Council has little doubt that salt frauds have been committed; it remains only to secure that proper procedure is followed.

District Inspector Scougall. A note from the Engineer informs the Council of the death of this Inspector, who has been on voluntary war service since October, and the Council records deep regret at his loss.

Loan of 1915. The Council is informed that tenders for the Loan have been opened amounting to upwards of a million taels, and the allotment is left in the hands of the Finance Committee.

Trust Funds Investment. The Finance Committee's investment of \$50000 in French Municipal Debentures at 102, with brokerage, is confirmed.

Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The Chairman states that, after inspecting this building in the North Hornn Road, the Finance Committee has arrived at the conclusion that the claim for exemption from General Municipal Rate is not well-grounded. The building is semi-public in character, Foreign-built, and intended for commercial and semi-political purposes; it can in no sense be treated as a temple. It is pointed out that secular buildings in the compounds of the Cathedral and Synagogue are rated, that Consulates, guild buildings, H.M. Supreme Court, and other such institutions all bear their share of the cost of the public service. It is decided, therefore, to refuse the application, while the question of a moderate assessment will have the Committee's attention.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of June 29 are submitted and confirmed. Some discussion ensues as to the new Thomas Hanbury School coolie quarters, and Mr Ezra lays stress on the desirability of not providing quarters for more servants than are absolutely necessary; he is particularly averse to building Chinese houses in the School Compound, which, he points out, are likely to become filled with undesirable Chinese families.

Motor-car Traffic. Allusion is made to the growing number of cars making use of blinding headlights, and it is decided to direct the attention of the Police to this matter.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.35 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 7, 1915,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of June 30 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Commandant. A letter from the Commandant forwards for the Council's information documents relative to the War Office having granted him the local rank of Major for the period of the war, and a further note desires that a reference to the matter should appear in the Municipal Gazette. The Chairman states that he had no knowledge that this step was going to be taken, although it may have arisen upon the application of H.M. Consul General as a result of a conversation with himself. He also observes that the Council has not been consulted in the matter and that it is notified as a routine order to the Commandant, instead of being the subject of a letter from the General Officer Commanding in Hongkong to the Chairman, as upon the occasions when former Commandants received promotion.

Mr Gulland considers that it would be advisable to await a communication from General Kelly on the subject, or to enquire upon whose application the War Office acted. Mr Ezra attaches little importance to the matter, and, in any case, the Council has no objection to compliance with Major Trueman's request.

Fire Brigade.

Chief Officer. In reply to the Council's request for particulars as to the Brigade's complaint against the Chief Officer, Mr Fenton, on behalf of the Foremen, states that they do not think it practicable for their objections to be sent in writing and his suggestion that he attend the next meeting of the Watch Committee is accepted. The Chairman states that it may be desirable for the Council to give the Committee an indication as to the way the members view this case, and

he points out that it would be necessary for the charges to be stated in such a way as to afford Mr Pett an opportunity of replying, and that they must necessarily be demonstrated before the Council could dismiss a zealous and apparently efficient public servant.

Mr Ezra considers that the mere fact that Mr Pett is unable to earn the confidence and respect of any one of his subordinates argues unfitness for the post of Chief Officer. Mr Merriman has learnt that the Brigade is quite prepared to serve under a professional chief, and that the objections are to Mr Pett personally rather ^{than} to the system which the Council has established. Mr Gulland has consulted the minutes of the Watch Committee preceding Mr Pett's appointment, and he prefers to reserve his opinion in the matter until the meeting with Mr Fenton, which will take place on Monday next.

Saltpetre and Sulphur. The Captain Superintendent forwards a note from the Mixed Court Magistrate to the effect that the monopoly for the sale of sulphur and saltpetre has been transferred from one Chinese to another. It is decided to reply along the lines of former correspondence, to the effect that there is no monopoly as regards the sale within the Settlement and that the Council is not concerned with prohibition measures.

Boot Factory at No. 5 Szechuen Road. Reports by the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade and Engineer refer to the conditions under which more than 600 Chinese are working in these premises which are found to be quite unsuited for use as a factory. The premises are overcrowded and the single staircase renders them dangerous and unsafe. Mr Hugo Reiss is prepared to be responsible for these premises, and it is suggested that the Council address him on the subject stating that a licence is required for the establishment. Inasmuch, however, as the Council has not heretofore applied its powers to license places for the manufacture of clothing to boot factories, it is decided to send a letter of remonstrance in the first place, a course which is rendered desirable by the fact that Mr Reiss is Consul for Brazil and consequently liable only to his own jurisdiction.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of July 1 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the question of

Current Limiters, the Chairman considers that further enquiry is desirable, as it is not clear upon what basis the limiters are now in operation. Mr Hide points out that the minute indicates to him the justice of the complaint of the Gas Company soon after current limiters were inaugurated; for it appears that Chinese consumers

have been induced to convert their gas installation to electricity under the impression that a very cheap rate would be charged. After the change has been made it is found that the rate is unprofitable, and the consumer is faced with incurring the trouble and expense of re-conversion or continuing to pay ~~20¢~~ more than he originally did.

Mr Ezra is under the impression that the system obtains of charging \$1 per point per month without any limit as to consumption. Mr White-Cooper states that the matter will have further attention at the hands of the Electricity Committee, and he concurs in the view of the Chairman that no such change should have been inaugurated without the knowledge of the Committee and formal confirmation by the Council.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of July 2 are submitted and confirmed. As regards the

Treasurer's Agreement Mr Goodale's Report of May 20 has been circulated to the Members of Council. The Committee's minute on the subject is unanimously confirmed, Mr Ezra in particular expressing the view that the Committee's decision is a just one.

Settlement Extension. A confidential note from H.M. Consul General is read stating that there is a fair prospect of the Extension Agreement being accepted, but not until the Land Regulations have been re-printed, including the words contained in the original edition relating to land acquired for Government purposes. The correspondence with the Consular Body on this subject is ordered to be circulated to the members.

Public School for Boys. A letter from the Chairman and two members of the Foreign Educational Committee is read recommending the dismissal of Mr Wilden-Hart, the newly engaged Assistant Master, for reasons which Mr White-Cooper explains in full. This recommendation is unanimously endorsed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of July 6 are submitted and confirmed without comment.

Consul General for Austria-Hungary. A letter from Mr Bernauer is read stating that owing to his disagreement with the Senior Consul he has not received a copy of the Mixed Court Report for May. In reply it is decided to point out that this Report is customarily published upon its receipt, and to express the hope that Mr Bernauer will inform himself of its contents by perusal of the Municipal Gazette.

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

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

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E. C. Pinner

Chairman.

W. J. Wilson

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 14, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper and
The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of July 7 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of July 12 are submitted
and confirmed with the following comment:-

Chief Officer, Fire Brigade. To the minute on this subject
Mr Gulland recalls one further statement made by Mr Fenton in which he
gave instances where the Chief Officer's instructions at fires led
to needless exposure of firemen to danger from falling walls. There
is also omitted from this minute the Committee's direction to the
Captain Superintendent of Police to ascertain confidentially the
possibility of the Chinese Staff withdrawing in the event of the
resignation of the Volunteer Brigade.

Mr Gulland's summary of the whole position indicates that ^{the} tendency
of the Committee's investigations leads to the conclusion that, while
there is much to be said for both points of view, it would be
preferable in the present circumstances to keep Mr Pett than to retain
the services of the Volunteer Firemen without him. The Chairman states
that some knowledge of the position which has arisen has reached the
ears of the Committee of the Fire Insurance Association, and that an
unofficial conversation ensued at its meeting, whereat there were
present 7 leading insurance managers and agents. They expressed
unanimous satisfaction with the work of Mr Pett, the results of which
show him to be a good fireman and a very good worker, the general
opinion being that the time has arrived for the Council to employ a
paid brigade, native brigades working quite satisfactorily in
Singapore and Manila.

Mr Ezra returns to the point which he made at the last meeting, viz: that any Chief Officer who failed to secure loyal service from any single one of a body of 60 firemen, displays qualities which unfit him for his work. He would view the dissolution of the Volunteer Fire Brigade with very deep regret, and, while approving of the Committee's proposal to obtain Mr Pett's reply to the charges made against him, he does not consider it fitting to ask for his proposals for the formation of an alternative Brigade, since such a step would be suggestive of the Council's having decided to disband the volunteers. Count Jezierski shares Mr Ezra's view with regard to disbanding, but at the same time he feels that the Watch Committee is entitled to know what the alternative is before arriving at any decision. After some further discussion the minute is confirmed, it being definitely understood that the Council has not bound itself at present to any course of action.

Commandant's British Rank. In comment on this minute Mr Gulland observes that the Commandant's view of the Council's action is that it lacked tact, and, while unable to concur, he does not see that any further step should be taken in the matter. Mr Hide suggests that an official letter of thanks be addressed to the War Office either directly or through H.M. Consul General. Mr Gulland is unable to approve this course, inasmuch as the Council is without any communication from the Military Authorities to which to reply. At the Council's request the Chairman undertakes to see Sir Everard Fraser in the matter and ascertain if possible how the question originally arose.

Volunteer War Service. A Report from the Captain Superintendent is submitted stating that by the apportioning of extra work and the assumption of increased responsibility on the part of the senior members of the Force, a fresh contingent of men can be spared for Volunteer War Service. He is under the impression that many men would volunteer if they had the Council's permission, and he suggests, making due allowance for possible sickness in the autumn, that a draft of 18 is permissible. The Council unananimously approves this proposal.

Settlement Extension. The members having perused the correspondence between the Council and the Consular Body in 1907/8, on the subject of Article I of the Land Regulations, is of opinion that the adoption of Sir Everard Fraser's suggestion would not alter the Article from the form in which it now stands as a result of the Ratepayers' Meeting of 1899. It is believed that the present movement making

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for the restoration of the paragraph to which Sir Everard refers, emanates from the Russian Legation, and the Chairman undertakes to suggest to Mr Grosse, Consul General for Russia, that a similar letter to that to Mr Brennan dated June 29, 1899, be now written in respect of the Russian Consulate General: he will take an opportunity in the course of the Recess to discuss the matter with Sir John Jordan, either personally or by letter.

Harpoon Road. Two Reports by the Engineer are submitted, to the effect that the Chinese owners who lately appeared before the Land Commission are still unwilling to surrender at the rate contained in the Award. His proposal to petition the Mixed Court to enforce the Award is approved by the Works Committee. The Council is unanimously reluctant to take this course which has the outward appearance of harshness; on the other hand there appears to be no alternative.

Wetmore Road Drainage. A further letter from the Shanghai Waterworks Co. Ltd., is submitted, together with a note by the Engineer pointing out that from the standpoint of the Public Works Department no alteration of the drain will be necessary for some years. It is decided, therefore, to intimate to the Company finally that unless they will make the contribution which the Council has demanded, the drain will remain as at present.

North Szechuen Road Widening. The claim of Messrs Moorhead and Halse for the scheduled strips of Lots 841 and 871 is submitted and approved amounting to ¥21305. The claim is at the assessed value with 10 per cent added, and the Works Committee is unable to suggest any reduction for betterment in this case.

The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that owing to heavy claims due to re-building schemes, the Council is already committed to the expenditure of ¥110000 out of an appropriation for the year of ¥120000, while negotiations are open amounting to ¥129000. It thus appears that, owing to circumstances over which the Council has no control, a very considerable excess will be involved. It is suggested that this matter have the Works Committee's attention, and that the widening of the North Szechuen Road from 40 to 60 feet be considered a separate item and so shown in the Financial Statement, the improvement being one which it was not anticipated would proceed so rapidly, and at the same time, one which is of very considerable value to the public.

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Treasurer's Agreement. Two further letters from the Treasurer have been submitted to the Finance Committee on the subject of the terms of the renewal of his agreement, and the Council is unanimously of opinion that the offer made to him is as liberal as the circumstances warrant. Mr White-Cooper is inclined to resent Mr Goodale's lengthy disquisitions on his services to the Council, and the members regard his alternative request for a motor car as most improper.

The general feeling of the Council is to the effect that ¥900 is an adequate salary for the position, while the Chairman states that in 1918 it is possible that the Council may be prepared to re-consider the question of the maximum pay drawn by the senior members of the Service; at present he is quite unwilling to consent to any change in the schedule adopted by the Finance Committee in 1912.

Volunteer Corps, Commandant's Quarters. The Engineer reports that the Shanghai Land Investment Co.Ld., has consented to terminate the Council's lease of these quarters in the Great Western Road on June 30, no opportunity having been found for sub-letting. It is decided to express the Council's thanks to the Company for this concession.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Judgment in the case of C. McBain and others is read, and ordered for inclusion in tomorrow's issue of the Municipal Gazette.

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

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



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 21, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of July 14 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman. With regard to the

Commandant's British Rank the Chairman has seen H.M. Consul-
 General in the matter, who has undertaken to refer to his
 correspondence on the subject. Sir Everard Fraser concurs in the
 Council's view that it would not be fitting to address the Military
 Authorities on the subject until an official notification reaches
 the Council.

Settlement Extension. The Chairman has seen the Consul-General
 for Russia on the subject of Article I of the Land Regulations, and
 Mr Grosse has undertaken to consult his Minister before the matter
 is taken further.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A letter from the Consul-General for
 Austria-Hungary encloses a copy of a communication he has addressed
 to the Secretary of the Court, pointing out that he had no
 opportunity of voting in the recent election to fill the vacancy
 in the judges consequent upon the resignation of Mr von Zeppelin
 Obermuller. Mr Bernauer consequently maintains that the Court is
 not established according to the Land Regulations; he suggests
 publication of this letter in the Municipal Gazette. The Council
 is undecided how to reply to this communication, being desirous of
 avoiding intervention in the dispute between the Consul-General for
 Austria-Hungary and his colleagues. Several suggested replies are
 considered, but the matter is deferred for consideration at next
 meeting.

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Fire Brigade, Chief Officer. A note from Mr Fenton on July 17 informed the Council that the Foremen, on re-consideration, were prepared to state their objections to Mr Pett in writing, and these objections, set out at some length, are now submitted for the Council's information. This course enables the Council to transmit the Brigade's charges against the Chief Officer with greater accuracy, and it is decided, in communicating with Mr Pett on the subject, to embody the substance of the Foremen's statement in full.

Maxim Gardens. A letter from the Consul-General for Austria-Hungary is read with regard to the intervention of the French Police in closing a portion of these gardens on July 12. The establishment is situated on the Siccawei Road, in what is now the extension of the French Settlement, and its status is similar to that of other estates taxed and policed by the Council in and beyond the Great Western Road. The Council is content in this instance that the French Police shall continue to control the gardens, and will, if desired by the French Council, waive the question of taxation. In the meantime it is decided to reply to the Austrian Consul-General that the Police of the two Settlements are acting together in the matter.

Voluntary War Service.

Volunteer Corps. The Commandant forwards the application of Sergeant-Major Taylor to terminate his service on August 9, and the Council assents to this course. It is decided in addition to the Leave Pay to which Taylor is entitled to issue to him Half Pay for the period of the voyage. As regards his reference to Superannuation it appears to the Watch Committee that, having made no contributions to the Fund, he is not entitled to make any claim upon withdrawing from the Service.

Police Force. The application of Mr C.G. Kirk, Chief Detective Officer, to avail himself of Board Order No. 2797, is forwarded by the Captain Superintendent, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, approved.

With regard to the sanction accorded for the withdrawal of 18 more policemen, the Captain Superintendent recommends that men already entitled thereto be granted leave on the usual terms. For the remaining vacancies men with former regular military service will be given preference, and the balance of the draft will be filled by drawing lots. This course is approved.

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Water Closets. Letters from Messrs Palmer and Turner, The China Realty Co.Ld., and Mr Peebles are submitted, relating to the Council's course of action following the recent judgment of the Court of Foreign Consuls on this subject. At the suggestion of the last named it is decided to point out to the Buildings Rules Commission, now sitting, that the ^{Court} Council has declared Rule 76 ultra vires, and to request that new rules with respect to water closets be drawn up and incorporated in the revised code.

A Report by the Engineer on Sanitary Systems is submitted and ordered for publication.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 19 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the case of the

Weihaiwei and Ferry Roads Mr Ezra states that there is former correspondence with the land owners concerned bearing upon the question of compensation for buildings erected within the scheduled road-line. This correspondence will be submitted to the Works Committee before any letter is addressed to Mr Haroon on the subject.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of July 16 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the incursion of students from St. John's University into

Jessfield Park it was the Committee's intention to address Dr Hawks Pott unofficially on the subject.

China Association Circulars. Two letters from the Commandant of the Volunteer Corps, are submitted, forwarding communications from unit commanders relating to two circulars lately issued from the Orderly Room without his knowledge. The Council is informed that the issue was made under the instructions of Captain Canning, the Orderly Room Officer, and in reply it is decided to state that the Council regards the case as one which should be treated as a departmental matter between the Commandant and that officer.

Road to Kiangwan. The Chairman has had a preliminary interview with Mr Brodie Clarke and certain Chinese interested in the question of diverting this road in such a manner as to avoid danger from the Rifle Butts. They propose an alternative road for the most part along the railway line, and suggest payment therefor by the Council partly by way of contribution and partly by way of loan. Their scheme will be submitted at an early date.

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The meeting adjourns at 6.5 p.m.

E. C. Pinner

Chairman.

M. H. Mason
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 28, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 A.S.P. White-Cooper, and
 The Secretary

Absent:

Mr W.L. Merriman

The minutes of the meeting of July 21 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Court of Foreign Consuls. The Chairman has seen H.M. Consul-General
 on the subject of the complaint of the Consul-General for Austria-
 Hungary as to the election of a Judge of the Court in place of the
 Consul-General for the Netherlands, resigned. At his suggestion it
 is decided to reply that the Council does not consider that a
 reference to the matter in the Municipal Gazette would serve any
 useful purpose.

Volunteer Corps, Artillery. The resignation of 2nd Lieut. J.S. Hay,
 forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted by the Council with regret.
 The Commandant also notifies the Council that Captain Canning will
 command the Battery until the return of Captain Davis.

Chief Officer, Fire Brigade. Mr Pett's reply to the charges against
 him made by the Brigade is submitted and referred for consideration
 by the Watch Committee. Upon the Chairman's proposal it is decided
 to forward a copy of the correspondence in this matter to the Fire
 Insurance Association for an expression of view upon the matter on
 the part of the Committee of the Association. Mr Gulland proposes
 also that the Council obtain a similar expression of opinion from
 the Municipal Engineer, but at Mr Ezra's suggestion it is decided
 to inform him only of the position which has arisen without
 transmitting the correspondence which has taken place. Mr White-
 Cooper enquires as to the constitution of the Fire Brigade in
 Hongkong and as to whether or no it is generally thought to give
 satisfaction.

Police Motor Van. 6 tenders received in response to Specification No 60 are submitted, and, upon the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent, endorsed by the Watch Committee that of the Olivier Import and Export Co. for a 4 cylinder Cadillac 40/50 h.p. chassis is accepted, £3100.

Sinza Market Extension. Noting the reduced offer of Messrs Bower & Co., £4750, for Lot 458, the Council approves the suggestion of the Engineer that an offer be made to accept a valuation by Mr Algar or Mr Peebles. Mr Merriman's note on this subject is read, but the Council, acting upon the Health Officer's statement that extension will hereafter be necessary, perceives that the most natural extension will be to the north and include the small property in question.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of July 22 are submitted for members' information.

Voluntary War Service.

Volunteer Corps. A note from the Commandant is submitted in comment on the terms offered to Sergeant Major Taylor and this matter will have the attention of the Watch Committee at an early date.

Police Force. Referring to the applications of the 3 junior Police officers, and to the Captain Superintendent's recommendation in re, the Watch Committee approves permission being granted to Mr F.L. Wainwright. As regards Mr Martin, Assistant Superintendent, some discussion ensues, the Chairman expresses^{ed} the opinion that the Council would be open to criticism in allowing the number of Police officers to fall as low as 3. Mr Gulland inclines to the same opinion, and urges that the Council must not lose sight of its international character and its responsibilities to the international community it represents. The case is eventually left in the Chairman's hands for discussion with H.M. Consul-General.

As regards Mr Kirk's application the Council sanction an arrangement under which he will, on the termination of the war, be granted 6 months leave. His request for one months pay in lieu of short leave for the current year is not approved, inasmuch as the privilege would be equally applicable to all other volunteers for war service.

A note from the Captain Superintendent forwards the names of the 12 members of the Force selected by lot.

Public Works Department. The application of District Inspector H.E. Jones is submitted and approved.

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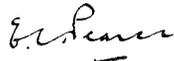
Electricity Department. The applications of Mr H. McAdam, Clerical Assistant, and Collector W.G. Green, approved by the Electricity Committee, are confirmed.

Educational Department. The applications of Messrs W.D. Anderson and F.C. Millington, approved respectively by the Foreign and Chinese Educational Committees, are confirmed.

Resignation of Member. Mr Gulland states that his departure from Shanghai, arranged for October next, will involve the resignation of his seat on the Council, and, at the Chairman's request, members will consider the question of filling the vacancy so created. The Chairman states that it would be in accordance with precedent to invite Mr Akira Ishii, the candidate not elected in January last, to serve for the remainder of the year, and Mr Ezra points out that such appointment would undoubtedly gratify the Japanese Government and community and facilitate matters relating to the Settlement which involve reference to the Diplomatic Body. The Chairman will possibly have an opportunity of discussing this matter with H.M. Minister before October, and he concludes by expressing the Council's regret at the loss of Mr Gulland's services.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.25 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 4, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackle
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of July 28 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman. With regard to that under the heading

Resignation of Member, Mr Merriman expresses the view that the
 nomination of Mr Ishii will not meet with the approval of the
 Ratepayers, will be regarded unfavourably by the Chinese, and will
 involve closer touch with the Japanese Consulate General as regards
 Municipal affairs than may be altogether desirable. He offers no
 objection to Mr Ishii's membership if duly elected, but would not
 view the introduction of a Japanese into the local administration
 in the same light if co-opted in terms of Article XX of the Land
 Regulations. He suggests that it may be possible to leave the
 vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Gulland open for the remainder
 of the year. The Chairman takes note of these views and states that
 the matter will proceed no further until after the Recess.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of July 30 are submitted
 and confirmed. With regard to that under the heading

Fire Brigade, Chief Officer, Mr Gulland states that the general
 effect of the minute is to show that the Committee is unanimous
 in the view that no sufficient reason has been given for not renewing
 Mr Pett's agreement upon expiry in the ordinary way. A memorandum
 by Messrs White-Cooper and Ezra is submitted strongly deprecating any
 step calculated to lead to the dissolution of the Volunteer Fire
 Brigade, and in reply to some of the points therein raised, Mr Gulland
 states that Mr Pett's alternative proposals are quite definite, viz.
 for a Brigade to comprise an addition of 32 to the present number
 of Chinese firemen, and a total Foreign strength of 10. He alludes
 to the reference to the Hongkong Brigade, which does not appear to be
 a just comparison, for the reason that the Hongkong Fire Brigade is a

Sub-Department of the Police Force, and although between 40 and 50 men draw extra pay as firemen it must be certain that they are only firemen when not on duty as policemen, thus accounting for the excessive number. He does not consider that the Council need apprehend a 'legacy of dislike' to Mr Pett were Police employed as firemen in Shanghai, in view of the terms in which the Police Inspectors have referred to Mr Pett's work. He deprecates also disparagement of the views of the Fire Insurance Association since their financial interests are certainly identical with those of the Community.

Mr Ezra differs from the conclusions of the Watch Committee with reluctance and regret. He refers to the work of the Brigade in the past in the highest terms, and is of opinion that the services of a Chief Officer as efficient as Mr Pett and acceptable to the Brigade could readily be secured.

Mr White-Cooper sees in this matter the underlying question of Foreign prestige in China, and he would view supplanting the Shanghai Fire Brigade by a Brigade of Chinese with great disfavour.

Mr Hide, with considerable experience of Mr Pett's work in charge of important fires, has seen nothing either in his conduct of operations or treatment of firemen of which complaint would be justified.

Mr Merriman is under the impression that a certain number of firemen have been coerced into supporting their Foremen, although actually prepared to continue their work with the Brigade under the present Chief Officer.

A note from Mr A.W. Burkill is read suggesting the appointment of a special Committee to include old firemen with a view to effecting a compromise. Since writing this note Mr Burkill has, by permission of the Chairman, read the various Reports and Minutes in the case, and has perceived that such a Committee could only go over the ground already covered by the Watch Committee with little prospect of reconciling Mr Fenton and those acting with him with Mr Pett. At his suggestion the attention of the Council is drawn to the statement by Mr Fenton that the Brigade is prepared to serve under a professional Chief Officer provided he be a gentleman, thereby implying that Mr Pett is not. The private Report, received when Mr Pett was appointed in 1912 and submitted by Mr Burkill to the Council, is read.

The Chairman summarises the steps through which this matter has passed since receipt of Mr Fenton's first letter of June 24, and concludes by stating that in his opinion the Council has no other course but to offer Mr Pett renewal of his agreement.

Count Jezierski is unable to concur with the Chairman's view: he considers the retention of the Volunteer Fire Brigade a matter of importance, and is of opinion that if Mr Pett has shown himself to be unacceptable to the Brigade his services should be terminated.

Thus the Council is almost equally divided in opinion as to what course to follow, and in these circumstances the members are unanimously disposed to defer any final settlement at present. The Chairman undertakes to inform Mr Fenton that his representations are still under consideration, but that the Council is not at present prepared to reply to them.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m., and re-assembles on Thursday, August 5 at 12.15 p.m.

In continuation of the foregoing debate Mr Merriman has information to the effect that some of the Firemen regret their letter to the Council, perceiving that it amounts to a threat. He is informed that 16 men of one Company have no wish to retire from the Brigade, and for this reason he suggests that the Council state definitely that Mr Pett's agreement will be renewed, allude to the undesirability of breaking the traditions of the Volunteer Brigade, and urge the members not to retire. Mr Johnstone, from independent sources, is informed to the same effect.

After further discussion it is decided that, as the next step, the Watch Committee will hold a further meeting at which the 4 Foremen, or Acting Foremen in the case of absence, will be invited to be present whereat it may be hoped that some solution will present itself.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Voluntary War Service. Mr Gulland reads a note from Sergeant Major Taylor, forwarded by the Commandant, accepting the terms offered to him by the Council.

Case of ex-Sergeant-Major Wilkins. During the discussion of this minute the Secretary withdraws.

Volunteer Corps. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the commissions of the following are authorised for renewal:-

Staff. Captain S.A. Ransom, Corps Quartermaster, from August 7.

Medical Staff. Lieut. J.P. Ziervogel as from June 19.

"A" Company British. Major H.W. Pilcher as from April 10.

Reserve Company. Captain G.R. Wingrove as from March 10.

The resignation of Captain M.D. Varalda, Italian Company, forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted by the Council with regret.

Mixed Court. A note from Mr P. Grant-Jones, British Assessor, expresses readiness to render such service to the Council as is within his power at the Mixed Court during the absence of the Registrar. The Council appreciates the motive of this letter, and Mr Gulland undertakes to make a suitable reply, after consultation with the Captain Superintendent.

Mr F.L. Wainwright. Mr Johnstone states that he learns that this Cadet, now about to proceed on Voluntary War Service, has not shown himself to be a promising Police Officer, and he is of opinion that, if Mr Wainwright obtains a commission in the Army, he would be well-advised to retain it rather than return to complete his agreement in the Police Force. Mr Gulland undertakes to see Mr Wainwright on this subject previous to his departure.

Nanking and Thibet Road Crossing. With regard to the application of Messrs Davies and Brooke to effect slight alterations to the house at the south-west corner of Lot 617, and to their claim amounting to \$8500 in the event of the Council requiring them to set back to the scheduled 20-foot radius, the attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the section of the Thibet Road (Defence Creek) between the Nanking and Burkill Roads is at present 30 feet narrower than the rest of this projected broad thoroughfare. In these circumstances it is evident that the scheduled line will require amendment at the beginning of next year. It appears improbable that the building now in question will last for a longer period than the lease proposed, 3 years, and the position as regards expenditure under the heading New Roads involves retrenchment where possible. In these circumstances it is decided to allow the alterations to proceed.

Casual Ward. The Engineer forwards a communication from the Charity Organisation Committee suggesting the alteration of the title of this institution to "The Work Shelters", and making proposals with regard to the work allotted to inmates. These proposals meet with the Council's approval and a reply is directed accordingly.

Charity Organisation Committee. Upon the proposal of Mr Ezra it is decided to invite Mr C.H. Godfrey to serve as an additional member of this Committee.

The Treasurer's Agreement. A letter from Mr Goodale is read, forwarding copies of letters interchanged between himself and Major T.E. Trueman, on the subject of his appointment in 1909. The minute of the

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Council under this heading of April 17, 1912, is read, and the Chairman points out that, as Mr Goodale now accepts the offer made to him by the Council, further discussion is unnecessary.

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

The meeting adjourns at 1.15 p.m.



Chairman.



Secretary.

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At a Special Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, August 26, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackle
 W.L. Merriman and
 The Secretary

Absent:

Messrs H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide and
 A.S.P. White-Cooper

Fire Brigade, Chief Officer. The Chairman states that this special meeting has been convened in compliance with the request of the Foremen of the Fire Brigade, who desire to meet the Council for the purpose of discussing their grievances with regard to Mr Pett and the position which has arisen upon the conclusion of the meeting of the Watch Committee of August 9. Mr Pearce briefly indicates the course he proposes to follow when the Foremen attend, and expresses the hope that the members will put any question which may occur to them as desirable, making for a clear understanding of the Foremen's position. He reads 3 questions by a member of which he has already had notice; he also reads the specimen letters from Mr Pett to the Foremen of which complaint was made, but in which the Council is unable to detect any improper tone, the letters being only such as might reasonably be addressed by the Chief Officer in the circumstances in question.

Mr Ezra states that with the Council's permission he will describe the feelings with which he first approached this matter, and his change of view after spending a considerable time with Mr White-Cooper in the correspondence office of the Brigade.

Messrs H.H. Lennox, A.E. Fenton, C.W. Porter and C.H.L. Symons, representing the 4 Companies then attend.

The Chairman states that the Council has assembled to listen to a fuller expression of the Foremen's complaints, but he points out in the first place that Mr Fenton stated at the meeting of the Watch Committee of July 12 that the Foremen desired to avoid argument because the members of the Brigade had unanimously made up their minds not to continue service under Mr Pett, and that unless this emphatic statement is withdrawn, further discussion would be without avail

because the Council has gone the length of deciding to offer Mr Pett a renewal of his agreement at its expiry in December next. Mr Pearce says that the Council is perfectly ready to bring about a settlement of the case by any reasonable means, but that its labours would be wasted unless the Foremen make some such preliminary advance as he has indicated.

Mr Porter points out that the Foremen have sought this meeting to learn the Council's attitude with regard to their grievances, and that any proposal which may be made will require confirmation by the Brigade. In reply the Chairman refers to Mr Fenton's letter of June 24, in which it was stated that meetings of the various companies had been held at which resolutions were unanimously passed agreeing to support the Foremen.

After some consultation the Foremen state that it is possible that the Brigade will not resign if this afternoon's negotiations result in a satisfactory working basis.

Upon this assumption the Chairman proceeds to a discussion of the 8 headings of objection contained in the Foremen's statement of July 19:-

1, 2 and 3. The first three headings are so intimately correlated as to make their separate consideration a matter of some difficulty. They refer to Mr Pett's recognition of and relations with the Officers of the Brigade. They bear on his conduct not so much at fires but at drill, social meetings and in daily routine life. Mr Pett has stated that he cannot recognise any officers but the Foremen, and by ignoring the junior officers in the presence of the men, he discourages company discipline.

He exhibits a certain churlishness of manner in avoiding the customary salutations of politeness, and otherwise lacks the gifts necessary for keeping the corporate life of the Brigade in a healthy state.

4. The general accusation of excitability at fires is not an easy one to substantiate. It is admitted that his excitability is very largely seen during the earlier stages of fires, that it amounts to indiscriminate and hasty orders to men perhaps already at work, to thoughtless countermanning of orders issued by Foremen before any general grasp of the situation has been made, going the length of seizing the hose from a fireman's hands, to the fireman's natural discomfiture.

As regards the more serious point, putting firemen into peril, more than one instance is given. At a fire in Honan Road, described by Mr Porter, Fireman Smith was put in a position by Mr Pett in which

he would most certainly have been smothered in debris, had he not managed to make an escape through a window. It is understood that Mr Pett has stated that he did not send the fireman to this position; the man, however, when reproached for going there, said he went under the Chief Officer's orders.

At a fire in Boundary Road, Mr Fenton set a fireman in a certain position, whereupon Mr Pett told him to go further in, which the man consequently did, and would have been crushed under a falling wall had not Mr Fenton fetched him out in time.

At a fire in Burkill Road, Mr Symons certifies that a man was sent by the Chief Officer so far in as to get badly scorched for which there was no necessity.

Numerous other cases might be cited, and it is pointed out that whereas it is expected that an officer first go to any point of danger before planting a fireman there, Mr Pett has not been known to take such a risk himself.

5. The incident of the lamp numbers was a small one, and in any case took place more than a year ago.

6. The question of Mr Upton's uniform resolves itself into this, that if a uniform is worn it appears that Mr Upton is a member of the Brigade, and if of the Brigade of one of the Companies, whereas Mr Upton's standing is such that he would be blackballed for any of the Companies.

7. The Foremen are unable to give instances of scenes of an objectionable nature at Foremen's meetings for the reason that no references were made in the minutes. The scenes were as a rule after the official business of the meeting was concluded.

8. With regard to correspondence the Chairman refers to the view which the Council has already formed on the letters submitted, and Mr Ezra states the result of his visit to the office, as forementioned.

Mr Porter states that a marked improvement has been noticed in Mr Pett's demeanour by himself and his company during the past two months. He says that this was the case also after the meeting of the Watch Committee formerly attended by the Foremen, but that after the effect of the meeting had worn off, Mr Pett reverted to his former attitude. The strong attitude now taken by the Deluge Company is due to the apprehension that a like result may follow the present negotiations. As regards correspondence Mr Porter has always considered correspondence between Foremen and the Chief Officer as unnecessary, his practice being to discuss matters in person.

Mr Lennox is aware of the acrimony which has characterised the correspondence between Messrs Pett and Skinner, but considers that Mr Skinner had great provocation. He points out that the Brigade feels

that its Chief Officer does not bring the prestige on public occasions such as the Shanghai Volunteer Corps derives from Colonel Bray's connexion with the Corps.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Fenton states (i) that his relations with Mr Pett were pleasant until the end of last year, (ii) that the incident at the Fire Brigade dinner at the end of December has not been correctly represented, and (iii) that he did not apply for the paid position of 2nd Officer, but that Mr Pett stated to him that a 2nd Officer would be appointed and that he would be prepared to recommend Mr Fenton for the post.

A general discussion ensues during which Mr Merriman states most emphatically that a break with the Brigade would be sincerely regretted by the Council and that there must be some means of arriving at a settlement. Mr Johnstone apprehends that the Foremen have not attended this meeting without some suggestion of the nature of which he would be glad to learn.

In reply Mr Porter states that he requires at least an assurance that his mess shall be treated as a private house, and that the Chief Officer should not enter the quarters indiscriminately; also that the Brigade shall be commanded at fires with calmness and without exposing firemen to unnecessary danger.

Several suggestions are made as to the course which should be followed, at the conclusion of which it is arranged that the Chairman shall have an interview with the Chief Officer and later with the Foremen, whereupon the Foremen will, with such assurances as Mr Pearce is able to give them, convene a meeting of the Brigade, the result of which will be communicated to the Council with as little delay as possible.

Mr Pearce points out that the Central Station is so full as to make it difficult to provide adequate office accommodation, while at the same time the Sinza Station in which there is accommodation for 10 men only contains 3. This matter will engage the Watch Committee's attention at an early date, and it is probable that one of the two larger companies at present housed in the Central Station will be requested to transfer to Sinza. Mr Lennox states that changes such as these will be readily accepted by the Brigade provided that the Officers are consulted previous to their being brought into force, but that the Brigade resents being suddenly notified of such matters as already settled. He alludes to the question of the appointment of a 2nd Officer, and states that the Foremen would wish to be informed

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in advance of any steps proposed to be taken with regard to the appointment, and that they may have an opportunity to comment on the 2nd Officer selected before his actual nomination.

The Foreman then withdraw.

Upon their withdrawal it appears that the Council recognises that they have reason for dissatisfaction upon certain points, while on the other hand their grievances are not in the aggregate of great account.

Mr Johnstone is aware that Mr Pett's manner is occasionally tactless and offensive, but he believes that he is such a man as will take what the Chairman has to say to him seriously and in the right spirit.

The meeting adjourns at 6.55 p.m.

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Chairman.

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Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 8, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
A. Hide
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper and
The Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr H.C. Gulland

The minutes of the meeting of August 4 and of the special meeting of August 26 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to that under the heading

Resignation of Member the Chairman remarks that on reflection he thinks it would perhaps be best to leave the vacancy open until the Election of Councillors in January; and if Mr Ishii stands again, and is elected, the Council might then co-opt him without waiting for the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in March, in accordance with the procedure in the case of Mr Figge and Count Jezierski.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of August 9 are submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps. A Report by the Commandant forwards an intimation from the Military Authorities in Hongkong with extracts from the London Gazette notifying his appointment to be Temporary Major instead of Local Major as previously announced, and by the Chairman's instructions a statement to this effect has been drafted to meet the Commandant's views, for publication in the next issue of the Municipal Gazette.

Camp of Exercise. The Chairman states that he has been informed by the Commandant that it is the wish of the Corps to hold the Camp of Exercise for the future in the Autumn instead of in the Spring, and that although the camp has already been held it is desirable that the change should take place for the first time this year thus encouraging recruiting at the present favourable moment. This would involve considerable excess of the Budget appropriation, as the expenditure would be doubled for this year. The members will give

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favourable consideration to formal recommendations by the Commandant.

Communications with the Commandant. The Chairman, referring to the recent remarks of Sir Everard Fraser, states that Major Trueman desires that it be recorded that the Head only of the Volunteer Corps should have direct relations with the Council's Secretary. Instructions are given in this sense.

Fire Brigade.

Chief Officer. The Chairman, referring to the Council's decision at the special meeting of August 26, that he should confer with the Chief Officer and the Foremen, states that although this has been done, it is not yet possible to give the Foremen the assurances for which they have asked. In explanation of this he cites the minutes of the conference held between himself and the Foremen on September 2 which the members have recently read. The variety of the matters which he mentioned at that conference, and the order in which he mentioned them, was designed with the object of bringing out clear expressions of view from the Foremen such as would reveal anything likely hereafter to occasion friction. In his opinion if occasions for friction were left unsought, and unprovided for, no understanding between the Foremen and the Chief Officer would be possible.

In the course of the conference it became evident that they hold views in certain respects at variance with principles laid down in the Regulations issued in April last. Until a clear understanding is reached upon questions of principle, it is evident that assurances of the kind contemplated would effect nothing. He then selects from the minutes of the conference the matters of principle, three in number, which are so important that, if left unsettled, they would render any understanding abortive almost immediately after it is made:

The unwillingness of the Foremen that the Chief Officer should drill the Chinese Staff. (minutes, Paragraph 2).

The Foremen's dislike of the Chief Officer's presence at their own drills. (minutes, Paragraph 4).

The treatment of the Fire King and the Turntable Plant. (minutes, Paragraph 8).

The Chairman shows how these three points affect the principles laid down in the Regulations: the first two clash with Regulation III as to the Chief Officer's responsibility for the efficiency of the Brigade, and the third clashes with Regulation XVI as to his charge of the gear. A Report by the Chief Officer is submitted, likewise tending to show that these

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three matters are essentials, some settlement of which must obviously precede any sort of understanding as to his continued working with the Foremen.

The Chairman states that during his conference with the Foremen he refrained from impressing upon them that their views in these respects are at variance with the Regulations, because the moment was not opportune, and he thinks that this should be done at a later conference. The members concur in his view that these are essentials as to which compromise is difficult. The opinion is expressed unanimously that the contentions of the Foremen are unreasonable, and it is well understood that this should be made clear at a further conference to be held forthwith.

Another matter which also affects the efficiency of the Brigade and thus requires like treatment, is the objection of the Foremen to the presence of the Clerical Assistant, Mr Upton, on plant proceeding to day-fires when only the coolie corps is in attendance.

There are other respects in which the Chief Officer proposes to criticise and discuss the Foremen's statements, in a separate report; it is pointed out that the letters to which the Foremen state that they received no reply are of the kind mentioned in the Watch Committee's minutes of September 18, 1914.

The Chairman reads a memorandum written by himself generally describing the attitude of the Foremen, indicating the good intentions of the Chief Officer and concluding by stating the need of settling the points above mentioned. The members endorse an expression by Mr Ezra of his appreciation of the time and pains which the Chairman is devoting to the satisfactory adjustment of this difficult situation.

It is directed that an announcement as to the vacancy for a 2nd Assistant Officer be published in the next issue of the Municipal Gazette.

Mixed Court. A memorandum by Mr Leveson is read referring to extracts from the Registrar of the Mixed Court published in the Municipal Gazette on August 26 and on September 1, pointing out that it is desirable that the term "expelled from the Settlement" be altered in future to "expelled from Shanghai", thus including the districts policed by the administrations of the Foreign and French Settlements and the Chinese City.

Mr Ezra observes that his experience of Chinese judicial procedure leads to the belief that such an arrangement might be manipulated by the Chinese Authorities in such a way as to bring about the exclusion from the Settlement of any would-be refugee

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whom they might wish to coerce, or even, by some form of procedure, to the exclusion of a resident of the Settlement. It is accordingly decided that an endeavour be made to bring about, ^{as} arrangements such as that suggested to be applicable only to the Foreign and French Settlements and to roads under the Council's control; and after some discussion Mr White-Cooper undertakes to interview the Senior British Assessor in the first place with a view to ascertaining the process by which this result may best be brought about, either by communication with the Consular Body, or by application to the Mixed Court as suggested.

Chinese Taxation in the Settlement. A Police Report which has been submitted to the Watch Committee is read referring to the establishment in Jinkee Road of an alleged Chinese Government organisation for the purpose of receiving taxes and stamping packages of opium destined for transportation beyond the Settlement limits. Reference is made to the freedom of the Settlement from Chinese official intervention of this nature of which the case of the Chou Fang Chi in the year 1904 is the standard example.

Mr Ezra states that the Police Report is not correct, as no taxes are collected by the office in question, ~~but that there is a Government official present who issues stamps for packages.~~ It is directed that the opinion of the Legal Adviser be sought upon the course of action which should be pursued in this matter.

Quarry Lease. Mr Ezra describes negotiations which ^{has} been conducting with a view to obtaining the long sought-for extension of this lease. He states that a provisional arrangement has been made whereby in consideration of the Chinese Authorities extending the lease for 18 years from July 16, 1916, the Council will make a payment in cash of £23,000 and a contribution of \$2000 per annum for charitable work by the Hangchow Authorities in the neighbourhood of the quarry. Provided that, as stipulated, this transaction meets with the approval of the British Consul at Hangchow and receives such official confirmation as may appear to him to be necessary, it is confirmed, and Mr Ezra will communicate to the concerned accordingly.

The Chairman expresses the members' appreciative thanks to Mr Ezra for his successful efforts in this matter.

The Municipal Gazette for September 9 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

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Chairman.

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J. B. Mackinnon
Assistant Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 15, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hide
 J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr H.C. Gulland
 Count L. Jezierski

The minutes of the meeting of September 8 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman, that on the subject of Chinese Taxation in the Settlement being amended at Mr Ezra's request A letter from Mr Ezra is read setting out complete details as to the status of the office at No. 5 Jinkee Road, now known and described as "D. Sassoon & Co.Ld., Labelling Godown". The Council regards the establishment as in no way infringing the standing rule under which the Foreign Settlement is exempt from Chinese taxation. The payments now being made on opium and their certification are under recognised agreement, and they will terminate simultaneously with the Council's licenses and the exhaustion of the stocks.

Volunteer Corps, Chinese Company. A recommendation by the Commandant is submitted that a Commission as 2nd Lieut. be issued to Colour Sergeant T.A. Zee, and the Chairman, referring to the minute of the Council of October 22, 1913, points out that the objection then raised to this step still holds. Mr Hide foresees difficulties in the future with regard to officers of Chinese nationality although he has reason to believe that in Mr Zee's case the promotion would be of benefit to the Company. After some discussion it is unanimously resolved to issue the commission.

Fire Brigade.

Chief Officer. A suggested final letter to the Foremen, for communication by them to the Brigade, with the object of settling the situation as regards Mr Pett is submitted for members' approval. Messrs Hide and White-Cooper advocate the addition of a paragraph expressing rather more definitely than was the Chairman's intention

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the fact that the present Council is desirous of retaining the Volunteer organisation as long as possible. The Chairman points out that it has unofficially been recognised for many years that the growth of the Settlement calls for a professional Fire Brigade, that the appointment of the Chief Officer was a first step in this direction, and that the extension of the technical paid staff has a like tendency; he adds that he was reluctant to frame any expression such as might embarrass the Council hereafter. Mr Johnstone points out that there can be no objection to including in the letter a statement which has already been made verbally to the Foremen by the Council, and a further paragraph in the sense indicated is accordingly approved.

The draft as circulated is further amended to provide that at the Foremen's meeting to be held for the discussion of certain matters the Chief Officer need not necessarily be present.

2nd Officer. In accordance with the Council's instructions a draft Notification is submitted inviting applications for this post. The Chairman, however, alludes to the limitation of the field of selection which is inevitable during the war, also the injustice to men whose absence on voluntary war service precludes their applying for this relatively desirable billet. Concurring in these views the Council decides to defer making the appointment.

Chinese Proclamations. A letter from the Consul-General for Japan forwards 200 copies of a proclamation bearing the seals of the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs and the Senior Consul, and relating to the infringement of the trade mark of a brand of tooth powder. The attention of the Council is drawn to the correspondence with the Consular Body which took place in 1907/8 on the subject of proclamations of this character, in which it was definitely agreed that they should be restricted to matters of weight affecting the public welfare, and that such documents as that now under discussion should be objected to and opposed. It is true that since 1907 similar proclamations have been issued, but of these in no case were more than six stamped, and they were consequently regarded as certificates for exhibition in the premises concerned rather than as public notices. The issue of 200 sheets in this case indicates the intention to placard them throughout the Settlement.

The document is further open to the objection that it contains an expression indicating that the Special Envoy will give directions to the Mixed Court Magistrate, whereas under the present regime the Magistrate is subject solely to the directions of the Consular Body.

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It is accordingly decided to reply to Mr Ariyoshi in this sense, and the Chairman undertakes to discuss the matter with Mr Siffert unofficially in the first place.

Mixed Court. Sentences of Expulsion. Mr White-Cooper has seen the Senior British Assessor in this matter, and states that the opinion prevails in the British Consulate-General that the Council's suggestion can be adopted, preferably upon the initiative of the Magistrate. It is decided to address a letter to Mr Garstin, who will then make representations to the Magistrate on the subject. As suggested by Mr Ezra no reference will be made to the Chinese City.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of September 13 are submitted and confirmed with the following comment:-

Lloyd Road. The attention of the Council is drawn to the bearing of Article VI of the Land Regulations on the suggestion to reduce the width of this thoroughfare, which may be held to involve that such reduction requires the consent of the Ratepayers. It is directed that no step be taken in the direction proposed until the assent of the registered owners of Lots 596/8 and 614/7 is obtained.

Road beside the Railway. A Report by the Engineer is submitted containing an offer of the strip of unregistered land required between Lots 177 and 201, Pao. The terms are \$2000 per mow, less one-half for betterment, and plus \$100 for re-instatement. This offer is accepted by the Council, and it is directed that the road be stoned out and formed on this strip and on Lot 201, while the Engineer will proceed with further negotiations as regards Lots 77, 879 and 125.

Avenue Road Ditch. Mr Ezra refers to the Council's former decision on this subject, and states that he has not only seen Mr. Chin Chin Chee himself, but has visited the spot, with the result that he again recommends that the work be carried out by the Council as a matter of public utility. After some further discussion this view is endorsed, and it is decided to invite tenders without delay.

Issue of Bonuses for work on the Yangkingpang. Mr Ezra sets out the position as regards the Council's dictum on the subject of bonuses at some length, and as a result recommends that it be communicated to the Engineer and other Heads of Departments officially. To this there is the objection that Rewards issued to the Police for specially meritorious services, and other exceptional grants made by the Council in recent years, would be cited as contrary to the ruling. The Chairman points out that the Finance Committee's recent recommendation was directed against rewarding employes for work, however efficiently done, which comes within the province of the employe concerned. In the present case the laying of

a culvert in the Yangkingpang and its filling can only be regarded as Public Works Department routine, and within the province of the men entrusted by the Municipal Engineer with its supervision. In this view the Council concurs.

Case of Mr H.C. de Rijke. Mr Merriman is under the impression that Mr de Rijke's treatment as regards his passage might render the Council liable to reverse at the hands of the Court of Consuls. The Chairman, however, points out that the Works Committee's recommendation is that Mr de Rijke be placed in the same position as regards passage as he would have been had his services terminated at the end of his last agreement, and this view is generally shared by the members.

Sungkiang Road Widening (Yangkingpang). With regard to recent correspondence with Messrs Hanson, McNeill, Jones and Wright, the Council, upon the recommendation of the Works Committee, expresses readiness to acquire the whole of Lot 564 at a price fixed by a competent valuer nominated by Messrs Hansons, plus 10 per cent in recognition of the fact that the property is expropriated for public purposes.

Peking and Avenue Roads. A Report by the Engineer is submitted forwarding an offer of the strip of unregistered land in continuation of the Pingohiao Road together with a triangular piece of land north thereof for a sum of \$12000. The Council has already offered \$11000 for this land, and as the matter has been under discussion for four years the members consent to the increase proposed. This transaction, with the recent purchase from Mrs Chin Chin Chee of Lot 114, completes the communication between the Peking and Avenue Roads, and the Council directs that it be made available for public use with as little delay as possible.

Quarry Lease. Mr Ezra recounts the further negotiations which have taken place on this subject, and states that, with a view to obtaining the seals of the present Hangohow Administration, regarded as necessary by H.M. Consul, unless Dr Main upon his return to Hangohow is able to suggest an alternative course, matters will remain as at present until July next when the present lease will expire; at this date Mr Wong, with whom the negotiations have been conducted, is confident that the seals will be forthcoming, and payment of the suggested sum of \$23000 will be made accordingly.

Opium Shops. A Report by the Overseer of Taxes is read forwarding a further list of shops proposing to close instead of others already drawn. These, with the exception of Nos 175 and 744 Fokien Road, which are suggested in lieu of Nos 11 Szechuen Road and 147 Kiukiang Road, are approved. The exceptions are cases in which the shops suggested for

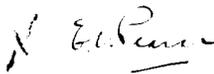
closing are in no way comparable in size and business with those drawn. Mr Ezra states that the applicants will doubtless be able to find other shops willing to close. He takes the opportunity of suggesting that the Overseer or Taxes, when next revising the opium licence classifications, consult him unofficially with regard thereto.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of September 14 are submitted and confirmed.

Census. Mr Ezra points out the advantage which would be gained were an attempt made to take a census of the Chinese City and environs simultaneously with that in the Settlements, and at his suggestion it is decided to address the Chinese Authorities officially through the Senior Consul on the subject.

The Municipal Gazette for September 16 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.55 p.m.


Chairman.


Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 22, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.I. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of September 15 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Chinese Proclamations. The reply of the Japanese Consul General to the
 Council's letter on this subject is read intimating that the proposal
 to post a proclamation on the subject of a brand of tooth powder in
 the Settlement has been foregone.

Mixed Court, Settlements of Expulsion. A note from Mr Garstin, Senior
 British Assessor, is read to the effect that the change which the
 Council desires in this matter is likely to be made at an early date.

Ordure Contract. Copies of a Report by the Health Officer, on the subject
 of the renewal of this contract at its expiry on December 31, are in
 members' hands. The Chairman expresses the hope that this matter,
 which is complicated by the recent litigation on the subject of water
 closets, may have the Watch Committee's attention as soon as possible.

Public Rickshas. Mr Ezra has received a deputation from a number of
 Chinese ricksha owners who allege that the recent reduction measures
 have been put in force in such a manner as to affect their interests
 unfairly as against those of Foreign owners. He submits notes of the
 arrangements which the petitioners desire. Mr White-Cooper points out
 that the approved scheme drew no distinction between Foreign and
 Chinese-owned vehicles, but was directed against all rickshas not up
 to the Police standard. The matter is referred for report by the
 Captain Superintendent of Police.

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The Municipal Gazette for September 23 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication with the following amendment:-

Volunteer Corps, Chinese Company. In regard to the issue for the first time of a commission to a Chinese member of the Chinese Company the Commandant is of opinion that it would be a mistake to add to the customary words announcing the promotion, Captain Grayrigge, the Captain of the Company, being absent from Shanghai. It is decided therefore to omit the proposed reference to the undertaking given in 1906 when the Company was formed.

The meeting adjourns at 5 o'clock p.m.

R. S. F. White

Acting Chairman.

W. H. W. W. W.
Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 29, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs A.S.P. White-Cooper (Acting Chairman)

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

Count L. Jezierski

Messrs J. Johnstone

C.G.S. Mackie

W.L. Merriman

The Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs E.I. Ezra

E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the meeting of September 22 are confirmed and signed by the Acting Chairman. With regard to the question of the Mixed Court, Sentences of Expulsion, the Acting Chairman states that Mr Garstin, after consultation with the Assessor at the French Mixed Court, proposes to adopt the French system of expulsion for a fixed term of years; he adds that there will be no difficulty in making expulsion reciprocally applicable to both Settlements.

Volunteer Corps, Re-organisation of the Reserves. A Report by the Commandant is submitted containing proposals under this head for the appointment of a Staff Officer and the division of the Reserve Company into First and Second Reserves also the disbandment of the 12-Bore Companies. Mr Gulland observes that as the new arrangements meet with the unanimous approval of the assembled Board of Officers he has little doubt that they will prove satisfactory, and, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, the proposals are adopted.

Police Force, Foreign Branch, Terms of Service. A Report by the Captain Superintendent, with comment by the Treasurer, forwards the findings of an Enquiry Board appointed to investigate grievances in the Foreign Branch, containing proposals of a far-reaching character with regard to the pay and conditions obtaining in the Branch. These will have the attention of the Watch Committee at a meeting to be convened at an early date.

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Jessfield Village. A letter from Bishop Graves is submitted complaining of the condition of the road through this village and of the fact that Chinese hawkers encroach upon it on both sides. From Reports submitted it appears that these complaints are fully justified; at the same time the Council realises that until the Extension of the Settlement is ratified, intervention would probably lead to a disturbance. It is directed, therefore, that the Police and Public Works Departments do what is possible to mitigate the nuisance in question, and that the Engineer take steps for the purchase of a site for a market wherein the hawkers and others may hereafter be accommodated.

Chinese Proclamations. The application of the Kwang Sang Hong Ltd., for permission to post a proclamation relating to a trade mark for certain cosmetics is submitted. The document bears the seal of the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs but not that of the Senior Consul, and, under the circumstances, it is decided to refuse the application and to point out that no more than 6 copies would in any case be permissible even were the necessary seals obtained. It is further decided to request that Mr Yang Cheng may abstain from stamping proclamations of this character, i.e. those serving private interests.

Case of Li Man Chang. This Chinese, alleged to be a Spanish subject, is indebted to the Council to the extent of ¥221, General Municipal Rate on No.40 Nanking Road. He resides in Nantao and the Chinese Authorities, supposedly influenced by the Spanish Consul, decline to execute the Mixed Court Warrant for his arrest. In view of the Council's past experience of the uselessness of addressing the Spanish Consul, whose right of intervention in this case is open to question, and as the amount is not large, it is considered preferable to do nothing beyond instructing the Police to await patiently for an opportunity of arresting the man in this or the French Settlement.

Hydrophobia. A note from Mr Walter Scharff is submitted suggesting the dissemination of useful knowledge with regard to rabies, as to which there is, he states, general misunderstanding. The Health Officer suggests the issue in English and Chinese of a few facts as to this disease to accompany Dog Licenses, and he will prepare such a statement for the Council's approval.

Article I of the Land Regulations. Draft letter to the Senior Consul is submitted to the effect that the Council understands that it was not the intention of the Diplomatic Body that the revision of this Article in 1899 should involve the disturbance of the concluding

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paragraph, and undertaking to re-insert the paragraph in the next issue of the code. Mr Hide would have preferred that the Council's former contention should have been upheld, and that the Ministers, recognising that as a matter of form the words in question were excluded, should now re-~~tract~~ them, but upon the condition that the whole of the correspondence is published he approves the letter. Count Jezierski states that as the Diplomatic Body insists upon the restoration of the paragraph it is immaterial to him how it is done. The Acting Chairman and Mr Gulland allude to the expediency of this step, having regard to the effect of the incident of 1899 upon the question of Settlement Extension.

Secretariat Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee six months' leave on Full Pay is granted to the Secretary from an early date to be hereafter fixed.

The Municipal Gazette for September 30 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.5 p.m.

E. T. Pearce

Chairman.

M. Musson
Secretary. *x*

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 6, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gulland
A. Hide
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of September 29 are confirmed and signed by
the Chairman.

Commissioner of Customs. The Council is notified that Mr F.S. Urwin has
returned to Shanghai and resumed charge of the Shanghai Customs.

Volunteer Corps, Staff Reserve Officer. The appointment of Captain G.R.
Wingrove to this post with the rank of Major is approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of October 5 are
submitted and confirmed with the following comment:-

Membership. Mr Gulland states that in view of his approaching
departure from Shanghai and of the consequent fact that he will be
unable to take part in the final deliberations of the Committee on the
subject of the Terms of Service in the Police Force and other matters,
he requested the Chairman of Council as ex-officio a member of the
Committee, to attend this meeting.

Ordure Removal. The Chairman has prepared certain figures showing
briefly the disproportion of the capital expenditure recommended by
the Health Officer having regard to the percentage of population
affected. Mr Johnstone has no doubt but that the Committee's
recommendation is the best in the circumstances, and he suggests that
it would be unwise for the Council to anticipate the contractor's
objections to doing the whole of the work for which the contract will
call. The prevailing impression amongst members is that the Council
will be in a better position to make drastic changes in this respect
in one year's time when the new rules with respect to water closets
will be approved and in operation.

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Public Rickshas. Mr Gulland discusses at some length the possible injustice to small Chinese owners which may be brought about by the present Police measures, and he suggests the advisability of condemning rickshas found in charge of dirty or incompetent coolies. Mr Ezra alludes again to the hardship involved by the sudden rigorous application of licence conditions which for many years have been a dead-letter, and he urges that some system be introduced by which a small percentage of every owner's licences be cancelled monthly.

After considerable further discussion the Council is unwilling to withdraw from the view that the reduction in the total number of rickshas should proceed by gradual elimination of the worst vehicles; at the same time Mr Gulland is requested, and undertakes, to instruct the Captain Superintendent to take all steps in his power to guard against unfair treatment of the Chinese owners.

Foreign Branch, Terms of Service. The minute on this subject, as prepared for publication, is approved. The Chairman suggests that before the Committee makes any recommendation as to improving the Terms or Service it may be desirable to consult Sir Havilland de Saumarez and Messrs L.J. Cubitt and C.W. Wrightson, members of the Police Enquiry Committee of 1907 who are still in Shanghai. He points out that the Committee of 1907 found the Scale of Pay adequate, and that the exhaustive enquiries which that Committee undertook were such that a general opinion on the part of the three gentlemen forementioned would be of value to the present Watch Committee. This suggestion is accordingly approved. The Chairman also points out that the Scale of Pay in the Hongkong Force has remained unaltered since 1907, and he therefore suggests that it may be desirable for the Council to discuss the question of Extra Bonus Pay in respect of war conditions for the Municipal Service as a whole, apart from the purely Police matter now under consideration.

Mr Newman. The minute on the subject of the Police Legal Assistant is specially confirmed and the Council authorises furnishing a copy of it to Mr Newman.

Road to Kiangwan. With regard to the proposals of the International Recreation Club and the Engineer's comment thereon, the Council is generally of opinion that, on the grounds both of avoiding danger from the Range and of providing a new and convenient road leading from the Settlement, it is fitting that the Community should bear the bulk of the cost of the suggested deviation. It is accordingly decided to accept the Club's proposals, which involve complete responsibility for the road from the Settlement to the Sawgin Creek and for a bridge

over the Creek, which work is estimated by the Engineer at £8000, plus a contribution of £5000 towards the cost of the further section. It is decided to reply in this sense.

Death of the French Municipal Engineer. A formal letter from the French Council is read in allusion to the death of the late Mr Wantz and a suitable reply is directed.

Volunteer Corps. The Chairman reads a letter from the Commandant in reference to an addition to the minute of the Watch Committee of July 30, which he, Major Trueman, suggested on August 7. It appears that the Watch Committee did not consider it necessary to make this addition. The matter seems to the Council to be one of supreme unimportance, but, before assenting to its treatment as such, Mr Hide would prefer to refresh his memory on the point raised; the case is accordingly referred to him for investigation.

The Municipal Gazette for October 7 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

W. H. Mason

Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 13, 1915,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)

E.I. Ezra

H.C. Gulland

A. Hide

Court L. Jezierski

Messrs J. Johnstone

C.G.S. Mackie

W.L. Merriman

A.S.P. White-Cooper and

The Acting Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of October 6 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Commandant. Mr Hide, having refreshed his memory as indicated in the Council's last minute with regard to the addition requested by the Commandant to the Watch Committee's minute of July 30, has drafted a proposed alternative, which he has shown to the Commandant. This has been submitted to the members and disapproved. The Chairman of the Watch Committee points out that a minute is a record of the substance of the members' discussions and decisions, and that for this reason it is not fitting that a Head of Department should indicate what is, or what is not to be embodied therein, after the discussions and decisions have taken place. This is the privilege of the majority of the members only. The Committee's minutes of July 30 were confirmed by the Council nem. con. and cannot now be altered. On this point the members unanimously accept the views of the majority of the Watch Committee and Mr Hide takes note of the general opinion.

In this connexion Count Jezierski and Mr Merriman question whether it is advisable in any case to hand copies of the members' minutes to Heads of Departments. It is pointed out however that they form an expeditious and satisfactory means of conveying instructions and records of the members' views, for the information of Heads of Departments, not for their criticism. Accordingly no change is considered desirable in the long standing practice of handing copies of Committees' minutes to the Heads or Departments

concerned, after the meeting of the Council at which they have been confirmed.

"B" Co. British. The resignation of Lieut. J.C. Bosustow, forwarded by the Commandant, is accepted by the Council with regret.

A recommendation by the Commandant is submitted that Captain Cubitt be appointed to command this unit temporarily and that a commission as Captain in the Corps be issued to him in substitution for the Commission which he has held since appointment to command the Special Reserve, which has now lapsed in connexion with the reorganisation of the Reserves as recently authorised. This recommendation is approved.

Drill beyond the Settlement Limits. Mr B.A. Clarke having communicated to the Commandant the permission of the Committee of the International Recreation Club to use the grand stand, grounds and buildings at the Kiangwan Race Course for the Camp in November, it appeared to be necessary also to ascertain that there will be no objection on the part of the Chinese Authorities. As the Consular Body are not functioning as usual under existing conditions the Chairman has enquired of the Senior Consul whether a formal application should be made or not. As a letter has been received by Mr Yu Ya Ching from the Envoy of Foreign Affairs, which is submitted, stating that the necessary directions have been given for protection by the district Authorities, it is decided that no further action is necessary and the Senior Consul has expressed himself satisfied.

Elevators. An application by Messrs Atkinson & Dallas Ltd. for permission to use an elevator over the West Soochow Road is disapproved as the appliance in question would cause obstruction. The Engineer's suggestion that subject to a nominal rental suitable types of elevators be permitted is approved.

Yangkiang Bridges. A Report by the Engineer states that of the tenders received for the removal of these bridges the highest is \$575 and he suggests that a better price would be obtained by public auction. At the suggestion of the Chairman of the Works Committee it is directed that a further report be submitted in the first place showing whether it would not be more advantageous to retain these bridges, and utilise them in other parts of the Settlement as need may arise hereafter.

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Electricity Department, Staff. A report by the Electrical Engineer submits a request by Mr Burrows resigned, to be paid his contributions to the Superannuation Fund. Reference is made to the opinion of the Legal Adviser previously expressed that an employe resigning before the three years period of an agreement terminable at three months' notice is not entitled to such treatment. As this employe has served well, and has delayed to take more highly paid employment elsewhere in order to avoid inconvenience to the Department, it is decided that his outstanding Isolation Hospital Account be remitted but that no payment of Superannuation can be made to him.

Mr White-Cooper expresses his opinion that men who have agreements terminable at three months' notice should not be permitted to contribute to the Superannuation Fund, for their employment under such agreements lacks much of the character of permanence pertaining to a three years agreement, which is one of the chief purposes of the Superannuation Fund. The Finance Committee will give consideration to this point.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of October 12 are submitted and confirmed.

Staff. Mr Johnstone informs the members that he has received a telegram from Mr Bugbird in Yokohama stating that Mr Drake is quite satisfactory and is recommended for appointment.

With regard to the proposed temporary engagement of Mrs Lamont, Mr Ezra states that this person was found impossible at the Jewish School owing to her violent temper and difficult character. This will be brought to the notice of the Headmaster.

Tax Office Staff. A report by the Overseer of Taxes submits an application by Collector Greenberg recently resigned, for payment of his own contributions to the Superannuation Fund. He is entitled to his contributions for the period of his first agreement, but thereafter his case is similar to that of Mr Burrows, and in accordance with the Legal Adviser's opinion on previous cases, which is read, no payment of contributions made during his current agreement is authorised. As this employe returned from leave on September 24 with passage paid, the three months' notice due under his agreement will not be dispensed with unless he refunds the cost of his return passage.

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Quarry Lease. Mr Ezra informs the members of the tenour or recent negotiations on this subject, and the members concur in his recommendation that in view of the bad results which in Dr Main's opinion would attend an attempt to obtain the seals of the Hangchow Authorities upon a document granting the desired extension, payment should at once be made, without this formality, of about one third of the sum of £25,000 to which the Council's previous minute referred. The remaining two thirds should, he thinks, be paid a few months after expiry of the existing lease provided that no obstruction or repudiation of the understanding supervenes. It is accordingly directed that a payment of £8000 be made forthwith through Dr Main to whom a formal letter is to be addressed recording these arrangements. The Chairman once more expresses the members' thanks to Mr Ezra for the pains which he has devoted to the lengthy pourparlers with Mr Wong Sing-san and Dr Main.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

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Chairman.

H. J. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 20, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper and
 The Acting Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of October 13 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman, and the minutes of the Works Committee of October 19 are read and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

American Company. At the recommendation of the Commandant the commission of Captain W.E. Sauer is authorised for renewal as from October 1.

Headquarters' Staff. A report by the Commandant is submitted recommending the application of Sergeant Major Rabone to re-join his regiment for War Service. In view of the re-arrangement of duties in the Headquarters office, recommended by the Commandant in order to make good this additional vacancy in the staff, the application is approved on the same terms as that of Sergeant Major Taylor, namely Pay in Lieu of accumulated leave, half-pay for the period of the voyage home, and second class passage.

Fire Brigade.

Honekew Company. The Chief Officer notifies the Council of the appointments as 1st Assistant Foreman of Mr J.E.R. Harris, in succession to Mr T. Hutchison, resigned, and of Mr C.F. Harris as 2nd Assistant Foreman, on election by the Company. These appointments are duly confirmed.

Chief Officer. The Chairman states that the reply of the Foreman to the Council's communication on this subject, which is not in the members' opinion expressed in fitting terms, has been amended in one particular. By the resolution which this letter contains the foremen and firemen state that they have relinquished the intention which they formed of resigning: they have thus substantially complied with the main stipulation made by the Watch Committee on August 9. The

Chairman states that the three points to which their letter makes reference require further consideration, and in the meantime it is directed that it be circulated for members' perusal at leisure.

Japanese Coronation. At the request of the Japanese Consulate made verbally the same facilities are authorised, with regard to the Coronation Celebration as previously for the German Anniversary, subject to satisfactory arrangements by the concerned, with the Police Electricity and Public Works Departments. Lights and electricity will be allowed free of charge to the value of ₹700 as to the German community.

Mixed Court. The Chairman states that the Captain Superintendent has been in communication with H.M. Consular Authorities with regard to an anticipated conflict of authority between the British and German Assessors in connexion with the case which is now before the Court relating to the sending of smuggled arms under German auspices to India. It is stated that should the German Assessor insist upon mounting the Bench when the British Assessor is present, the Police will be called upon to remove him. After a brief discussion the Chairman and Vice-Chairman undertake personally to ascertain the views of H.M. Consul-General on this subject.

Chinese Government. A letter from the Consular Body is submitted forwarding a communication from the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs requesting that with regard to the rumours as to a change in the form of Government, foreign residents be informed that the necessary measures have been taken to preserve order throughout the country, and that there is no ground for apprehension. A formal reply will be made and the correspondence will be published in the Municipal Gazette.

Public Riots. Letter from Messrs Ellis and Hays communicates a further protest by Chinese owners, generally in the sense of the representations already made to the Council by Mr Ezra on their behalf. The Captain Superintendent in a Report submitted recommends that no change of method be made ^{until} after the end of the current month when the greater number of vehicles which fail to comply with Police requirements will be eliminated, and the monthly reduction will then be effected uniformly and in proportion to the number owned. This recommendation is approved and the reply to Messrs Ellis and Hays will be in this sense.

Pingohiao Quarry. With regard to the payment of \$8000 to be made through Dr Main, a memorandum by the Engineer is submitted recommending payment in the form of a native order to be sent to Dr Main at Hangchow; therewith is submitted the Chinese document to which previous reference has been made, and which has been described by Dr. Main as "a continuation paper".

As this letter was prepared before the Revolution and was not, in fact, despatched, it is recognised that as a basis for the payment in question it presents features of risk; that repudiation hereafter might present no difficulty to the Chinese Authorities; that it might be maintained that no undertaking was ever given by the Officials under the Manchu regime; or that the authenticity of the letter might be denied. The members have entirely realised that the document, taken by itself, is not a businesslike renewal of the Council's tenure for 18 years. Mr White-Cooper, records his reluctance as a member of the Finance Committee to regard it as a basis for payment, stating that it is very vague and that the period of renewal is not explicitly stated. After the expression of some similar views, and after questioning by the Chairman in response to which Mr Ezra gives detailed explanations, Mr Merriman remarks that he has from the outset viewed this transaction as, in common parlance, a "gamble", which the members are prepared to accept owing to the prospect of obtaining continued tenure, as a result of the careful negotiations of the Chairman of the Works Committee and the Municipal Engineer. The Council reiterates its authority for the payment accordingly.

Jessfield Park. A letter from the Land Investment Co. in continuation of previous correspondence which took place in May last, is submitted offering an area of about Mow 106 for the extension of the Park at an approximate cost of \$91,913. The closing proviso of the Parks Committee's minute of May 8, 1914, as ^{to} the submission of details of each lot available for acquisition, and the price, has apparently not been closely observed, and the proposed purchase is so much beyond the Budget estimate of \$25,000 that it is an important question what portion of the excess should be borne this year.

After inspection of the plan submitted Count Jezierski points out that it is advisable that the Parks Committee should decide as soon as possible on the ultimate area and conformation of this Park so that future purchases shall be conducted in accordance therewith, and the matter will be submitted to the Committee with a view to recommendations upon these points for the Council's consideration.

Moulmein Road. A note from the Senior Consul refers to Lot 2286 in the ownership of the Belgian Government, which was the subject of correspondence between the Council and Messrs Scott and Carter in the year 1906 and between himself and the Council in the year 1911. He is willing to sign surrender deeds for the land required from this lot for the road, but requests that in view of the financial stress of the present juncture the narrow strip of land between the western boundary of the road and his lot be ceded to the Belgian Government free, in order to facilitate an advantageous sale of the property. Under the special circumstances this arrangement is approved, and it is directed that the completion of the road between the Weihaiwei Road and Bubbling Well Road be expedited accordingly.

Markham Road Bridge. A petition by the residents in Chapel refers to the need of the bridge and suggests payment by local Chinese merchants and the Council, especially in view of the forthcoming communication of the Chekiang and the Shanghai-Nanking Railway. The Council in a despatch to the Senior Consul on April 9, 1914, undertook to pay half the cost of a bridge at this point if the remainder were contributed from Chinese sources. Subsequently it was stated verbally by the Senior Consul that the matter might stand over until Settlement Extension is an affair accomplished, in which the Chinese Authorities at that interview expressed concurrence. Reference is made to the tenders invited in April 1914, for the reconstruction of a wooden bridge across the Creek at this point, of which the lowest received was £4250. In the present dispositions of the Chapel residents, it appears likely that they will consent to defray half the cost of the work, leaving the Council unhampered as to construction, and with complete property in the bridge. In view of the imminence of Settlement Extension, it is decided to approve such an arrangement if it can be brought about after consultation with the Chinese residents concerned, with record through the usual official channels, and the assistance of the Senior Consul, for the avoidance of subsequent dispute.

Foreign Educational Committee, Membership. At the recommendation of the Committee, the Council directs that an invitation be extended to Mrs Timothy Richard to fill one of the existing vacancies; and as to the other it is learnt that Mrs Billinghamurst, in view of her ability to return to the Committee, will withdraw her resignation.

Superannuation. The cases of Burrows and Gayes in the Electricity Department and Greenberg in the Tax Office have been the subject of representations by their respective lawyers, Messrs Rice and Rodgers, threatening proceedings, which have been submitted for the Legal Adviser's comment. His opinion is read generally to the effect that as the employment of men who have agreements terminable at three months' notice is lacking in the character of permanency pertaining to a three years agreement, which is the main purpose of the Superannuation Fund, the decision of the Court of Consuls would probably be unfavourable to the Council. H.M. Consul General has expressed himself to one of the applicants in terms which tend to confirm this view. It is accordingly decided to refund their own contributions of superannuation to each of these employes by the application of Rule 8 of the Fund; and that for the future the termination by an employe of an agreement terminable at three months' notice, or the Council's permission of termination without notice, will entitle him to the like treatment.

Mr Leveson's Leave. By the unanimous instructions of the members the following statement by the Chairman is hereto appended:-

"Before the Council's meeting which is the first since Mr Leveson's departure, the Chairman of the Watch and Works Committees and myself sent him a telegram wishing him bon voyage and a quick return. Upon his departure on leave I myself am deeply sensible of the assistance which Mr Leveson has always given to me; it gives me pleasure to record my feelings for esteem and confidence in him, which I am sure that a majority of my colleagues will cordially re-echo. I have given directions that this be recorded in the minute-book forthwith."

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

J. M. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

At the Special Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, October 21, 1915,
at 3 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 H.C. Gulland
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Captain Superintendent of Police and
 The Acting Secretary

The Chairman states that this special meeting is called in order to decide upon the proper course of action with regard to the impending difference between the British and German Assessors to which reference was made at yesterday's meeting as to the case in connexion with the supply of arms to India. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have conversed with Sir Everard Fraser with regard to the action which the Police should take in the event of orders by the British Assessor to prevent the German Assessor from being present at tomorrow's hearing. H.M. Consul-General has received a telegraphic communication from H.M. Minister supporting his contention that the German Assessor, if he insists on being on the Bench during the hearing, may be removed by the Police at the instructions of the British Assessor in the execution of their duty of maintaining order in the Court.

Reference is made to the correspondence on this subject published in the Municipal Gazette of February 13, 1913, in which the Consular Body informed the Mixed Court that it is "well understood that when a Consul-General informs the Mixed Court by writing that in a particular case interests of his nationals are involved, this case shall be reserved for hearing before his own Assessor." The Captain Superintendent submits copy of a letter addressed to the German Consul-General by the Registrar making reference to the next hearing by the British Assessor and Mr Schlurmer's reply on behalf of the German Consul-General that the German Assessor will hear the case. Mr White-Cooper points out that it is accordingly impossible to dispute the right of the German Assessor to be present on the Bench at the hearing. After considerable discussion the members as a whole are agreed that this view of the matter is in principle correct.

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As to what action is to be taken by the Police in the Court in the event of both Assessors being present, when one Assessor gives instructions to the Police such as are indicated in this case, Count Jezierski points out that the Senior Consul, whom the Council must presume to be acting on behalf of the Consular Body, is the authority with whose instructions the Police should indisputably comply. If, therefore, Mr Siffert gives written instructions as to forcible Police intervention, the Council would be entirely justified in complying.

The Chairman states that H.M. Consul-General has agreed to record his views in writing. He is of opinion that instructions from H.M. Consul-General in the sense in question will amply safeguard the Council in all eventualities. In this, however, the other members for different reasons do not concur. It is accordingly finally decided that if written instructions are received from Mr Siffert, or if instructions by H.M. Consul-General are endorsed by Mr Siffert, to the effect that the Police shall resort to force as indicated the Police shall comply with these instructions.

Mr Gulland refers to the excellent services of Mr Schirmer in the Court and the Captain Superintendent also reminds the members that the Police are indebted to him for invaluable co-operation and assistance. Mr White-Cooper accordingly points out that in the event of its proving necessary to act forcibly he shall with due precaution be notified by the Police before this becomes necessary.

Count Jezierski remarks that with the understanding above recorded it is advisable that the members should leave full authority and discretion in the hands of the Chairman to proceed as he may find necessary in the Council's interests.

The meeting adjourns at 3.50 p.m.

E. Gulland

Chairman.

P. Mackintosh

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 27, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
H.C. Gullaud
A. Hide
Court L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of October 20, and of the special meeting of
October 21, are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of October 25 are
submitted and confirmed. With reference to that under the heading
Jessfield Park. The major and minor schemes outlined are discussed
and the members are generally of the opinion that such heavy expendi-
ture as the major scheme will involve is not justified.

The minor scheme is however approved with an alteration of the
eastern boundary line, from the point where it intersects the public
path leading to Brennan Road. It is decided that from this point the
path shall form the eastern boundary to the roadline. The recommenda-
tion of the Committee is confirmed that not more than £45000, i.e.
half the cost of the recent purchases, should be expended this year in
payment to the Land Investment Company. The total area will thus be
about Mow 310 of which about Mow 230 are already obtained; additional
purchases of about Mow 80 accordingly remain to be made, which at the
lowest estimate will cost £72,000. Payment of the balance due and
for the further purchases requisite, will involve expenditure during
1916 approximating at least £117,000, and the Council's total
expenditure on land for this Park from 1914 to 1916 will probably
approximate £275,000.

Reference is made to the necessity, for the future, of submission
of particulars and prices of each lot available for acquisition before
any purchase is approved.

Volunteer Corps.

Maritime Company. A Report by the Commandant sets forth the further development of the scheme already foreshadowed. His recommendations as to the establishment of this unit and the conditions of service are approved.

Commissions. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following commissions are authorised for issue:-

Maxin Company. Mr F.R. Ormston as 2nd Lieutenant.

First Reserves. Lieut. H.W. Daldy as Captain and Mr G.A. Johnson as 2nd Lieutenant.

Fire Brigade.

Chief Officer. The foremen's letter having been circulated as previously directed, the Chairman undertakes to interview the Chief Officer and the Foremen with regard to the points to which the letter therein make reference. Mr White-Cooper after referring in appreciative terms to the value of the Chairman's services, suggests that stress be laid on the fact that the Council's efforts are directed towards ensuring efficiency in the fire service.

Macfarlane's Case. A letter is submitted from the Registrar of H.M.

Supreme Court informing the Council that the estate of this employe on a charge of murder and executed, recently convicted, is at present in the hands of the Court and requesting payment of any Pay due and any sum standing to his credit in the Superannuation Fund. It is directed that the arrears of Pay be sent to the Registrar, with an intimation that the deceased having been struck off the Staff list as a result of crime is not considered to be entitled to any Superannuation. A letter is also submitted from Mr Ellis, Counsel for the defence, requesting payment of his fees, £200, out of the Superannuation Fund, and enclosing a signed letter of authorisation for payment. As the authority which this letter gives is now of no effect owing to MacFarlane's decease it is decided to refer Mr Ellis to the Registrar who is the only person who can deal with the estate.

North Szechuen Road improvement - Public School. A Report by the Engineer

is submitted as to the negotiations in accordance with the previous directions of the Works Committee for the purchase of Lots 17, and 39 Pao. opposite the School. Therefrom it is noted that as Lots 39 and 726 are in the same ownership the purchase of the latter lot is also involved and thus the area requisite to control the frontage is now 7.304 at an approximate cost of £34,048, of which £1,244 will be utilised for road-widening. Although there is no special appropriation for surplus land in the Budget, and the expenditure on

land for Roads to September 30 is ₹77000 in excess of the appropriation for the year, Mr Ezra points out that the immediate purchase is especially desirable, in view of the imminent probability of erection of native houses in this situation. The conclusion of the purchase on these or such better terms as the Engineer may be able to arrange is accordingly authorised.

Chinese Polytechnic. A letter from Mr Ambrose is submitted indicating that the compensation for which the lessee of the portion of the property numbered 6 is prepared to surrender his lease, is ₹9600. A Report by the Engineer is also submitted, from which it appears unlikely that any substantial reduction in the claim can be secured. Mr White-Cooper explains that building operations cannot be started until possession of the portion numbered 5 is also obtained, and that at the time when the agreement was made with the Polytechnic as to the existence of a lease thereon, Trustees nothing was known but that it has since transpired that there is a lease for a period of 18 years from June 29, 1908. There is no appropriation in the Budget for this expenditure. It is pointed out that the period which elapsed between the erection of the first two schools for Chinese was eight years, while the third school is hardly yet completed. Moreover this large and immediate purchase of outstanding leases on the land was not anticipated, and forms no part of the Council's obligations under the deed. It is accordingly decided to accumulate the rents on these two portions with a view to their utilisation in the purchase some years hence.

Public Recreation Ground Committee. Mr Peebles writes informing the Council of his resignation of the post of Honorary Secretary, and of Mr G. Lanning's appointment, subject to the Council's approval. After some discussion this appointment is approved.

Mr Mackie states that he has been asked to obtain permits for 25 respectable Chinese connected with the Boy Scouts to enter the Public Recreation Ground on the occasion of the forthcoming parade. Attention is drawn to the provisions of the lease under which the Council holds the property from the Recreation Fund Trustees, and to the difficult precedents which are formed by departure from the rule made by the Committee with the Council's approval as prescribed in the lease, and hitherto generally observed; but in view of the feeling which might be evoked by refusal it is decided to issue 25 invitations not permits, to the Chinese in question. It has been pointed out verbally by the Chairman that permission of the use of the Ground for the parade of this large number of Chinese Boy Scouts has embarrassed the Council's action in this matter, and that such

permission ought not to be given for the future, without the Council's approval previously obtained.

Proceedings in the Austrian Consular Court. With reference to the Foreign Educational Committee's decision as to the outstanding accounts of Mr Berthel, a letter from Dr Bernauer, Consul-General for Austria-Hungary, is read stating that as liability for part of the debt is contested, no order for payment can be granted except under judgment given in regular civil proceedings. As the Legal Adviser anticipates no difficulty in the conduct of proceedings in this non-British Court, further action against Mr Berthel as indicated is authorised.

Resignation of Member. With the cordial and unanimous concurrence of the members, the Chairman expresses appreciation of Mr Gulland's work for nearly 4 years as a member of the Works and Watch Committees, and his regret at the loss of his services.

It is decided to request Mr Akira Ishii, the candidate who was not elected in January last, to serve for the remainder of the year.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 3, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

- Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
- E.I. Ezra
- A. Hyde
- A. Ishii
- Court L. Jezierski
- Messrs J. Johnstone
- C.G.S. Mackie
- W.L. Merriman
- A.S.P. White-Cooper
- The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Office Bearers. On behalf of the members the Chairman extends a welcome to Mr Ishii, who is appointed to serve on the Finance Committee. At the Chairman's suggestion the vacancies occasioned by Mr Gulland's resignation, will be filled as follows:- by himself on the Watch Committee at whose meetings he has been present of late as Chairman ex-officio; by Mr Ezra on the Building Rules Commission at the last meeting of which he attended by invitation of the members and was elected Chairman; and by Mr Mackie on the Public Recreation Ground Committee.

The Chairman explains that the Building Rules Commission was anxious to hold a meeting prior to Mr Gulland's departure for home to thank him personally for his services, that Mr Gulland was unable to attend and that the Commission invited Mr Ezra to attend and to be its Chairman, thus anticipating the agreeable formality which as Chairman of the Council he had hoped to perform himself.

The minutes of the meeting of October 27 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of October 20 are submitted and confirmed, and it is directed that a copy of the minute referring to Mr Gulland's service be transmitted to him.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 2, are submitted and confirmed. With reference to that relating to the Mixed Court under the heading Alterations, in accordance with a suggestion by Mr White-Cooper, it is directed that, after ascertaining the British Assessor's requirements the Public Works Department consult Mr Wright as to small alterations required for the convenience of the members of the Bar.

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Brothels. It is directed that a Report be submitted by the Captain Superintendent as to what facilities the Police Legal Assistant has of perusing the Returns of cases at regular intervals from time to time, and of general supervision of the framing of charges.

Fire Brigade, Chief Officer. The Chairman has had further interviews with the Foremen as decided at the last meeting. Having pointed out that Rule VI of the Fire Brigade Regulations make no provision for a Chinese company, they request that the four coolies attached to each company be drilled by them on the company gear. Nevertheless they welcome the Chief Officer's attendance at the drills and will readily carry out his instructions. From his interviews with the Chief Officer the Chairman understands that the other explanations which have been made will on the whole satisfy him, and the Council accordingly accepts them without further question.

The holding of the Annual Competition for the Insurance Company's shield on November 27 is approved.

Mr Preece's Visit. Letters from Mr A.H. Preece are submitted stating that he will arrive on November 15 after breaking his journey at Hongkong, and that Mr Aldridge will arrive about a week later bringing with him the tenders for the plant required for the proposed extension. Pending Mr Aldridge's arrival, Mr Preece will prepare his report on the subject of the extensions, the tariff of charges, and the relation of the rates for light and power. The Chairman remarks that he will also seek Mr Preece's advice in connexion with the deliberations of the Special Committee as to the status of the Department. On the subject of loans, Mr White-Cooper observes that Mr Preece's guidance should be specially sought as to the principles governing the decisions of the Local Government Board upon similar applications for borrowing facilities made by Municipalities in England.

Other points upon which his advice is desirable will be indicated by the Electricity Committee at a forthcoming meeting to be arranged in the near future.

Railless Trams. An application by the Tramway Company is submitted for permission to extend the railless system to a portion of Peking Road between Fokien and Honan Roads, and in Honan Road from Soochow Road to Sungkiang Road on the same terms pro rata as hitherto. A Report by the Engineer estimates the cost of constructing a concrete roadway in the thoroughfares in question at \$37600, with additional expenditure of \$7000 for the necessary widenings.

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It is observed that this proposed extension of the railless system beyond the experimental stage in which it has hitherto rested, recalls the correspondence between the Senior Consul and Messrs J.C.E. Douglas and G.C. Tucker after the Ratepayers' Meeting in the year 1913, wherein these two Ratepayers contended that there is nothing in the Tramway agreement which gives the Company any preferential rights in this respect and that if it is desirable to inaugurate this system, the opportunity should be thrown open to public competition, with the object of avoiding a monopoly. The Chairman expresses the view that if the Council should approve of the proposed extension, the sanction of the Ratepayers should in any case be obtained in the first place.

This application is referred to the Works and Watch Committees for consideration.

Macfarlane's Case. A letter is submitted from H.M. Supreme Court Registrar expressing dissent from the Council's view that no Superannuation contributions are re-payable. The features of this case are in some respects similar to those of Morey v. the Council in the Court of Consuls, and it is accordingly decided to obtain the Legal Adviser's opinion as to how this claim ought, in the Council's interests, to be treated.

Tax Office Staff. With regard to the Council's previous decision as to dispensing with the three months' notice due under the agreement of Collector Greenberg, conditional upon refund of the cost of his return passage; upon the representations of Mr Morrison and because this employe has throughout been under the impression that this refund would not exceed the sum of £12 it is decided that this amount will suffice.

Charity Organisation. Mr Ezra refers to the large expenses which his Committee has been obliged to incur owing to the distress caused by the War. He states that assistance is now being given to 40 families, and that the Committee having taken over the Council's Work Shelters is now performing the duties of a Board of Guardians. For these reasons he points out that a notable increase in the Municipal Grant is requisite in order to enable current expenditure to be met. After some discussion in the course of which the Chairman refers to the basis upon which the Council's grant of £3,600 was approved by the Ratepayers, Mr Ezra undertakes to submit his views in the form of a letter for consideration at the next meeting.

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The Municipal Gazette for November 4, is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

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Chairman.

J. M. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 17, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
A. Hide
A. Ishii
Capt L. Jezierski
Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of November 3 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of
November 10 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 11 are
submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of November 12
are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 15 are
submitted and confirmed with the following comments.

Sinza Road Depot. In connexion with the proposed exchange, it is
noted that recognition of the greater utility of a site with water
frontage for this depot, was the result of a suggestion from the
Public Works Department.

Bund Bridge. The members of the Committee express their views as a
result of a visit to the spot, generally in the sense that removal of
this bridge in connexion with the completion of the new boulevard is
wholly desirable. The members of Council undertake to view the site
before the next meeting whereupon a decision will follow.

Volunteer Corps.

American Company. The resignation of Captain W.E. Sauer, forwarded
by the Commandant, is accepted with regret.

Medical Staff. The resignation of Lieut. J.P. Ziervogel is also
accepted with regret.

American Company, Gatling Guns. A report by the Commandant is
submitted stating that two Gatling guns with 20,000 rounds of

ammunition have been donated by the U.S. Government to the American Company, as a result of an informal conversation between Captain Sauer and Lieutenant-Colonel Bray. While this gift is much to be appreciated it should in the Commandant's opinion have been made to the Council, and should be municipal property, and not that of the Company concerned: it would moreover be a more desirable addition to the armament if they were mounted on light carriages. After some discussion the Watch Committee undertakes to give this matter special consideration in the near future.

Fire Brigade. At the recommendation of the Chief Officer, the Council confirms appointments on election by the Companies, as follows:-

Mih-Ho-Loong Company. Mr R.A. Stuart as 1st Assistant Foreman in succession to Mr H.H. Lennox, resigned, and Mr D. Campbell as 2nd Assistant Foreman.

Victoria Company. Mr J.E. Davy as Foreman in succession to Mr C.H.L. Symons, resigned, Mr E.B. Clarke as 1st Assistant Foreman, and Mr M.B. Matthews as 2nd Assistant Foreman.

Police Force. A Police report is submitted upon the arrest of the murderers of Admiral Tseng, together with a note addressed to the Chairman by Mr Merriman who witnessed the incident. Therefrom it is noted that Inspectors Johnston and McGregor, and Sikh Constable Bishen Singh, displayed courage and promptitude in effecting these important arrests, and rewards of ₹200 each to the Inspectors, and ₹50 to the Sikh Constable are sanctioned.

It is noted that P.C. Tapley at the same time arrested a Chinese with a revolver, who was eventually found to be one of the Admiral's bodyguard, and the Captain Superintendent recommends payment of a reward to him also. This will have the Watch Committee's consideration

Mixed Court. Police Reports are submitted describing the circumstances of an irregular arrest of a Chinese in the neighbourhood of Kashing Road. At a conversation between the Chairman and H.M. Consul-General it has been found that a visit to the City Magistrate by an Assessor is in this instance not believed to be likely to lead to good results; and it is accordingly decided to communicate with the Consular Body officially, requesting that pressing representations be made to the Chinese Authorities requiring the return of this resident, in order that if he has committed any offence, a charge may be laid against him in the Mixed Court in conformity with standing procedure.

Macfarlane's Case. The opinion of the Legal Adviser is submitted pointing to the unlikelihood of a repetition by the Court of Consuls of their previous decision of the Morey case, and generally supporting the Council's view that no Superannuation should be paid to the estate of the deceased. In order to ascertain what would be the probable views of H.M. Consul-General the Chairman undertakes to converse with him tentatively, and to obtain, if possible, an indication as to whether, in his opinion, the decision in the Morey case would or would not be applied to the circumstances now under discussion.

Enemy Telephone Discounts. A letter from the German shareholders in the Telephone Company, is submitted objecting to the payment into "enemy dividends account" of the reduction of 20 per cent for telephone made on the subscriptions due from holders of four shares in accordance with Clause 9 of the Agreement, and the schedule therein mentioned. It is directed that a copy of this communication be sent to the Telephone Company for its information, and that the advice of the Legal Adviser be sought upon the point at issue.

Jessfield Park. With respect to the direction recorded in the previous minute as to submission of particulars and prices of each lot available for acquisition before completion of any purchases, Mr Rebles has stated that this arrangement, which was laid down in the Minutes of the Parks Committee of May 8, 1914, has been found to be cumbersome in practice, and that a verbal understanding accordingly ensued whereby the Council agreed that information as to the progress of purchases after completion might be submitted at regular intervals. This understanding is confirmed, for future observance.

Laxl on the South side of Great Western Road. A letter is submitted, addressed by the French Municipal Council to owners of land in the recent extension of the French Settlement assessing the land for the purpose of taxation. Thereby the Municipal control of the property of the Land Investment Company on the south side of the Great Western Road, and of other British-owned properties similarly situated, is called into question, and the Land Investment Company desires to ascertain the Council's views. Reference is made to the Foreign Office despatch of October 1899 with regard to the previous French extension in which the undertaking of the French Government is recorded "that there was no ground for apprehension that British owners possessing land within the new French Settlement would be compelled to submit either to French Municipal jurisdiction or to French law." It is also noted that the Chinese Government was

warned by H.M. Government that British lots could not be included in any foreign area without the owners' consent. After a brief discussion, it is decided to invite a representative of the Land Investment Company to attend the next meeting of the Works Committee.

Charity Organisation. A letter from Mr Ezra is submitted referring to the activities of the Committee, its benefit to the community as a whole, and the difficulty of meeting the expenditure involved; drawing comparison between its work and that of the Poor Law Guardians in England; and contending that the financial burden might thus fairly be charged upon the rates: that by the grant now allowed, and the exercise of the right to nominate the membership, the Council has made itself responsible for the Committee's work: and that it is entitled to the Council's support at the next Ratepayers' Meeting in an application for an increased grant.

Mr Ezra explains that unless the grant is increased the Committee will probably have to cease work at the end of the year. He also advocates a supplementary grant in the near future to enable the work to be continued.

In the course of the discussion it is pointed out that the Council has not assumed responsibility in this matter. The Chairman recalls his speech at the Meeting of Ratepayers in 1914 in which, when supporting the grant of £3,000, he stated that the Council had only been asked to provide for the office rent, the Secretary, and the necessary equipment, on the understanding that funds for relief would be collected from other sources.

The members are of opinion that to assume responsibility for foreign poor relief would create an undesirable precedent and that there is no justification for increasing the present grant as requested.

Finally the matter is referred to the Finance Committee for consideration in connexion with grants made to other institutions of a like character.

Electricity Department. The Treasurer's Report on Electricity matters made in compliance with the directions contained in the minutes of the Council of April 14, is submitted. The Chairman points out that whereas these directions were that instructive figures should be compiled "indicating the position of the Department from a financial standpoint" a section of the report which is devoted to comments as to the future management of the Department, nevertheless contains ~~many~~ irrelevant remarks. These are to the effect that the "adverse influences" described by the Electrical Engineer in a

certain published statement apply to all branches of the Municipal Service, and that principles relating to the Secretary's functions which have been in force throughout the fifty years of the Council's administration in the Settlement are open to criticism. The Council is unanimously of opinion that the two paragraphs containing these remarks are not within the instructions which were given and are not necessary; and accordingly directs that they be excluded from the report. It is to be recorded however that notwithstanding this flaw, the members have formed a high opinion of the value of the rest of the report as a whole, and its utility as a contribution to the discussion in progress upon the financial issues.

Passages for Families. ^{Wolms} ~~Wolms~~ Foreman Gould, invalided after serving but little more than a year, applies for half passage for his wife. It is pointed out that the recent concession in respect of passages for families was made in order to enable married Municipal employees to take their long leave with regularity. The members find no reason for extension of this concession, and the application is accordingly disallowed.

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Tax Office, Staff. With reference to the Finance Committee's minute of May 10, a further medical certificate as to the health of this employe is submitted, with an application requesting consideration of his long service before the Superannuation Fund was instituted. From a Report by the Treasurer it is noted that had the Fund been in operation during the whole of his service, a sum of £5000 would now be accumulated in his name. In view of his long and satisfactory service, and at the recommendation of the Overseer of Taxes, it is decided to increase the sum payable under the Fund to £7000.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

J. M. Mackintosh
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 24, 1915,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hyde
 A. Ishii
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnston
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of November 17 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to Macfarlane's Case, it is understood that if this case comes before the Court of Consuls they would improbably contradict their decision in the Morey case, and would probably decide that Macfarlane's own contributions to the Superannuation Fund should be paid into his estate. In view of the undesirability of making this a test case, such payment of Macfarlane's contributions as may be found necessary to satisfy the administrator's requirements, is authorised.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of November 22 are submitted and confirmed with the following comment.
French Settlement Extension. It is noted that the relinquishment of the administrative control over properties along the Great Western and Siccawed Roads would involve the loss of the extra-Settlement 6 o/o tax on these properties.

Subject to consideration of this point by the Finance Committee, the members approve the supply of light and water to properties so situated after their administrative control has passed to the French Council provided that the owners are able to obtain its sanction thereto.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of November 22 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of November 23 are submitted and confirmed. With reference to that under the heading Redemption Appropriation and Trust Funds Investment, a note by the Treasurer is submitted recommending that the authorised loan be

issued at the fixed price of 105 per cent. A notification inviting applications on these terms is approved for publication in the Municipal Gazette tomorrow: the list of Applications will remain open for one week and allotments will be made pro rata according to the applications received.

As to the proposed investment in Governments bonds, the members observe that it would in any case become necessary in the near future to make investments in sterling securities and that the present is in many respects a suitable juncture for this departure.

Volunteer Corps, Commandant. Leave of absence is granted to Major T.E. Trueman from November 26 to December 20. During his absence Major H.W. Pilcher will be in command of the Corps.

Railless Trams. With reference to the minute of November 3, adverse reports by the Captain Superintendent and the Chief Officer are submitted. Mention is made of the extreme narrowness of the Honan Road at certain points: the Chief Officer calls attention to the importance of the road as direct outlet to fires in nearly every district and states that fire protection will be seriously affected if railless trams are permitted. The application of the Tramway Company is not entertained and a reply is directed accordingly.

Private Markets. In reply to an application for a permit for the erection of a market on the north side of the Weihaiwei Road, Mr Hardoon has been informed that the Council disapproves it on the ground that the establishment of a market is a Municipal function, but is prepared to consider the lease or purchase of the proposed site. A reply is submitted rejecting the Council's proposal, contesting its authority to refuse a permit, referring to the existence of other private markets in the Settlement and expressing willingness to comply with requirements as to construction and Municipal supervision. Reports by the Engineer and Health Officer are also submitted, the latter citing a standard opinion in support of the contention that the establishment of a market is a Municipal function.

The members are strongly opposed to the institution of private markets. It is however pointed out that Byelaw XXXIV apparently gives no absolute right of refusal, and that consequently if a permit is refused and the matter is brought before the Court of Consuls, their decision would probably be similar to that in the recent case of McBain. Under the Byelaw a permit might however be refused on the ground either of the unsuitability of the neighbourhood. It is thought probable that vigorous protests will be made by neighbouring residents.

After some discussion the matter is referred to the Watch Committee for consideration with the Health Officer and in the meantime the Legal Adviser's opinion will be obtained.

Enemy Telephone Discounts. The opinion of the Legal Adviser is submitted generally to the effect that German subscribers are entitled to make deduction of the discount when paying their accounts and that if the Telephone Company then cut off their service, it would be a breach of the agreement. Before making a reply to the German shareholders, it is decided to await the Telephone Company's answer to the Council's letter on the subject.

Town Hall, German Birthday Celebrations. An application is submitted for the use of the Town Hall on January 27 for a service in honour of the birthday of the German Kaiser. The members personally feel that the application should be refused. Mr Ezra, Mr Ishii and other members express their opinion in this sense, but point out that in their capacity as members of Council the obligation to grant it must be recognised. It is pointed out that this permission will be highly unpopular with the large majority of Ratepayers, but after some discussion it is decided to give the permission, Count Jezierski recording his strong dissent.

Bund Bridge. The members having inspected this bridge as recently decided are unanimously of opinion that its removal would effect a great improvement. In view of the importance of the new Boulevard and the fact that there has been a saving of approximately £7500 in the estimated cost of mud filling, the removal of the bridge is sanctioned.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

E. C. Pearce
Chairman.

W. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 1, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)

E.I. Ezra

A. Hide

A. Ishii

Count L. Jezierski

Messrs C.G.S. Mackie

W.L. Merriman

A.S.P. White-Cooper

The Acting Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent: J. Johnstone

The minutes of the meeting of November 24 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Electricity Committee of November 30 are submitted, on the subject of the extension plant now to be obtained, and ^{Mr.} White-Cooper explains the ground for its recommendations which are actuated by recognition of the limit set to the Council's authority by the Ratepayers Resolution IX, and of the consequent propriety, in the first place, of confining the extent of these recommendations thereto, so far ^{as} is compatible with the imperative needs of the undertaking. He adds that in the opinion of the Chairman of the Committee all the advice of Mr Preece on this point should be adopted without any curtailment.

Messrs Preece and Aldridge then attend.

Mr Preece repeats his advice that two sets of 10000 K.W. and one of 5000 K.W. should be ordered forthwith; not, he admits, as imperative but as in the best interests of the Department; and in support of this he cites sections of his report which is about to be submitted.

The members carefully weigh the reasons which he and Mr Aldridge adduce. Irrespective of the increased costs of the whole extension due to the War, the extra 5000 K.W. machine alone, involves an excess of £50,000 above the Electrical Engineer's estimate of £2,276,772 as set forth in his report of March 4, published in the Municipal Gazette of March 11, 1915, and specially mentioned in the Ratepayers Resolution IX at the Ratepayers' Meeting. The members are of opinion that the advantage of ordering two 10,000 and one 5000 K.W. machines as recommended outweighs the consideration that the ordering of the extra 5000 K.W. machine, will ^{to} this extent exceed the authority conferred by

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the Ratepayers' Meeting.

Court Jezierski and Mr Merriman remark that the expiry of the tenders today gives the Council but meagre opportunity to examine this matter with the deliberation which the magnitude of the expenditure obviously demands. They view this fact with much concern but assuming that it has been unavoidable, they recognise that paramount weight must be given to the opinions of Messrs Preece and Aldridge as the Council's technical advisers; and feel impelled to accept Mr Preece's clearly expressed views as providing the safest available guidance. Mr Preece expresses his regret that so short a time should be left for consideration by the members of these important recommendations. He explains that this is due to the late arrival of Mr Aldridge, whose return, expected on November 15, was retarded until three days ago, owing to the necessity for disposing of the various points of question which arose in connexion with the tenders.

Messrs Preece and Aldridge then withdraw.

After some further discussion it is unanimously decided that two 10,000 K.W. and one 5,000 K.W. machines shall be ordered; and immediate acceptance by telegram of the tenders of Messrs Fraser and Chalmers £16,009, the General Electric Co. £31,720 and C.A. Parsons £32,605 is accordingly authorised.

Admiral Tseng's Funeral. The Senior Consul transmits letters from the Chinese Authorities conveying their appreciative thanks to the Chairman for his visit of condolence to the Arsenal, and for the special Police precautions taken during the passage through the Settlement of the funeral procession of the late Admiral.

Macfarlane's Case. It is noted that the payment to Macfarlane's estate, if the decision in the Morey case is applied, i.e. refund of his own contributions under his two agreements of the discarded form, would amount to £375; and that the total of his own contributions to the end of his service would amount to £555. If the strictly correct treatment of this point is pressed and payment is confined to the amount of £375, the dispute between the Council and the Administrator may become acute, and it is evident that a request would then also be made for the Council's contributions, which would involve a much larger payment, and could not be successfully resisted before the Court of Consuls. Mr Wilkinson has indicated that a sum of £500 without reference to the Superannuation Fund rules, paid as an act of grace to Macfarlane's estate, to cover his legal expenses etc, should, in his opinion, dispose of the matter. This payment is authorised accordingly.

Private Markets. A protest by 34 residents in the neighbourhood of the market proposed to be erected by Mr Haroon is submitted, which is regarded as likely to be of some possible assistance to the Council in opposing Mr Haroon's object.

Land Assessment. At the strong recommendation of the Works Committee Messrs Peebles and Halse will ^{be} appointed valuers for the assessment of 1916, subject to their willingness to act in this capacity.

Enemy Telephone Discounts. The reply of the Telephone Company is read that, after consultation between H.M. Consul-General the Company and its legal advisers, it has been decided to allow these discounts as heretofore.

Census. The usual return of occupations and professions is scrutinised and ordered for publication in the Municipal Gazette.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

G. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 8, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
A. Hide
A. Ishii
Court L. Jezierski
Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr J. Johnstone

The minutes of the meeting of December 1 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of December 3 are
submitted and confirmed.

French Settlement Extension. Mr Ezra explains once more the recommenda-
tion of the Works Committee on the subject of the proposed arrange-
ment with the Land Investment Co. and after some discussion, in
which the Chairman, Court Jezierski and Mr White-Cooper advocate the
views of the Finance Committee, the Council's decision is opposed to
remitting the 6 per cent rate as suggested.

Chinese Disturbances. The Chairman recounts the arrangements which were
made on the evenings of December 5 and 6, and states that he decided,
as a matter of urgency, that in the event of riot such as to involve
the necessity for suppression by the Volunteer Corps, the supreme
command of the Defence Forces should devolve upon the Captain
Superintendent of Police as senior to Major Pilcher, the Acting
Commandant of the Corps; and also that under such circumstances the
Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade would likewise be under the
Captain Superintendent's orders. The Council unanimously confirms
these arrangements.

It is understood that upon Major Trueman's return from hospital
the question of supreme command will require further consideration
in accordance with the Watch Committee's recommendation of March 30.

E.C.P.

Chinese Proclamation. A proclamation transmitted by the Senior Consul, issued by the Special Envoy for Foreign Affairs, is submitted on the subject of the pacification of the disturbances: as the matter is of importance affecting the public generally, the Council authorises the affixing of its seal upon this document, and it will be posted forthwith.

Volunteer Corps.

Route March. A recommendation by the Acting Commandant is submitted that permission be sought from the French Council for the Corps to march in column of route on the afternoon of December 11, in the Avenue Joffre, Rue du Consulat and other thoroughfares in the French Settlement. The members are informed that the French Consul-General has expressed to H.M. Consul-General his unwillingness to permit this proceeding at the present juncture, and the Chairman undertakes to notify the Acting Commandant verbally in this sense.

Light Horse Reserves. The resignation of Lieut. T.G. Drakeford upon his rejoining the Light Horse as an active member has been forwarded by the Acting Commandant.

Settlement Extension. The Chairman informs the members of his intention to pay a visit to Peking in the near future, during the course of which he proposes to further, to the utmost, the completion of the agreement relating to Settlement Extension. The local Consular Authorities assure him that the matter has progressed well, but is a subject for conjecture to what extent it may be impeded by the uncertainties of the present political situation.

Mixed Court.

Supervision of Police Charges. In accordance with the Council's instructions of November 3 a Police Report is submitted showing the facilities of the Police Legal Assistant for general supervision of the framing of charges, and for perusing the returns of cases in the Court; and an improvement of the procedure for the future is noted, tending to prevent such incidents as that recently provocative of the British Assessor's annoyance when the charge of presence in a Chinese brothel was erroneously preferred against two children: not against the guilty procouresses.

Private Markets. The Legal Adviser's opinion on this subject is submitted generally to the effect that without good cause the Council cannot oppose the project of Mr Hardoon by any authority conferred by Byelaw XXXIV. The Watch Committee's proposed discussion of the matter with the Health Officer has not taken place owing to the

postponement of its meeting, but the Chairman, having conferred with Dr Stanley, gathers that he is of opinion that the market can add no further objectionable features to the presence of the Chinese houses in the situation in question; and that as a market is needed, ~~the~~ permit to build, and subsequently the necessary licence, should be issued.

After some discussion it is accordingly decided to grant Mr. Haroon's application for a building permit with the proviso that this is to be without prejudice to the rights of neighbouring residents to protest against the issue of a licence, or to take other proceedings; and without recognition of any liability on the Council's part as to such loss as Mr Haroon may incur by proceeding with his scheme. At the same time a copy of the petition of the neighbouring residents will be sent to him.

Electricity Department.

Future Management. Mr Preece's report has been seen by the Council, and a request from the Special Electricity Committee is submitted that copies be sent to its members for perusal. It is accordingly directed that with this in view the report be printed forthwith; and, after it has been perused at leisure, it is understood that the whole Council will be present at the ensuing meeting of the Committee.

Steel for Buildings. A report by the Electrical Engineer is read recommending that tenders be called for 320 tons of steel reinforcing bars, the expenditure for which will approximate ₹50000, payable next year. As the price of steel is apparently rising daily, the Electricity Committee regards the matter as urgent and therefore strongly deprecates adhering to the procedure of calling for tenders in this instance. It is accordingly directed that orders be placed at once at the Engineer's discretion on the best terms obtainable.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

E. C. Preece
Chairman.

J. Mackintosh
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 15, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m. there are:-

Present:

- Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
- E.I. Ezra
- A. Hide
- A. Ishii
- Count L. Jezierski
- Messrs J. Johnstone
- C.G.S. Mackie
- W.L. Merriman
- A.S.P. White-Cooper
- The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of December 8 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of December 10 are
submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 13 are
submitted and confirmed with the following note:-

Pingohiao Quarry. Mr Ezra states that the subject of the proposed consultation between the Engineer and H.M. Consul at Hangchow will be the terms of the reply to be written by H.M. Consul to the letter addressed to him by the Hangchow Authorities, of which the Council has recently received a copy: and it is suggested that the terms of this reply shall be simply to the effect that the Council already has a document agreeing to an extension of the lease.

With regard to stone transport, Mr White-Cooper refers to the need for circumspection in giving a guarantee which is to be the basis for the construction of a branch line of railway; Mr Johnstone undertakes to obtain from the Engineer-in-Chief particulars of his project for the Council's information; and Mr Merriman refers to the possibility of privity between the Authorities who are dealing with the Quarry lease extension and the Chinese principals in the Railway scheme. The form of the Committee's decision is modified by directions that the further correspondence with the Engineer-in-Chief of the Railway is to express that the Council is prepared to guarantee a minimum quantity of 70000 tons^{of material} for so long as it is the lessee of the Pingohiao Quarry and receives its chief supply of stone and road-making material

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therefrom: and it is directed that the guarantee shall be drawn up by the Legal Advisers and shall provide a clause for strikes, riots, force majeure etc.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of December 14 are submitted and confirmed.

Police Force.

Proposed Increases of Pay. In response to enquiries by Mr White-Cooper, the Chairman states that this matter, in common with certain points specified in the Committee's minutes will in any case be the subject of careful consideration by the Finance Committee before approval. Mr Merriman takes exception, in which the members concur, to an innovation begun this year, in June viz. the publication in the Municipal Gazette of the figures relating to the Pay of the Staff ~~which he describes.~~

Volunteer Corps.

Chinese Disturbances. The members express their appreciation of the services rendered by the Officers, non-commissioned Officers and men of the Corps, and for their assistance in the protection of the Settlement during the recent outbreak of Revolutionary activity south of the French Settlement.

Fire Brigade.

Headquarters Offices. The necessity for additional office accommodation at the Central Station has been indicated to the Foreman of the Company concerned by the Chairman; with the result that the re-arrangement of the offices and quarters previously suggested by the Chief Officer and the Engineer, will be modified by the retention of the existing messroom by the Company, and the conversion of two bedrooms, instead of one as previously proposed, for use as offices for the future.

Police Force, Rewards. Police reports are submitted recommending distribution of the whole of two rewards recently received, amounting to \$700 and \$400 and it ^{is} noted that for detection work of a kind which seems to be within ordinary detective duties, payment of a reward is recommended in one instance nearly as great as was awarded to two inspectors in recognition of courage, promptitude and resource in arresting the murderers of Admiral Tseng.

The Chairman is of opinion that if money rewards are desirable in order to stimulate good work the amount should depend upon the character of the service rendered, and not merely upon the actual sum donated; and that these recommendations manifest the necessity for

examination of previous instances of rewards, their reason and amounts; and the formulation by the Captain Superintendent, as far as possible based thereon, and upon all other relative facts in his knowledge, of an approximate system making provision for graduated rewards for the several types of meritorious work, which, from past experience, seem likely to justify reward hereafter.

The Council accordingly directs that rewards be issued for the future upon some as far as possible specified, though perhaps necessarily approximate, system, based upon previous cases. In the meantime, pending submission of this information, the issue of the rewards in question is not authorised.

Water Supply. The Legal Adviser's opinion upon the questions which have been raised by the China-Japan Trading Co. and by Messrs Geo. McBain, is submitted, generally to the effect that three points of doubt as to the charges which should be made for water to offices and business premises, for fire hydrants in buildings, and for waterclosets, should be submitted for arbitration under Clause XII of the Agreement. Subject to further perusal of the opinion by the members, this course is authorised.

Yangkingang. With regard to an enquiry by the Engineer, as to the name which the new thoroughfare is to bear, the Chairman recalls a passage in his speech at the last Ratepayers' Meeting, in which he foreshadowed that the name would be Avenue Edward VII. As this name has already been adopted for the broad thoroughfare to the west, it has been generally recognised that this will be the name of the new Avenue, and the members regard it as entirely suitable.

Land Assessment. With reference to the recent decision at the Works Committee's recommendation to appoint Messrs. Peebles and Halse as the assessors for 1916, and the belief, which has prevailed, that an intimation has already been made to Mr Dallas on this subject; it is pointed out that the Council's invitation to the assessors to act in this capacity is regularly made after a resolution at the annual meeting of Ratepayers. The reason, in this instance, for making the appointment in anticipation of the resolution is the need, which will arise in the event of Settlement Extension, of proceeding forthwith to assess the extension area. No communication will therefore be made to Messrs. Peebles and Halse, pending the result of the Chairman's visit to Peking.

Semaphore Service. A letter from the French Council is submitted as to the statement of expenditure for the Semaphore Service during the current year, explaining the necessity for the engagement of a Foreign employe, which involves increased expenditure of £3,328 for this year, and estimated expenditure of over £4,000 for next year. The Chairman states that this was the subject of an informal understanding between himself and M. Kahn in March: this is accordingly confirmed.

Electricity Department. Mr Preece's Report is submitted upon the points which the Council's letter to Messrs Preece, Cardew, Snell & Rider of July 19 formulated, as subsequently developed in the schedule approved by the Electricity Committee. As to certain matters of less immediate moment, included in the schedule, Mr Preece will report upon his return to England.

The memo, by Sir John Snell, on the Scale of Charges, is regarded by Mr Aldridge and the Electricity Committee as unsuitable for communication to the general public and power-users on the ground that it would provide arguments for demurring to payment of higher rates than those therein indicated as profitable. In this view the members concur and the publication of the report is approved, with this omission.

Count Jezierski draws attention to the apparent advisability of settling exchange for the large sterling expenditure which will hereafter become due for the extension orders which have been placed, and the attention of the Electricity Committee will be drawn thereto.

Council for 1916. The Chairman states that, as a result of enquiries which he has instituted among the members, he has ascertained the intention of Mr Hide not to stand for membership during the forthcoming year. Mr Ezra expresses regret, upon learning of Mr Hide's intended severance from the Council's membership, and an appreciation of his services, upon which he places a high value.

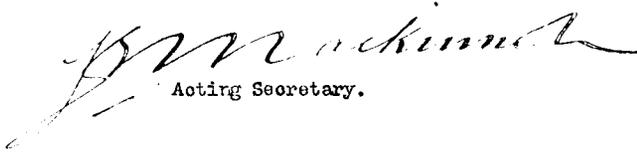
The Chairman states that a variety of reasons of a private nature compel him to refuse the reiterated wishes of the members, verbally expressed, that he should continue to be Chairman next year. They learn of this decision with feelings of earnest concern and regret, to which Mr White-Cooper gives voice; and at his proposal, seconded by Mr Ezra, a cordial vote of deep regret, at the forthcoming loss of Mr Pearce's untiring services, and of recognition and thanks for his capable guidance and leadership, is unanimously recorded.

The Municipal Gazette of December 15 is submitted in proof and authorised
for publication, with the omission of Sir John Snell's memo.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 22, 1915,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hide
 A. Ishii
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of December 15 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

Pingohiao Quarry Transport. From information obtained by Mr Johnstone
 it appears that the Engineer-in-Chief of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway
 requires no guarantee from the Council as to the minimum quantity to
 be transported, and requests merely an assurance that the Council will
 transport its material by rail so long as it is the lessee of the
 Quarry, and receives its chief supply of stone therefrom, and so long
 as the transport rates are competitive. A letter in this sense will
 accordingly be addressed to him.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of
 December 21 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee are submitted and
 confirmed with the following comment:-

Order for Transformers and Motors. The Committee's decision is
 taken to be finally adverse to admitting the extra freight and war
 risk in accordance with the Legal Adviser's opinion.

Currency. The Chairman reads a memorandum handed to him informally by
 the Manager of the Hongkong Bank containing proposals that the Council
 should mint a coinage for local use, and, after requesting members'
 preliminary views on the subject, states that it is ^{his} intention to
 ascertain from H.M. Minister how such a project would be viewed in
 relation to the right of eminent domain. Mr White-Cooper questions
 whether the introduction of such a coinage, concurrently with other
 coinages in use in the Settlement, would result in appreciable public

advantage, and remarks upon the modes by which it can obviously be turned into private gain by individuals.

Count Jezierski expresses doubt as to whether this currency would be acceptable outside Shanghai, and Mr Ezra also doubts the utility of the measure. It is directed that the memorandum be circulated for perusal.

Political Refugees. A letter from the China Association alleges the presence of political malcontents in the Settlement, and their protection by the Council, and suggests strong representations to the Consular Body with a view to their removal. The Council believes that few, if any, malcontents have found shelter in the Settlement of late; but this premise appears to be taken for granted by the Association. A report by the Captain Superintendent is awaited before any credence can be attached thereto. The Chairman points out that in any case the note attached to the draft agreement for Settlement Extension is designed to deal as fully with the needs of the Settlement in this respect, as the precautions necessary for the safety of bona fide residents appear to permit; and, subject to such further information as the Captain Superintendent's report may contain, a reply in this sense is indicated.

Robberies. It is noted that a letter from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce has been recently received, suggesting the establishment of a police depot in the district bounded by the Ningpo, Peking, Tientsin and Horn Roads, and Police comment on the subject is awaited.

Ricshas. With reference to a petition received from ricsha owners requesting that the reduction, approved by the Watch Committee, be limited to the number of 7000 instead of 6000; in view of the strike and petty disturbances which have occurred the Chairman is disposed to advocate acceding to this request; Messrs Johnstone and Hide do not favour this change of decision. Mr White-Cooper expresses his view that if the number of ricshas per head of the population is greater now than at the time of the last census, the reductions should apply to the increase; and that if the number is found to be the same or less a satisfactory indication is provided that the reductions should not proceed. There is a consensus of opinion that reductions to 7000 would on the whole be sufficient. After some further discussion the Watch Committee undertakes to give this question renewed consideration at its next meeting.

Water Supply. The opinion of the Legal Adviser has been carefully perused. Mr White-Cooper points out that at present there seems to be only doubtful ground for proceeding to arbitration, and that this would in any case not be necessary until the Council has communicated with the Waterworks Company, suggesting separate and reasonable provision for the new class of building in question. It is directed that the Company be communicated with accordingly; whereafter, if need be, a conference may be arranged between representatives of the Company and the Council.

Electricity Department.

Future Management. Mr Preece's report previously submitted is discussed again: and his recommendation is unanimously adopted generally in the sense that the Electricity Committee remain advisory as at present, without any code of rules, but with the admission by the Council of a few simple arrangements, namely, the appointment of a Departmental Secretary, the treatment of the Staff with respect to Pay upon commercial lines distinct from those which apply to the rest of the Municipal Service, the presence of the Electrical Engineer, when recommended, upon occasion, by the Electricity Committee, at a meeting of the Council when an important electrical question is under discussion.

The members undertake to be present at tomorrow's meeting of the Special Electricity Committee with a view to carrying motions that the discussion be re-opened, and that Mr Preece's recommendation be accepted in substitution for the code of rules of which the Committee has expressed approval. The Chairman having devoted much time and care to this matter is confident that satisfactory results will follow upon the Special Committee's further deliberations.

General Hospital. Mr Johnstone refers to the need of adequate provision for hospital accommodation for Sikhs in consequence of the decision of the Governors of the General Hospital not to receive Sikh patients for the future.

As the Railway Hospital is about to be dis-established and the whole property, land and buildings involve an original outlay of only £35000, the opportunity seems favourable for acquiring the property; as this step may prove to involve much less expenditure than the project for which partial provision is made in the Budget for the current year, it is directed that the views of the Health Officer thereon be ascertained.

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The Municipal Gazette of December 23 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

Mixed Court, Civil Suit Defendants. In the Mixed Court Report attention is again drawn to the undesirability of detention of these defendants at the public cost for small debts; and to the need of putting into effect the suggestion of the British Assessor that the expense of their board and lodging should be paid by the plaintiff. An abuse which might be discouraged by this reform is the practice of bringing unjustifiable charges of debt for reasons of private enmity which result in the detention of the defendant pending his inability to find security. The Assessor has already been notified that this reform requires an authoritative order from the Bench; but as no step in the direction desired has eventuated it is directed that the matter be brought to the attention of the Consular Body.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

E. C. ...

Chairman.

G. M. ...
Acting Secretary.

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Jan 5'16.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 5, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
A. Ishii
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper and
The Acting Secretary

Absent:

Mr A. Hide

The minutes of the meeting of December 22 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of
December 22 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of January 4 are
submitted and confirmed.

Fire Brigade, Motor Plant. Mr Ezra points out that the estimate of £4000
without bodies, for the 8 cylinder machines is, in his opinion high,
as it is possible to purchase the same motors for £4000 with bodies.
Enquiries by the Chief Officer, with a view to reduction in price,
are accordingly directed.

Volunteer Corps, Engineer Company. Upon the recommendation of the
Commandant 12 months leave is granted to Lieut. S.S. Sellick from
January 1.

Upon the Commandant's recommendations, the following commissions
are authorised for issue:-

Medical Staff. Dr N. Hay Bolton as Lieut. on first appointment.

Light Horse. Mr H. Quelch as 2nd Lieut. on first appointment.

American Company. Mr F.R. Newman and Mr H.B. Sanford as 2nd
Lieuts. on first appointment.

Portuguese Company. 2nd Lieut. E. Carniero as Lieut. on
promotion.

Japanese Company. 2nd Lieut. N. Oki as Lieut. on promotion.

Shanghai Scottish. 2nd Lieut. G.L. Campbell as Lieut. on
promotion.

Italian Company. 2nd Lieut. M. Commencini as Lieut. on
promotion.

Mixed Court. From a Police report submitted, it is noted that the documents issued on January 4 are dated the first year of the monarchy with the style of the new dynasty. It is recalled that before recognition of the Chinese Republic a similar attempted alteration of the documents was made, and was frustrated until formal recognition^{was} promulgated. In view of the fact that the requisite authority of the Consular Body for the change is lacking, the Senior Consul has been consulted on the point, and the Registrar has received directions to return the documents for amendment.

Ricshas. A report by the Overseer of Taxes is read showing that the numbers of the population per ricsha are 71, as against 64 in the year 1910; if the proportion of population per ricsha during the year 1910 is to be preserved, the number of ricshas should now be 9921, whereas the monthly average for 1915 is only 8950. This leads to the opinion that the reductions recently made are amply sufficient.

The Watch Committee, having given consideration to the question, has arrived at the view that the reductions made up to December 31, 1915, will adequately attain the object in view of diminishing the congestion of ricshas in the streets, and that their number should accordingly stand at this limit, which is understood to be somewhat over 7,000. Replies to the ricsha-owners in this sense are authorised; and at Mr Ezra's suggestion it is decided to add that in view of this decision the Council is of opinion that there should be no further rise in the price of hire to the coolies.

Currency. The Chairman has addressed a reply to the proposals of the Manager of the Hongkong Bank, pointing out the obvious objections which must be anticipated from the Chinese Authorities, and referring to the recognised maxim, that^a bad currency invariably drives out the good.

Settlement Extension. The Chairman, during a recent visit to Peking, has learnt, in the course of discussion with H.M. Minister that, though the verbal assent of the Chinese Authorities has been given, and though everything is ready for carrying out this much desired project, the prospect of its accomplishment is still not quite immediate.

Recreation Ground. A memorandum by Messrs Mackie, Wrightson and Peebles is submitted, advocating that all users of the ground should contribute to the Recreation Fund, and that therefore the Clubs using the ground should pay to the Fund an annual levy to be made on their members.

The object of this levy is stated to be reimbursement of the grant of £20,000 made by the Fund to the Council towards the purchase of the Jessfield Park. It is pointed out that the use of the ground for residents which has been prescribed in the Council's lease, means free use; that it is undesirable that the public should be called upon to pay for the use of ground which is described as public, except in the reduction of maintenance charges: that as explained by the Council, in a previous reply on this subject, the land occupied by the Cricket, Recreation, Swimming and Golf Club, and the Grass Course excluded from the lease, is subject to such charges as the Trustees may make: but that any receipts from other Clubs using the ground would, in any case be payable to the Council, and are beyond the province of the Trustees; and that the grant of the Trustees towards the cost of the Jessfield Park ought not properly to be financed as it were, by levies upon the users of another public ground.

The Chairman deprecates the appeal to legal advice on this subject which has been made by the Trustees, for their relations with the Council have hitherto been of a character of absolute understanding cooperation and cordiality. He regards the correspondence which has passed as a sufficiently clear agreement which should be respected both by the Council and by the Trustees, and undertakes to interview his fellow trustee Mr Wrightson on the subject.

Mr Lanning's History. In view of the slow progress which has been made, Mr White-Cooper has pointed out to Mr Lanning the desirability of somewhat less dilatory work and, at his suggestion, Mr Lanning will be requested to retire from all honorary positions which he occupies and to devote his entire time, attention and ability to the service which he has undertaken to perform.

Town Hall, German Birthday Celebrations. The members are informed that the permission which has been given, has, as anticipated, proved highly unpopular with a large number of Ratepayers. Mr Merriman states that if the majority is found to disfavour the use of the Hall as proposed, he would be disposed to negative the permission previously given. It is recognised that the gathering in question may lead to much unpleasantness and possibly even to ebullitions or feeling in the Settlement, and it is consequently contemplated with feelings of concern and reluctance. For the present, no preference is formulated as to the course of action to be pursued under these untoward circumstances.

Council for 1916. The Chairman states that the reasons of a private nature which previously obliged him to state his intention to retire from the post of Chairman have now disappeared. The members welcome this decision.

It is noted that Mr Richards, having been approached, has expressed his assent to serve if elected.

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

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

E. L. Lewis

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Chairman.

J. M. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 12, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)

E.I. Ezra

A. Hide

A. Ishii

Count L. Jezierski

Messrs J. Johnstone

C.G.S. Mackie

W.L. Merriman

A.S.P. White-Cooper

The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 5 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 10 are
 submitted and confirmed.

Gratuities. Considerable discussion ensues on this matter in the
 course of which Mr Ezra points out that employes of this class are
 unable to appreciate the distinction between Extra Pay and a gratuity
 and that therefore the Extra Pay issued to Assistant Sanitary Inspector
 Burton for similar work naturally causes discontent on the part of
 District Inspector Harris. On the ground that supervision either
 of mud or refuse is dangerous to health and that in such cases extra
 remuneration ought to be issued, the view of the Works Committee is
 adopted that Harris should receive the gratuity of \$150 for supervising
 the culverting of the Yangkingpang during the summer months. It is
 directed that the procedure with regard to staff orders be so arranged
 that those which bear reference exclusively to any one department in
 the Council's Service shall not be brought to the knowledge of other
 departments except to the limited extent involved by publication in
 the Municipal Gazette, as at present, of certain orders not relating
 to their emoluments.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of
 January 11 are submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Maritime Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a
 commission as Captain is authorised for issue to Mr A.W. Dixon.

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Light Horse. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the leave granted to Lieut. E.H. McMichael is extended to October 8, 1916.

First Reserves. The resignation of 2nd Lieut. C.M. Bain is forwarded by the Commandant and accepted with regret.

It is noted that the commissions of the following have lapsed owing to their absence after the expiry of leave. Captain E.V. Hobbs, Veterinary Officer. Lieuts. W. Matthaus, W. Kupper, E. Rohrecke of the German Company and Lieut. E.K. Howe of the American Company: and upon the recommendation of the Commandant the removal of their names from the list of officers is authorised.

Opium Shops. A letter from Messrs White-Cooper, Oppe and Master is submitted on the subject of the sale of smuggled opium in licensed shops, with a report by the Overseer of Taxes suggesting an addition to the licence conditions to the effect that no opium which is known to have been smuggled should be sold on the premises. This matter will receive attention by the Finance Committee.

Town Hall, German Birthday Celebrations. The Chairman informs the members of what has passed since the last meeting. He states that as a result of his having previously discussed the matter with H.M. Consul-General and H.M. Minister, the British Minister has stated by telegram that he understands that the use of the Hall for the purpose in question may cause annoyance to the subjects of Allied Powers, who are in the majority in the Settlement, and he has also stated that no patriotic gatherings in the Hall should be permitted hereafter. Mr Merriman has, with the members' approval, informally approached a prominent member of the German Community, acquainting him with the Council's intention to discontinue patriotic gatherings, and requesting cancellation of the recent engagement by the German Church Association as soon as possible, whereupon the Council, in reply, will notify its decision as to future gatherings.

Count Jezierski deprecates the view that it should be necessary to prohibit patriotic gatherings for the future; but the propriety of such a prohibition is strongly urged; and as there is no other easily available accommodation for large patriotic gatherings, the members, after some discussion, record a prohibition in this sense. In the event of unwillingness on the part of the German Association to comply with the informal representations which are about to be made, a special meeting will, if necessary, be convened on Friday at midday for the purpose of approving the form of letter which is to be addressed to them.

Gas Lighting. A letter from Mr Hogg is submitted, suggesting the importance of the utilisation of gas in a dual system of public lighting, and that negotiations be opened, with a view to the purchase by the Council of the Gas Company's undertaking. The Chairman, remarking that the Electricity Committee has not been disposed to concur in the suggestion previously made and published, that Mr Hogg's representations should receive its attention, refers to the desirability of examination, by the Works Committee, of the possibilities of developing the use of gas-lighting for public purposes concurrently with electricity. After some discussion, it is decided that an exchange of views, at a meeting between the Works Committee and one of the directors representing the Company, would be desirable. As to the acquisition of the Company, the Engineer, in comments submitted, expresses his view that the suggestion has everything to commend it; but the members are unanimously of opinion that this is entirely beyond the scope of practical realisation.

Public Works Department, Bribery Case. Reports are submitted in connexion with an allegation as to the payment of a bribe by a Chinese, to the staff of the Public Works Department: as Messrs Hanson, McNeill, Jones and Wright are not in a position to act, because a client is involved, Mr Teesdale has acted in the first place, at the request of the Engineer approved by the Works Committee in preliminary endeavours to arrange either a substantiation, or a withdrawal, of the statement in question.

It is pointed out that, in accordance with precedent, Messrs Platt, Macleod and Wilson invariably represent the Council when its legal advisers cannot act. Mr Ezra is strongly of opinion that there should be a thorough investigation, which may lead to important disclosures. As proceedings will now probably prove necessary, it is decided that the future conduct of the matter be confided to Messrs Platt, Macleod and Wilson for such action as may be necessary with this in view.

Electricity Department Exchange. From reports by the Treasurer it is noted that £110,000, half of the amount of the payments to be made for plant for the extension, has been settled at 2/7d. Count Jezierski points out that a higher rate might have been obtained on the date in question, and that approximately a loss of £2000 has accordingly been incurred. The Treasurer, in compliance with standing practice, placed the contract with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank through a broker, and upon learning the views of Count Jezierski, duly took the precaution of obtaining an undertaking from the Manager

that the best possible rate should be given. The Chairman promises to make strong representations to Mr Stephen on the subject.

The Treasurer's suggestion that large discounts may be obtained by means of advance payments is noted, and enquiries on this point are directed.

Special Electricity Committee. The Chairman recounts the impasse at which the deliberations of the Committee have arrived, because all the members of the Council and of the Electricity Committee unanimously favour the submission of a few simple recommendations to the Ratepayers, in accordance with Mr Preece's views, involving maintenance of the present system of management of the Department, and strict adherence to the Council's existing rights of veto, but with the appointment of a departmental secretary and a few other changes; while the unofficial members of the Special Committee favour the code of rules which they have been debating since the last Ratepayers Meeting. Thus the Council is supported by an actual, though not by the two-thirds majority, which the Special Committee has previously resolved to be alone effective for the re-opening of any discussion, either for the adoption of a report or for any other deliberations, the presence of the members of the Council and of the Electricity Committee are necessary; for in their absence the necessary quorum of 12 will be lacking. As none of the members intend to be present at any further meetings for the present, the Council's position cannot apparently be shaken, and if caution is exercised progress by the unofficial members towards concurrence in the Council's views is evidently eventually inevitable.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.25 p.m.

E. C. Preece

Chairman.

J. M. Adams

Acting Secretary.

Jan 19'16. 9.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 19, 1916,

at 4.30 p.m. there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
A. Hide
A. Ishii
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 12 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of January 17, are submitted and confirmed.

Maintenance of Roads and Footways. With regard to the appropriation for road materials, Mr Ezra points out that the Estimate last year was £91,150, and that for 1916 the Estimate will be £143,280, and he emphasises the advisability of adopting this figure irrespective of the actual expenditure during 1915, on the ground that it is a close approximate calculation of the expenditure which will be needed for work definitely ascertained to have become requisite.

Volunteer Corps.

Maxim Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieut. F.R. Ormston is submitted and accepted with regret.

Ammunition. At the recommendation of the Commandant the offer of Messrs Fearon Daniel and Company of 50000 rounds of .303 ammunition from New York at G \$40.50 per mil. is authorised to be accepted.

At the recommendation of the Commandant it is decided to omit publication for the future of particulars of the ammunition held in stock.

Political Refugees. A Report by the Captain Superintendent upon the letter from the China Association, which was submitted to the Council on December 22, has now been received, and a reply, will be made pointing out in particular that the Council can only act upon definite complaints lodged against specific persons, and, that as already indicated in the Council's minutes of December 22, the note attached

to the draft agreement for Settlement Extension is designed in any case to deal as fully with the needs of the Settlement as due precaution for the safety of bona fide residents appears to admit.

Armed Robberies. A letter from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce is submitted referring to the prevalence of armed robberies, together with the Captain Superintendent's comment showing that there has only been one robbery in two years in the neighbourhood of the Chinese Banks, and that frequent and urgent representations by the Police for proper provision of counters and grills in the exchange shops have been neglected, with the result that the establishment recently attacked was entirely at the mercy of the robbers. A reply generally in the sense of the Police Report is directed.

It is noted ^{that} for the body of watchmen now used in the vicinity, the Captain Superintendent is considering the advisability of substituting specially trained watchmen armed with carbines. Further attention will be given to this point by the Watch Committee hereafter and also to the suggestion of the bankers that a Police Depot be established near their premises.

Sulphur and Saltpetre. A communication from the Mixed Court Magistrate to the Captain Superintendent of Police requests the removal of an establishment for the sale of saltpetre at the instance of the Provincial Authorities. A reply is authorised in accordance with the Council's previous decisions to the effect that no recognition can be given to the monopoly of salt-petre, and that there can be no intervention in the business of the existing establishment. It is pointed out that a communication from the Chinese Provincial Authorities to the Mixed Court Magistrate direct on a matter of this sort, and also his direct transmission of the instructions therein contained to the Captain Superintendent of Police are irregularities, which have been repeated on more than one occasion. The attention of the Consular Body will accordingly be drawn thereto.

Hospital for Indians. After consideration of Reports by the Health Officer and the Engineer as to the suitability of the Railway Hospital for adaptation as a Hospital for Indians, it is directed that an offer be made of £30000 for the site and building.

Investment of Trust Funds. A letter from German ratepayers takes exception to the Council's action in investing £50000 of Trust Funds in War Loans, to which only a formal acknowledgment is directed.

Special Electricity Committee. Mr E.S. Little has now made alternative proposals amending the code of rules which have hitherto been discussed, by substituting the simple recommendations which the Council has adopted, and the unofficial members of the Committee propose a meeting tomorrow to discuss them. The document in question is but now in the members' hands. The Chairman moreover points out that some circumspection is now necessary, if the appearance of approving the unpleasant attitude of some of the unofficial members of the Committee is to be avoided. Mr White-Cooper also reminds the members that only an informal discussion is intended, not a re-opening of the previous discussion. After various expressions of opinion, Mr Hide suggests that Mr White-Cooper approach Mr E.S. Little making explanations to him generally in the sense that the members of the Council and of the Electricity Committee are not disposed to attend at tomorrow's meeting unless it is understood whether there is some intention of repairing the unpleasant impression which was conveyed at the last meeting and whether the discussion will in fact be re-opened; adding that the time proposed for the meeting seems too soon to enable the necessary deliberate consideration of the re-draft now submitted.

Town Hall, German Birthday Celebrations. The German Church Associations have notified their willingness to cancel their engagement of the Town Hall. A discussion ensues as to the form of the reply previously directed conveying the Council's decision as to the prohibition of patriotic gatherings for the future. It is recorded that it is the members' intention that patriotic gatherings of all descriptions be prohibited until the restoration of peace; but it is directed that this be not so specified in the reply i.e. that it is simply to state that patriotic gatherings will be prohibited, without mention that the prohibition will extend to such gatherings of all descriptions. Publication of a note in the Municipal Gazette in the same wording as the reply is directed. For the future all applications for the use of the Hall for patriotic gatherings are to be submitted to the Council for special consideration.

The Poll. Messrs. Jackson and Macray have been requested to act as scrutineers and have accepted the Council's invitation.

Municipal Auditors. The application of Mr N. Thomson, now the senior member of his firm, for permission to sign the Council's accounts "G.H. & N. Thomson" is submitted and approved, with the proviso that it shall remain his personal duty to certify and sign the annual statement.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

E. L. Lamer

Chairman.

J. M. Kumbly

Acting Secretary.

Jan 26'16. 13.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, January 26, 1916,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present.

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)

E.I. Ezra

A. Hide

A. Ishii

Court L. Jezierski

Messrs J. Johnstone

C.G.S. Mackie

W.L. Merriman

A.S.P. White-Cooper

The Acting Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 19 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of January 21 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of January 25 are read and confirmed with the following exceptions:-

Extraordinary Expenditure 1916. With regard to the Jessfield Park Raising and Turfing, an appropriation of £10000 instead of £15000 as suggested is considered to be sufficient. For Children's Playgrounds as the appropriation of £10000 last year was almost entirely unexpended, its repetition seems unnecessary, and a nominal appropriation of £2000 is substituted. As to the Pavilion in the Hongkew Recreation Ground, reference is made to the Council's reiterated decisions generally to the effect that the erection of a public pavilion in this Ground for the sundry nationalities who make use of it is not justified. The proposed appropriation of £11500 evidently contemplates a building of an elaborate kind not dissimilar from that for which the previously excised estimate of 1914, £9500 was intended. The provision in question is once more disapproved; and the Chairman undertakes to explain the Council's views to Mr Hogg when a convenient occasion offers.

Commandant of Volunteers. Mr Johnstone has received a telegram from Mr Keswick indicating Major Hilton-Johnson as available for the post of Commandant, and that the War Office definitely states that he can leave home at once. The Chairman recalls the fact that Lieut. Colonel Bray only relinquished command of the Corps temporarily and expresses

his view that if Major Hilton-Johnson is available for work in Shanghai his service is undoubtedly most needed in his post of Deputy Superintendent of Police, especially during the forthcoming summer. The Chairman also explains that the proposed appointment might occasion difficulty in connexion with Major Trueman's temporary tenure of the post, and that he cannot in any case contemplate a change in the command of the Corps without ascertaining in what light the present Commandant would regard such a step: for that reason he is of opinion that Major Trueman should be informed of the terms of Mr Keswick's message and of the Council's reply.

The Watch Committee having discussed these points before the meeting recommends a reply to Mr Keswick to the effect that Colonel Bray's consent is in any case indispensable; that Major Hilton-Johnson's return is urgently required in his post in the Force, for which pressing representations should be made to the War Office: and that Major Trueman who is absent in Hankow should be informed by telegram and given an opportunity to show how he would view the proposed change.

Mr Ezra expresses his strong conviction that if Major Hilton-Johnson's return to Shanghai is now possible it should not be to the Volunteer Corps, where his experience and qualifications would be partially wasted, but to the Police Force in which he has gained all his experience in the Council's service, and wherein his qualifications are employed to useful purpose. These are substantially the reasons which actuate the Council's instructions as to the form of reply to be made.

Political Refugees. A further letter on the subject of the alleged presence of refugee criminals in the Settlement and the sale of arms has been received from the China Association, written and sent off before the receipt of, and without reference to the Council's reply to the recent former letter. The inaccuracies of statement are so numerous that a detailed answer is impossible. A reply is authorised that the Council does not acquiesce in the statements which are made as to the local situation and has nothing to add to the reply previously made. At Mr Hide's suggestion it is decided that an invitation be at the same time conveyed to the Chairman of the Association to discuss these matters with the Captain Superintendent of Police in order that the true state of facts may be better understood.

Mr Ezra mentions that 500 threatening letters are stated to have been written to prominent Chinese residents demanding large payments. Several of the members have heard of this and Mr White-Cooper comments on the growing prevalence of anonymous intimidation as a practice, citing

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the recent instance in which the Chinese opium merchants have been anonymously informed that too energetic action against opium smuggling will be visited by assassination. The Chairman states that the matter is within the knowledge of the Police and is being carefully watched.

Sewage Disposal. In connexion with a letter from the Waterworks Company on the subject of the possible contamination of the water supply owing to the mode of disposal of ordure from Messrs. McBain's building, a report by the Engineer has been read suggesting the possible use of a system of sewers similar to that in use in Rangoon. The opinion is expressed that the large cost which would probably be involved appears to be an insurmountable objection, but before any decision, the comment of the Health Officer on the Engineer's report is awaited.

Women's Home. An application by the Committee of the Foreign Women's Home for a grant of £3000 has been read by the members, and they are of opinion that the support of this institution should be undertaken by private charity and not by the Council. If, however, an application were brought before the Ratepayers by the Committee of the Home the work of the institution is such that no adverse recommendation would be made, but the decision would be left to the Ratepayers' vote.

Chinese Polytechnic. A letter has been received from the Taoyin communicating an application by the Kiangsu Educational Association for a share in the funds of the Polytechnic Institution to be applied to the upkeep of a museum in which the Association is interested; and Mr White-Cooper refers to the unreasonableness of this demand. In view of the possibility of some claim in this direction being pressed on the ground that the Liangkiang Viceroy, and the Taotai of Shanghai were both contributors to the land originally purchased for the Polytechnic, it is suggested that approval of the action of the British Trustees by H.M. Supreme Court might prove a valuable addition to the sanctions of the Council's tenure of the property already given by the Deed of Perpetual Lease unanimously approved and signed, and subsequently approved and sealed by the Mixed Court. Mr Ezra is of opinion that an application in H.M. Supreme Court in this sense might only lead to difficulties without bringing good results. Mr White-Cooper is in favour of tentatively proceeding further, ascertaining the opinion of the Legal Adviser, and if there is found to be good ground for such an application, he would be in favour of its being made by the British members of the now defunct committee.

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After some discussion the Council is willing to give support to steps in the direction indicated, provided that the British Trustees are convinced of their advisability; and, in that case, the payment of the necessary legal fees would be approved.

Educational Grants. The annual statement of accounts of St. Xavier's College is submitted and approved for publication as usual.

The Municipal Gazette for January 27 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 2, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hide
 A. Ishii
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of January 26 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 1 are
 submitted and confirmed.

Fire Brigade.

Victoria Company. The resignation of Mr J.E. Davy, Foreman,
 forwarded by the Chief Officer, is accepted with regret.

Hospital for Indians. The Council's recent offer of £30000 for the
 Railway Hospital, for the land, building and contents, has been
 declined, and £41500 is claimed. From a report by the Health Officer
 it is noted that £10500 for the contents was the figure given by the
 Secretary of the Hospital as their original cost, and that it by no
 means represents the present value. The Council's offer of £30000
 was based on the Engineer's valuation of £14,890 for the land, £8000
 for the building, and £7110 for the contents. Although the valuation
 placed by the Hospital Secretary on the land, building and contents
 respectively cannot be accepted, the Engineer's valuation of the
 building appears to be low, and might reasonably be increased by £5000:
 an amended offer of £35000 is accordingly authorised.

Sewage Disposal. The Health Officer's recommendations on the Engineer's
 recent report are submitted, and therefrom it seems premature to
 consider adoption of a sewer system in the Burn district until it
 can be decided whether closet sewage can be disposed of safely for
 agricultural purposes; or can be connected with the general sewage
 system; or should be conveyed to a purification works through a

separate system of pipes. Decision on these points will greatly depend on the increase of closets during the present year, and the possibility of establishing an intake for the Waterworks Company on the Yangtze, which would be rendered advisable by the connexion of closet sewage with the general sewage system. Further consideration is accordingly postponed until next year: and a reply to the Waterworks Company as recommended by the Health Officer is authorised.

The Tien Hou Kung and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. A letter from the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, after reference to the Finance Committee's decision in July last sanctioning an abatement from £1000 to £600 per mensem in the assessment on this building in the North Honan Road, applies for total exemption from taxation. In support thereof reference is again made to the terms of delimitation of the Horgkew extension in 1893. The original text shows that the Temple of the Queen of Heaven and the adjoining apartments or premises, used for the reception of ambassadors on passing through Shanghai, were exempted from Municipal control; and it is contended that although the site of these premises is now occupied by the Chamber of Commerce, their use as such does not in any way abridge the right of use heretofore possessed by the Chinese Government and that therefore the exemption still holds good. After considerable discussion exemption from taxation is sanctioned, subject to the reservation that if Chinese houses are at any time built within the temple grounds exemption shall not apply thereto.

Electricity Department.

Exchange. A further report by the Treasurer on Sterling Payments for electrical machinery for 1916 is submitted and noting that a balance of £110649:10 remains to be settled, the members, with the exception of Mr Ezra, agree that the present favourable rates should be utilised to the full. The Treasurer will accordingly be directed to arrange settlement of this amount gradually, obtaining quotations from the several banks so as to obtain the best rates in the market.

Riverside Extension Plant. A Report by the Electrical Engineer recommending the additional expenditure of £300 on larger circulating water pumps is submitted and approved.

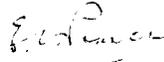
Grants-in-Aid, The Childrens Refuge. The Annual Statement of Accounts and an application for an increased grant are submitted, These will be examined by the Finance Committee.

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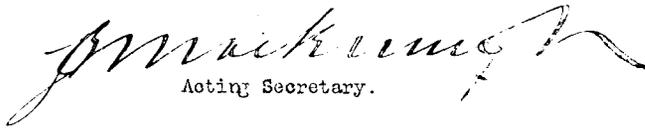
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The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 9, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Ishii
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs A. Hilde
 C.G.S. Mackie

The minutes of the meeting of February 2, are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Works Committee of February 8,
 are submitted and confirmed; and the members remark that it would seem
 reasonable to forego the reduction of 25 per cent for the charges of
 public lighting. Mr Merriman is of opinion that in any case there
 should be some contribution to the public funds, if only nominal, in
 recognition of the facilities granted to the Company as a public
 utility undertaking; and this Mr White-Cooper points out might suitably
 be adjusted by the issue to the Council of a number of the Company's
 shares.

After some further discussion, it is decided that the Gas
 Company's memorandum be communicated to the Electricity Committee for
 perusal; and that the comment of the Engineer is to be awaited before
 further progress.

Volunteer Corps.

Scottish Company. The application of 2nd Lieutenant J.S. Chisholm
 for eight months' leave of absence as recommended by the Commandant is
 approved.

Court of Foreign Consuls. A letter from the Consul-General for Austria -
 Hungary is submitted, enclosing copy of a communication which he has
 addressed to the Secretary of the Court, pointing out that he had no
 opportunity of voting at the recent election, and that he consequently
 maintains that the Court is not established according to the Land
 Regulations. A reply similar to that made to a like communication

in July last is approved; namely that the Council takes due note of the remarks addressed to the Secretary of the Court.

Sewage Disposal. A Report by the Health Officer is submitted referring to the decision of the Court of Consuls in the McBain case that the Byelaws oblige disposal of Water Closet Sewage to be done to the satisfaction of the Municipal Authority. Individuals are at liberty to do the work themselves, but it must be done to the Health Officer's satisfaction. The Watch Committee at its meeting of October 5 decided to await an expression of the views of the Committee upon Watercloset Rules before determining whether the cost of removal of such sewage should be borne by individuals: but the Rules Committee merely recommended that the work be done by the Council and gave no advice as to how the cost should be met. To free individuals of the difficult responsibility in the terms of the Court's decision, imposed upon them by the Byelaws; to comply with the advice of the Rules Committee: to meet the cost of disposal, and incidentally to limit to a reasonable degree the number of closet installations, The Health Officer recommends the adoption of a provisional tariff of charges for Municipal removal of closet sewage. The rates which he proposes, £2 per closet and a minimum rate of £20 per cesspool, are designed to cover the cost of provision ^{And} for the working of the two requisite tank wagons on order. His recommendations are generally approved; but before publication of the provisional tariff the Chairman undertakes to discuss and arrange with him for such reduction as may be advisable to establish the vogue by householders of invariably availing of the Municipal facilities thus offered by the Health Department; and as will avoid initial unpopularity with new owners of large numbers of closets.

Tramway Regulations. A letter from Messrs Platt, Macleod & Wilson again refers to the desirability of embodying these regulations and likewise the Police Traffic Regulations in the Council's Byelaws. The members are unanimously of opinion that the incorporation of the Police Regulations is necessary, at least theoretically, for their legal efficacy in every Consular Court; and the Watch Committee, at its recent meeting, has already taken note of the fact that other improvements and additions to the Byelaws have become necessary owing to the increasing Police needs due to changing local conditions. It is thought that the difficulty of obtaining the necessary quorum of 643 voters may be overcome by convening the special meeting, not after, but immediately before the forthcoming ordinary meeting and

immediately following the adjourned meeting which is necessary in accordance with amended Resolution VIII on the subject of the Electricity Department. The report of the Special Committee must therefore not be published until three weeks prior to the date of the ordinary meeting.

Public Works Department. An application by the Engineer for the Council's permission to act in an arbitration between Messrs George McBain and the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. in company with the Chief Architectural Assistant, and Mr Peables, is approved with the proviso that it shall be understood that this will not make any great demand on his time.

Employes en route. A report by the Commandant of Volunteers is submitted stating that the two Quarter-Master Sergeants recently appointed, have lost all their belongings owing to the sinking of the Yasaki Maru. The members are of opinion that new employes cannot justly be left to bear heavy losses of this nature, sustained while making haste to repair to their duty in the Council's service; that the belongings of new employes coming from home should unquestionably for the future be insured against War Risk at the Council's expense, and that, in recent cases where insurance has been lacking or insufficient, losses should be compensated to a reasonable extent and with due regard to individual circumstances. The Commandant's recommendation that the two Sergeants be permitted to purchase new outfits locally at the public cost in accordance with the list of clothing lost, is approved.

War Volunteers Memorial. Mr Johnstone draws attention to certain suggestions which have been made in the public press, and enquires whether some portion of the new site on the Bund, reclaimed from the Yangking-pang, might not be set aside by the Council, and by the French Council, with a view to use if these suggestions progress to a definite conclusion. Informal enquiries will be addressed to the French Council on this point.

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The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

E. P. ...
Chairman.

G. ...
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 16, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs A. Ishli
 J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie

The minutes of the meeting of February 9 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of February 11 are
 submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Band Committee of February 15 are
 submitted and confirmed. The members are informed of certain verbal
 enquiries which have been made by Mr E.S. Little as to the periods of
 the agreements of the German musicians, and of his statement that he
 has been approached by 100 Ratepayers expressing their wish that
 their services should terminate. There is no objection to giving
 Mr Little the desired information, but the Council cannot associate
 itself in any way with representations in this direction at the
 forthcoming Ratepayers' Meeting, to which the consensus of the members'
 opinion is adverse on the ground that it is not justified by anything
 within their knowledge.

Volunteer Corps.

Artillery. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission
 as 2nd Lieut. is authorised for issue to Mr A.J. Stewart.

Austro-Hungarian Company. The resignation of Captain E. Sonntag, forwarded
 by the Commandant, is accepted by the Council with regret.

Police Force.

War Service. The Council is informed that Sergeant Bradish,
 formerly reported by Mr Martin as killed, is now reported to have
 recovered from his wounds, and this information will be published in
 the Municipal Gazette accordingly.

Hospital for Indians. Report by the Health Officer is submitted to the effect that further consideration tends to convince him of the unsuitability of the Railway Hospital for the proposed conversion and he recommends the utilisation of land available behind the Victoria Nursing Home, on the ground that there is ample space both for this project and for the extension to the Mental Ward when necessary. His recommendation that a building similar to the Chinese Police Hospital be erected with provision for 60 or 70 beds, i.e. 25 more than the Railway Hospital would accommodate will be given further consideration by the Watch Committee. An estimate of the cost, which the Health Officer believes will not exceed ₹25000, will be obtained from the Public Works Department.

Chinese Clubs, Gambling. For a breach of the licence condition in this respect, the cancellation of the licence of the Kung Yi Club has been recommended by the Captain Superintendent of Police and approved by the Watch Committee. The membership, which consists of prominent Chinese residents, makes representations that this isolated breach of the licence conditions on a generally recognised occasion of festivity, does not deserve such severe punishment as the cancellation of the licence; whereby the members would be deprived of a meeting-place which is of considerable value to them for business purposes. The Captain Superintendent has been under the impression that a caution was previously administered to this Club on the same subject, but a report submitted now states that it has hitherto been conducted in a respectable way, and recommends return of the licence with a severe caution. Action is authorised accordingly, and the Council's approval of the Club's proposed charitable donation of \$400 to local charities will be notified.

Charity Organisation. The Committee in a further communication submitted again suggests that the Council should accept responsibility for indigents' relief and encloses a report by a sub-committee suggesting, to this end, the erection of an industrial home or workhouse for the poor. Mr Ezra states that he does not entirely endorse these views, but he remains of opinion that the Council should meet the expenses of the Charity Organisation Committee for food and other forms of charity by a sufficiently large provision in the Budget to be approved by the Ratepayers.

The Chairman points out that the complete assumption of responsibility, with institution of a Municipal poor rate, and the question of increasing the grant to the Charity Organisation Committee

for deserving charities, are two distinct questions: the first of principle, the second rather of expediency. Mr White-Cooper points out that the question of principle is whether the national authorities shall be relieved by the Community from their hitherto recognised responsibility of the care of the indigent. The Chairman adds that the unsatisfactory conditions which would ensue from admission of this principle by the Council are easily realised by reflexion, for example, as to the large local demands for charitable relief which may follow when peace is restored, whereby ~~of~~ any Municipal system of general poor relief would be seriously victimised.

The reason given in the sub-committee's report for the erection by the Council of a workhouse, styled an "industrial home", is that undeserving indigents are now able to subsist from, and abuse, private charity. It is pointed out that this abuse of charity was the reason which was urged upon the Council in the year 1909 as justifying the establishment of the Casual Ward: partially to remedy this abuse, was the object of its establishment: failure to effect its object is the only reason mentioned, and the weakest which could be adduced, for the establishment of another similar institution, to be designed to give a much more extensive and permanent accommodation. The real remedy for these conditions was recognised by the Council at the time of the erection of the Casual Ward viz. power of compulsory but strictly temporary detention and labour by indigents of all nationalities, which is still indispensable to efficient working. The form of reply to be given to the Charity Organisation Committee will be the subject of decision at the next meeting, when the members have had further leisure for consideration.

Tramways - Railless Cars. A letter from the Tramway Company refers to the understanding recorded in a document signed by the Company and the Council at the Country Club on June 3, 1914, whereby the Council agreed that if the railless system in Fokien Road is generally found to be a success, the Council will, as far as it can, assist the Company to develop the system elsewhere, for example in the Peking Road. The Company proposes an extension from Fokien Road along Peking Road to Honan Road and thence to the Soochow Creek, and nearly all the residents in the ^{Honan} ~~Peking~~ Road section have intimated in writing that they have no objection.

The Chairman refers to the protest previously addressed to the Consular Body by Messrs. Tucker and Douglas against the introduction of these cars, on the grounds, first that the innovation of using the public roads in this manner should not be permitted without a

Resolution by the Ratepayers, and secondly that no such preferential privilege should be granted to any party without opportunity to other parties to tender, as for any other Municipal contract of note.

The reply to this protest was that no system was sanctioned, for the service was only experimental. The Chairman points out that without the approval of the Ratepayers the Council is thus apparently precluded from assenting to any extension, except provisionally, and with circumspection. After observations by Count Jezierski upon certain defects of the Tramway service, especially with respect to noise, as to which Mr Hide makes explanations, further discussion is deferred pending the submission of reports by the Engineer and the Captain Superintendent.

Telephones and Tramways Electrolysis. The report of the Electrical Engineer upon the representations of the Telephone Company on this subject is now submitted and will be communicated to the Company for its information.

Secretariat Staff. Mr Leveson, the Council's Secretary, having received the King's Commission, applies for extension of leave, and this the Council grants indefinitely in accordance with Order 2454.

The Municipal Gazette for February 17 is submitted in proof and authorized for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

E. Pearce

Chairman.

W. Markham

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 23, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hide
 A. Ishii
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs W.L. Morrison
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie

The minutes of the meeting of February 16 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With reference to the record of the discussion as to the German Musicians' Agreements Mr Hide suggests a modification, of which the main feature is that the reply to Mr.E.S. Little should indicate that the Council would not be disposed to take any action without the instructions of the Ratepayers at the forthcoming meeting: the Chairman makes some observations in the sense that although the Council would naturally pay attention to an expression of any wish on the part of the Ratepayers relating to its employes, the terms of Land Regulation XXIV contemplate an independent right of control of the Municipal staff by the Council, to which it seems not very desirable to imply any prejudice. Mr. Hide defers to the general opinion that the sum of last meeting's discussion is recorded explicitly.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of February 21 are submitted and confirmed.

Gas Company's Memorandum. Mr. Ezra in the course of a description of the Committee's deliberations refers to the advisability of postponing the recently approved improvement of the lighting of the Nanking Road pending decision on the subject of the proposed dual system.

Armed Robberies. A communication is submitted from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in conclusion of the recent correspondence, with comment by the Captain Superintendent attributing its satisfactory tone to the encouraging effect of the personal visit of the Chairman of Council to the vicinity of the Chinese Banks, as a result of which the suitable position of the new Police sub-station has been arranged.

Charity Organisation. The members having reflected at leisure upon the recent application of the Charity Organisation Committee direct a reply generally in the sense of the discussion at the last meeting, to embody the substance of Mr. White-Cooper's remarks.

Hospital for Indians. The recent recommendation of the Health Officer, alternative to the former proposal as to purchase of the Railway Hospital site and building, viz. that a Hospital for Indians similar to the Chinese Police Hospital be erected behind the Nursing Home at an estimated cost of Tls.25,000 is approved, and the provision of Tls.10,000 in the Budget for 1916 is authorised.

The Shanghai Boy Scouts. A letter from this organisation notifies that as it is about to become defunct, the Council's grant of Tls.420 per annum for rent will no longer be required. Mr. Merriman describes how this has come about, owing chiefly to the difficulty of securing a satisfactory Scoutmaster.

Jessfield Park Raising. The Treasurer has advocated excision this year of the estimate of Tls.10,000 for this work, but the members after a brief discussion express the wish that it be retained.

Extraordinary Expenditure Roads. A report by the Engineer is submitted on the excess of Tls.52,076 over the estimate for land for the year 1915, which is revealed by the Financial Statement now in course of preparation. The factors of uncertainty to which this is due are the extent of new building work in the Central District, involving widenings where land values are high; and the varying periods at which land surrendered is vacated for public occupation, and at which payment of compensation then becomes due. With varying factors such as these in the calculation, the Budget provision must of necessity remain approximate, and is liable to be unavoidably exceeded. The expenditure for "linking and metalling" which is not subject to so much variety has also been largely exceeded, and some further explanation is required thereon.

As the amount of the appropriation for land only represents what the Council deems to be a suitable sum to spend for this purpose, it must necessarily within certain limits be dictated by financial exigencies; and Mr. Merriman indicates that the need of delaying avoidable expenditure makes it preferable in framing this estimate to decide upon a figure rather below, than above the maximum probable needs during any one year. Mr. Ezra referring to the estimates recommended by the Works Committee recognises the probable need of adopting the recommendation of the Treasurer, that the estimates for

land and making for the year 1916 be £150,000 and £75,000 accordingly, and the Finance Committee takes note.

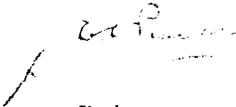
Children's Play Grounds. Mr. White-Cooper draws attention to the rather pressing need for provision of a children's play-ground in the Western District between Carter Road and Bubbling Well Road, and this will be brought to the notice of the Parks Committee.

Land Commission. The decisions of the Commissioners in cases 103 and 104, one denying the betterment contended by the Council, and the other admitting it, are submitted and ordered for publication.

Special Electricity Committee's Report. This document will shortly be in the members hands, and it is directed that it be published by the Council on February 29, but not under the title of the Council; as the Committee, unlike previous special Committees, was appointed by the Ratepayers themselves.

The Municipal Gazette for February 24 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.


Chairman.


Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 1, 1916,
at ~~4:30~~⁵ p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
A. Hide
A. Ishii
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.B. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of February 23 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of February 25 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 29 are read and confirmed. On the subject of

Press Publications and the protest of the "Shanghai Times", Mr Ezra refers to a leading article which it has published commenting upon the alleged favourable treatment given to the "North China Daily News", and implying that the "Shanghai Times" never did in fact receive the copy of the Special Electricity Committee's Report to which it was entitled as every other Ratepayer. The "North China Daily News" has undoubtedly delivered the Report to all Ratepayers, and the statement of the "Shanghai Times" will therefore be the subject of close enquiry.

Budget 1916, Income, Opium Shops. Mr Ezra expresses the view that the proposed taxation is somewhat heavy, but after a brief discussion the proposals of the Finance Committee are confirmed.

Extraordinary Expenditure. The section of the Committee's discussion relating to these estimates is in an indefinite form pending information required from the Public Works Department upon certain items; this has now been received; it enables total decreases in the Extraordinary Expenditure, as recommended by the Finance Committee, by \$130,900, and the minutes of the decisions thereon in this sense will be submitted separately forthwith. Question arises as to the possibility of deferring the drainage scheme in Ferry and

Connaught Roads, \$12,100, and the Works Committee expresses the view that it may well be postponed for the present.

The Chairman states that the aim which the Committee has held in view in recommending the modifications to be made in the Estimates, Ordinary and Extraordinary, has been to reduce the Loan required from the unprecedentedly large amount of \$850,000 to \$650,000.

Volunteer Corps. The Chairman informs the members of certain verbal reports which he has received from the Commandant relating to a recent meeting of Officers in the Town Hall to discuss the desirability or otherwise of the German and Austrian Companies being called upon to parade or mobilise until the termination of the War, and it is understood that the results of this meeting will be submitted by the Commandant in a written report.

Chinese Authorities. A note from the Senior Consul transmits a communication from Mr Chou, the recently appointed Shanghai Taoyin, stating that his office has been removed from the Bubbling Well to the Huahsing Road in Chapei. A formal acknowledgment is directed.

Gas Company's Memorandum. The Electrical Engineer's comments on this Memorandum have been submitted to the members in the form of a printed pamphlet and the report of the Public Works Department is still under consideration by the Works Committee. After some discussion it is decided that when the Works Committee has recorded its views, the reports, both of the Electrical Engineer and of the Engineer, shall be handed to the Gas Company for its information.

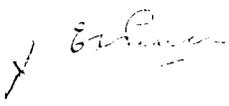
Tramway Bye-laws and Traffic Regulations. The Chairman explains the arrangements with regard to the Special Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at a time to be fixed between the re-assembling of the Adjourned Meeting of last year in accordance with Resolution VIII relating to the Electricity Department, and the Ordinary Meeting for the year 1916. It is understood that the Legal Adviser will shortly communicate his comments on the draft Bye-laws, which have been submitted to him, but it is anticipated that the Tramway Company will expect the addition thereto of at least three of the Regulations, which they formerly proposed, relating to Season Tickets. Before submission of the Legal Adviser's opinion upon this point, the members incline to the view that the Tramway Company should, if it is found possible, benefit by such protection as the Council is

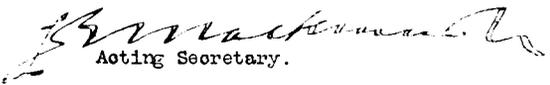
able to give in the matter; and as publication will be advisable not later than in the Municipal Gazette of March 9, members undertake to give attention to this question during the forthcoming week.

The Ratepayers' Meeting, Chairmanship. The Chairman states that a definite understanding has been reached between the Senior Consul and H.M. Consul-General, whereby it is considered preferable that the former should take the Chair, and the members unanimously acquiesce in this arrangement. Count Jezierski draws attention to the desirability of requesting the banks to close on the afternoon of the Ratepayers' Meeting: the Council's request in this sense will be written to them accordingly.

The Municipal Gazette for March 2 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.


Chairman.


Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 8, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)

E.I. Ezra

A. Hide

A. Ishii

Count L. Jezierski

Messrs J. Johnstone

C.G.S. Mackie

W.L. Merriman

A.S.P. White-Cooper

The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 1 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman, except that referring to the Gas Company's Memorandum.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of February 29 on the
 subject of the Budget of Extraordinary Expenditure are submitted and
 confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of March 2
 are submitted and confirmed.

Annual Reports. A suggestion has been submitted by the Headmaster
 of the Public School that the form of statistics submitted in the
 Annual Reports from the several schools be drawn in future in identical
 form, and subject to the consideration by the Foreign and Chinese
 Educational Committees, of such comments as the several heads of the
 different schools may submit on the point, the suggestion is considered
 to be useful.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of March 6
 are submitted and confirmed.

School in the Western District. The channel into which the Chairman
 has successfully directed the energies of certain Ratepayers who have
 spoken to him on this subject tends towards the establishment of a
 British School for Boys, and Mr Hide remarks that the most economical
 solution of questions of this sort is in his opinion to be found in
 the principle which the Dean of the Cathedral has consistently
 advocated, viz: that education should, as it were, be purchased by the
 Municipal Authority by means of grants judiciously disposed among the
 national schools.

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Conversing with Liddell today, I assured him that he always had my full support, that I did not covet the post of Secretary and he might be sure I never would; but I resented Mackinnon's minute implying that I was not fit to be.

Liddell said 'You could see the Councillors took Mackinnon's minute with a grain of salt but they acquiesced in it, because he pressed for it. The reason was that Mackinnon didn't know you mightn't cut up rough and he wanted to have something stronger in case you did. I assured him you didn't want the post of Secretary but he didn't believe me. I said I wasn't keen on it myself, I only wanted a little extra pay and I was quite content'.

I reminded Liddell that Mackinnon, when it had suited his book before, said 'Rowe is quite competent to take charge and to run the Office'. I didn't want to take charge or to run the office but I wanted that minute altered and Liddell agreed it ought to be altered. I said the best way was by a new minute to be written some day when circumstances favoured. He quite agreed, and said he would take an early opportunity. SAM

Mr Ezra refers to the apparent desirability of disposing of the valuable site of the present Girls' School, and applying the proceeds to the establishment of a school in a less undesirable district. In the Council's opinion this point, which has been raised before, demands the attention of the Foreign and Permanent Educational Committees during the forthcoming year.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of March 6 are submitted and confirmed.

Secretariat Staff. All the members give close attention to this subject. Mr Rowe was appointed clerical assistant in the Secretariat on probation at £200 per annum in August 1905; he was appointed Assistant Secretary on one year's probation at the beginning of the year 1911, and this was confirmed under a three years' agreement at the beginning of the year 1912. With an expression of the view that, owing to the lack of certain indispensable qualifications, this employe will not at least for a considerable number of years be competent to take charge of the Municipal Offices, the decision of the Finance Committee is unanimously confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 7 are submitted and confirmed.

Railless Trams. As to whether the proposed extension should form the subject of a resolution by Ratepayers at the forthcoming Meeting Mr Ezra points to Clause 2 of the Tramway Concession Agreement as binding the Ratepayers and the Council to approve the running of railless cars to the exclusion of any other applicant, and on this ground he thinks any Ratepayers' Resolution unnecessary.

Mr White-Cooper makes some observations on this point which are borne out by the recorded correspondence and the agreement.

It was originally recorded that in the event of the railless cars not being found successful any temporary permission granted might be withdrawn, and that should this result, the Company would not be considered to have any ground for subsequent complaint; the Company then pointed out that in view of the expense of installation it would expect the prior option "under Clause 2" of the agreement i.e. a right of preference as against others; and the Council in its reply, which was published with the correspondence, declared itself "content to accept railless cars as a bye-feature of the Company's concession with consequent privileges similar to those contained in the concession agreement," i.e. it would grant a preferential right if it granted a right at all. This correspondence passed in April 1913: the Council's interpretation was evident from its reply to the

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Senior Consul in June that "no system of railless cars has been sanctioned but only an experimental service in a side street:" the Tramway Company, however, interpreted the Council's reply differently: to the words "by-feature of the Company's concession," the Company apparently attached the interpretation that this was in fact granting a concession for railless vehicles in the same way as it holds the concession for trams: the Company's reply was "the Board accepts the extension of its concession to railless cars." Whether the Council has power from the Ratepayers to grant such an extension is open to doubt, but as the impression of the Company as shown in its letter was not disputed the propriety of supporting the permanency of the railless system must, under the circumstances, be realised. It is directed that the question whether Clause 2 of the Tramway agreement by itself imposes any obligation on the Council to approve railless cars, or to give the Company a preference as against others in this respect will be submitted for the opinion of the Legal Adviser.

Volunteer Corps.

Command of the Corps. The reply of Mr Keswick is submitted informing the Council that he has addressed pressing representations to the War Office for the return of Captain Hilton-Johnson to his appointment in the Police Force.

German and Austrian Companies. The Report of the Commandant is submitted on the subject of a meeting of Officers to discuss the desirability or otherwise of the German and Austrian Companies continuing to parade or mobilise with the Corps. A full verbatim account of the proceedings has been read by the members, and it is noted that as a result of what has passed, the Officer Commanding the German Company has, on behalf of both Companies, voluntarily notified their intention to abstain from attendance at the Corps parades: that in case of mobilisation, the two Companies hope to be stationed so as to adjoin neutral units, and that their drills and practice work, separate from the Corps, will proceed without intermission.

"B" Company, British. A commission as 2nd Lieut. is granted to Mr V.H. Lanning.

Retired Rank. At the recommendation of the Commandant, permission is given that in the case of Mr G.M. Jameson, who has served seven years as an officer, a departure be permitted from Regulation XIII that retired rank is only granted after nine years' service.

Traffic and Tramway Regulations. The Legal Adviser has stated his view that it is not within the Council's powers to make the three additional Bye-laws relating to ticket clauses which the Company requires to be embodied. A letter from Messrs. Platt, Macleod and Wilson is submitted undertaking that the Company will never call upon the Council to prosecute for a breach of the Tramway Bye-laws: that it will never call upon the Police to help to enforce the ticket clauses in question; and that it does not intend to prosecute except for wilful misbehaviour. This eliminates the difficulties which the Council would meet with in applying the ticket clauses, and their inclusion is approved. The text of the amendments has been carefully scrutinised by the members, and their publication in accordance with Article XI of the Land Regulations is directed.

Refugee Criminals. A further letter from the Committee of the China Association on this subject encloses copy of representations which has been addressed to H.M. Consul General endeavouring to enlist H.M. Minister's sympathy in the Association's views, but does not communicate his reply. The argument with which the Committee of the Association concludes its letter seems to go astray, and to involve the strange opinion that the Police cannot arrest a criminal without the sanction of the Chinese Authorities and without a warrant. This appears to be quite erroneous; but without commenting thereon, it appears necessary only to reply that the Council prefers that a sub-Committee of the Association should confer, as previously suggested with the Captain Superintendent, and with one or two members of the Watch Committee.

Ratepayers Meeting, Resolutions. The Council's resolutions for the forthcoming meeting are submitted in proof and authorised to be published. One of the members questions whether the Resolution for the re-assessment of land might not be published, but it is pointed out that it is preferable that this should be proposed by outside Ratepayers in accordance with the precedent set five years ago, and that it will accordingly be published in the later notice.

Owing to the absence of Mr Mackay and because the signature of a Resolution by another person on his behalf would be unusual even if it might be found possible the Chairman states that Mr E.S. Little has been requested and has consented to propose the Resolution for the adjourned meeting in connexion with the Electricity Department and that Mr Holliday will second it.

Electricity Department.

Loan. The Electrical Engineer has informed the Electricity Committee that the amount required to be raised for the Department this year is £1,250,000. After conference with him, the Committee has recorded its opinion that £1,800,000 cannot be required for this year's payments, and that one and a quarter million will suffice to cover the probable outlay. As the probable dates of payment for the extension plant can only be accurately gauged by the Electrical Engineer this amount is accordingly approved for insertion in the Resolution.

Advertisements on Trams. A proposed advertisement by the Pao-an-tang in connexion with a Relief Fund for famine refugees in Pootung has been submitted by the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce requesting the Council's consent to its being posted on the trams. As Article 7 (d) of the agreement prohibits the exhibition of advertisements on the exterior of the cars except those relating to the Company's service, it will be necessary to inform the Company that the Council's permission in this instance is given without prejudice to that Clause and as a special concession to the request of prominent Chinese residents. A Police comment in this connexion raises the question as to whether the funds to be collected will be applied to the purported object, but as the Pao-an-tang is a Chinese charitable institution of long standing reputation, it is thought unnecessary that the Council should concern itself with this point.

Town Hall. An application for permission to use the Hall for a dance, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Red Cross Fund, is not entertained, but if the proceeds are handed to a local charity such as the Shantung Road Hospital the application will be granted.

Membership of the Council. Mr Ishii has notified the Chairman that owing to his forthcoming departure upon appointment to take charge of the London house of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha this will be the last meeting which he will attend, and a unanimous vote of thanks for his services is recorded and the hope that the Council's agreeable relations with him may be renewed at a later date.

The meeting adjourns at 6.15 p.m.

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Chairman.

J. Mackintosh
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 15, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 A. Hide
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 The Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr A. Ishii

The minutes of the meeting of March 8 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The members of the Council for 1916, Baron Fujimura and Mr E.C. Richards, attend in order to hear the Chairman's proposed speeches at the forthcoming Meeting of Ratepayers.

The minutes of the meetings of the Finance and Electricity Committees of March 9 are submitted and confirmed.

German and Austro-Hungarian Companies. Report by the Commandant submits a communication from the Officer commanding the Austro-Hungarian Company in which he associates the Austro-Hungarian Company with the German Company in the understanding whereby these two companies will abstain from attendance at Corps parades, and will not be ordered to co-operate with other units of the Corps, except when and in such manner as may be considered advisable.

Japanese Company. The resignation of Captain Yoshida is submitted and accepted with regret, and it is noted that Lieutenant T. Yamauchi will assume command of the Company with effect from March 11.

Refugee Criminals. The comment of the Captain Superintendent upon the China Association's last letter is read: the reply will be as recently decided, deferring further discussion until conference between the Sub-Committee of the Association, the Captain Superintendent, and one or two members of the Watch Committee.

Public Band. The evidence given in the French Court on March 13 with reference to the discovery of a case of shells in Mr Meuser's garden, where Neilsen, a German subject and Morscher, an Austrian musician in the Public Band resided, has been read by the members in the public press. A report by the Conductor is submitted appending Morscher's explanation of his relations with Neilsen, namely that they were innocent, and that they were without any knowledge of his clandestine traffic in munitions. In the absence of proof that Morscher's explanation is untruthful, the Conductor neither accepts nor discredits it, and states that this musician recognising how serious this implication tends to prejudice in public opinion the other Germans and Austrians in the Band, has stated his willingness to resign. Noting that the Band Committee has seen the Conductor's report, the members, at Mr Johnstone's suggestion, dispense with reading it; and after remarks by Mr White-Cooper decide to dismiss Morscher without reason assigned, awaiting such action as he may be able to take. It is directed that his dismissal be notified forthwith in tomorrow's issue of the Municipal Gazette.

A letter from the German Consul-General requests reports from the Police containing all existing evidence on the subject of the accusations made against Neilsen in the press, and asks that they should include evidence both of the recent discovery of shells in the French Settlement and that of pistols in the custody of a Chinese said to be in the employ of Neilsen, which was the subject of proceedings in the Mixed Court of the Foreign Settlement. A Police report upon these requests is submitted, forwarding copy of the proceedings in the Mixed Court relating to the discovery of pistols and ammunition, but stating that no official communication having been received from the French Police the facts relating to the seizure of shells can only be gathered from the Press. The reply to the Consul-General will be in this sense.

Railless Trams. The questions whether Clause 2 of the Tramway Agreement imposes any obligation to give the Company a preference as against others to establish a system of Railless cars, and whether that clause imposes any obligation to approve railless cars have been submitted to the Legal Adviser, and his reply is read to the effect that there is nothing in the agreement which imposes either of these obligations on the Council. He points out verbally, on the other hand, that the Council's correspondence with the Company, notably the letters of February 19, April 3 and April 21, coupled with the agreement, appear to have granted to the Company such exclusive right to establish as against other parties; and that this right has been

conferred by the Council without the Ratepayers' approval; but without any permission to make extensions of the system unless the Council's approval is given for each extension. It appears evident that the position would be made quite satisfactory either by a resolution authorising the exclusive right to be conferred, or by a mention of the matter in the Chairman's Budget speech, notifying that the Ratepayers' sanction of the preferential right and their authority to give permission for future extensions from time to time is assumed. After some discussion it is decided that a mention in the Chairman's speech introducing the Budget for 1916 will be made accordingly, and a draft addition in this sense is read and adopted subject to such minor changes as the Chairman may find necessary.

Motor Lorries. A communication from the Tramway Company is read requesting that the maximum fee for motor lorries £35 per quarter be further raised. The members regard £35 as a sufficient maximum but the matter will receive the further attention of the Finance Committee before reply.

Ratepayers Meeting. The amendments to the Resolutions to be submitted at the Meeting namely that of Mr E.S. Little on the subject of the Bye-laws and that of the Rev. A.J. Walker on the subject of Charity Organisation are submitted: and that relating to Charity Organisation, which is the subject of a communication by Mr Ezra, who explains it verbally. The Chairman states that the impression therein conveyed that the suggestion as to a Special Committee of enquiry emanated from him is due to some misapprehension. After some discussion Mr White-Cooper points out the difficulty which will be created by the amendment in its present form, because it provides for an addition of £15,000 to the Budget pending the enquiries by the proposed Special Committee. It would be preferable that this amendment should provide that subject to such enquiries the Council shall be empowered, in its discretion, to include this amount in the Budget, and Mr Ezra undertakes to alter the amendment, after discussion with the Charity Organisation Committee. On this understanding the payment of the grant hitherto allowed of £3,600 will be made not quarterly but in advance after the Ratepayers' adoption of the Budget; and it is recorded that while the suggestion as to the formation of a Special Committee finds little favour with the Council, the Resolution on this basis will under the circumstances not be actively opposed.

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The Chairman's Speeches. The speeches with which the Chairman intends to propose the passing of the Report and Financial Statement for the year 1915, and to introduce the Budget for the year 1916 are read and adopted, subject to one addition introduced by the Vice-Chairman, to the passage relating to the investment in war loan bonds, to draw attention to the instructions as to remittance direct to the sterling account in London, to be applied to sterling payments, thereby obviating loss in exchange.

Public Holiday. To the Council's request addressed to the Foreign exchange banks that a public holiday be observed for the half day, in order to facilitate attendance at the meeting, a reply by the Chartered Bank is read, undertaking to close exchange business only, from noon.

Land Commission. Mr Burnie, the Ratepayers' nominee, submits his resignation owing to his forthcoming departure from Shanghai, and it is understood that Mr Brooke-Smith's name will be proposed in his stead.

Permanent Educational Committee. Dr Hawks Pott, who is about to return to Shanghai, will again be proposed to the Ratepayers as one of the members, and in view of the improbability of Dr Bondfield's return until October which has been stated by Mr Begg his locum tenens at the British and Foreign Bible Society, it is decided to invite Mr A.S. Wilson to permit his name to be proposed as the second of the Ratepayers' nominees.

General Hospital Governors. The names proposed for election are Dr G.E. Harwell, Messrs J, Johnstone and E.F. Mackay, and Dr N. Macleod.

Holy Trinity Cathedral. An application for an annual grant to the Cathedral has been made by Mr Clear, but upon explanation by Mr Hide it is understood that this has been transmitted to the Council in error.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

J. Mackintosh
Acting Secretary.

G. Harwell
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 22, 1916,
at 5 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs. E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs. J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 15 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Before the ordinary business of the meeting begins, Mr Pearce refers to the resignation of Mr A. Hide, whose services have lasted four years, and the usual expression of appreciation is recorded. After thanking the members for their support during the past year, Mr Pearce vacates the chair. He is unanimously re-elected, upon the proposal of Mr White-Cooper, who addressed some remarks to the members the substance of which are as follows:-

"It can hardly be realised how onerous are the duties which we
 "are once more asking Mr Pearce to exercise: formal addresses to the
 "Ratepayers at their Annual Meetings, interviews with Consular and
 "other officials which sometimes demand skill and care, the
 "presidence, not only at the Council's own meetings, but at such
 "ceremonial occasions as the openings of schools, prize-givings and a
 "variety of functions in connexion with Municipal work, form some of
 "the smallest of the burdens which he carries. Our confidence in him
 "is the result, not only of the success which attends his energies,
 "but of our knowledge that so long as he is Chairman, so long will
 "sterling honesty of purpose be credited to us in the work which we
 "do for the community. In Mr Pearce the Council possesses an asset
 "of the highest value."

Count Jezierski seconded the proposal, and Mr Ezra and the other members severally associate themselves with the feeling to which expression has been given.

Mr White-Cooper is appointed Vice-Chairman.

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Standing Committees.

The Chairman states that the

Finance Committee will consist of Count Jezierski, Baron Fujimura and himself. The Chairmanship of the

Watch Committee he intends now to vacate in favour of Mr White-Cooper, and to undertake the representation of the Council on the Permanent and Foreign Educational Committees. Mr Mackie consents to take a seat on the Watch Committee and Mr Johnstone will continue to serve. The

Works Committee will accordingly be composed of Messrs Ezra, Merriman and Richards. On the

Electricity Committee, the Council's representatives, to be two in number, in accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee, will be Messrs. White-Cooper and Mackie.

Sub-Committees. On the Band Committee Mr Johnstone will continue with Messrs. Burrett and Lundt. The membership of the

Permanent Educational Committee, in accordance with Resolution IX at the Annual Meeting, will include Dr. F.L. Hawks Pott and Mr A.S. Wilson together with the Chairmen of the Foreign and Chinese Educational Committees, with Mr Pearce. The

Foreign Educational Committee will consist, as before, of Mrs. Merriman and Mrs. Billinghamurst, Mr C.P. Dawson, Dr.R.S. Ivy and Dr. S.I. Woodbridge with Mr Pearce, and the membership of the

Chinese Educational Committee which at present consists of Messrs. Ezra, Shen Tun Ho, Chi-eh Nieh and the Rev.W. Hopkyn Rees, will be brought to the number of five by inviting Mr. Phillips, H.M. Vice-Consul, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. O.R. Coales during last year. On the Public Recreation Ground Committee Mr. Mackie will continue to serve.

The Parks Committee will remain as heretofore .

Special Committees. For the Traffic and Licensing Bye-law Special

Committee, the Chairman suggests Messrs. McNeill and Platt, with two Ratepayers and perhaps one member of the Council, but decision upon this point is for the present deferred. For the Charity Organisation Committee the names of Mr. Peebles and Brother Faust are mentioned, but the Chairman ~~can~~ defers the matter for further consideration at the Council's next meeting.

Matters for special consideration. The Chairman refers to certain matters

of note which require early settlement during the forthcoming year. The most prominent of these is the question of Pay in the Police Force: in this connexion he refers to the information which has been submitted to the Watch Committee showing that more than half the

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Sergeants and Constables at present on the roll have considerable savings in the Savings Bank, some of them have the maximum amount of \$5000, some \$1000, and several have over \$500, and a considerable number have smaller sums of about \$200 and \$300. It appears probable, however, that the decision which will be necessary on this subject must be based, less upon the merits of the men's case, than upon the necessity of retaining their services, which is rendered difficult owing to the improved rate of pay stated to be obtainable at home.

Superannuation Fund Rules. The amendment of these Rules is a task which last year's Finance Committee proposed to undertake, and the members have recorded their opinion that this should be effected if possible during the forthcoming year.

The question of Public Lighting by Gas and the memorandum of the Gas Company has the attention of the Works Committee.

Educational Matters. The sale of the site of the Public School for Girls and its transfer to a better situation, together with certain questions relating to the Pay of the Staff of the Foreign Schools demand consideration in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

E. C. P. [Signature]

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Chairman.

J. M. [Signature]
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 29, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
Baron Y. Fujimura
Court L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
E.C. Richards
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 22 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of March 27 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the

Central Offices Contract. The Chairman remarks that the rise in steel prices was long since a matter of common knowledge the effect of which ought easily to have been forestalled by timely purchases; and after some discussion it is understood that the Works Committee will hold a special meeting in the near future for the further examination of this point.

Markham Road Bridge. Enquiries will be made with a view to ascertaining whether this bridge might not be more cheaply constructed departmentally than by contract.

Volunteer Corps.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant eight months leave is granted to Lieut. J.H. Crocker from March .

Upon the Commandant's recommendations, the following commissions are authorised for issue:-

"B" Company British. 2nd Lieut. J.H. Crocker as Lieut. on promotion.

"A" Company British. 2nd Lieut. W.J. Monk as Lieut. on promotion.

Maxim Company. 2nd Lieut. E.B. Heaton-Smith as Lieut. on promotion.

Customs Company. 2nd Lieut. H.P. Hilliard as Lieut. on promotion.

Shanghai Scottish Company. 2nd Lieut. J.S. Chisholm as Lieut. on promotion.

Retired Rank. The recommendation of the Commandant that grants

of retired rank be made by endorsements on the last commission held has the Council's approval.

Admiral Tseng. A portrait of Admiral Tseng as a commemorative gift to the Police Force, has been transmitted by the Chinese Authorities, and an expression of the Council's thanks will be conveyed in reply.

Neilsen and Morscher. A letter from the German Consul General states that Neilsen has been fined 150 marks and requests transmission by the Council for the future of any evidence against any German subjects which may be in the hands of the Police, with a view to their prosecution and punishment by the German Consular Court. In the members' opinion no reply is needed to this communication.

The Austrian Consul General, in a letter submitted, requests that the proofs and minutes relating to the Council's dismissal of Morscher be transmitted to him, and it is directed that the Council's opinion be conveyed to him that the witnesses in the French Mixed Court are the best source from which these proofs may be obtained.

Electricity Committee. The resignation by Mr Fairchild of his membership is read: in view of the recommendations as to the constitution of the Committee contained in the Special Committee's report no vacancy is created thereby.

Departmental Secretary. The recommendation of the Electrical Engineer that Mr Woodford be appointed Secretary has the Electricity Committee's approval, which the Council confirms.

Foreign Educational Committee. With regard to the vacancy created by Mrs Richard's resignation, the Chairman considers that a membership of two ladies is sufficient, and it is understood that Mrs Merriman shares this view: but as a result of the Chairman's request at the last meeting the lady members have already approached another lady, and there is at present some uncertainty as to how far this arrangement has proceeded. Mr Merriman undertakes to ascertain and arrange the matter by consultation in the near future.

Special Committees. After some discussion it is decided that the Committee upon Municipal Charity shall include Mr Peables as a member of the Charity Organisation Committee, and the membership will consist of 6 viz. Messrs Skinner-Turner, White-Cooper, Selby Moore, Peables, Rev.C.E. Darwent and the Rev. Faust. As the Overseer of Taxes has been a member of the Charity Organisation Committee and is well acquainted with its conditions of work, he will act as Secretary to this Special Committee.

The membership of the Byelaws Committee is finally decided as follows:-

Messrs Platt, McNeill, Stephen, McMurray and E.S. Little. The Police Legal Assistant Mr Newman is in constant touch with the deficiencies of the existing byelaws, and the remedies of which the Police executive most feel the need. The duty of drafting the recent proposed amendments was carried out by Mr Newman at the Watch Committee's direction: he will accordingly act as Secretary to this Committee.

Mr Little and the Electricity Department. Mr Little's statement in his speech on the subject of the Special Electricity Committee's work, that an ordinary Municipal employe is an official, but that the "Electricity Department is not run by an official but by an expert" has given offence to the Treasurer and the Engineer who submit report complaining of the injustice of the implication that they are not themselves experts in their particular spheres. It is realised that probably Mr Little's meaning was that the Electrical Engineer is an expert in a saleable commodity, whereas other experts in the Municipal service are administrative officials. The members are entirely aware that this and other statements made by Mr Little are at fault owing to inaccurate reasoning and expression; but any course of action except disregard, would confer on them more than due importance.

The Municipal Gazette for March 30 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

W. C. P. [Signature]

Chairman.

[Signature]
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 5, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of March 29 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the special meetings of the Works Committee of March 30
and April 3 are submitted and confirmed.

Central Offices Contract. A letter from the Contractor is submitted relating to the decision of the Committee at the second of these meetings that the Council might provide steel bars to complete the contract at £80 per ton, but that no further concessions will be made, and that other materials must be purchased to enable satisfactory completion of the contract. The Contractor states that the purchase of other materials is difficult at the present juncture and merely promises to do the best in his power.

After some discussion and in view of the decision of the Works Committee payments, due to the Contractor, amounting to £100,000 will always be retained in hand as security for future irregularity, the recommendations of the Works Committee are approved.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Watch Committee of March 31 are
submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of April 3 are submitted
and confirmed. With regard to the

General Hospital. Mr Johnstone refers to the difficulty of providing hospital accommodation to meet further needs after the war, especially when the quantity of shipping in port returns to normal. The Vice-Chairman suggests, however, that there is no obligation to provide hospital accommodation for shipping, and that a great many of the vessels, especially the war-ships, have ships doctors: moreover the General Hospital is not at present full. It is admitted that the General Hospital has refused to give admission to Indians, but the

Chairman points out that provision has been made for an Indian Hospital, similar to the Chinese Police Hospital, near the site of the Victoria Nursing Home. The Chairman is of opinion that the existing site of the General Hospital might be utilised more economically, and that a site for a separate hospital for women might with advantage be acquired in a more suitable district.

The opinion prevails that this extension should be postponed unless clear and convincing proof can be produced by the Governors that it is truly indispensable and urgent for the hospital needs of the Settlement. It is accordingly directed that the Governors be requested to supply details as to the existing accommodation at the General Hospital, as to the additional accommodation which is projected and the calculations upon which the estimate of the imminent need therefor is based.

Treasurer's Agreement. The members, after considerable discussion,, confirm the Committee's recommendation that the maximum Pay for the post of Treasurer be increased to £1000 per mensem but do not favour the recommendation that his existing three monthly agreement be revised; and direct that his services continue on the same terms as at present until its expiry, namely on October 30, 1918.

Exchange. It is recognised that as the Council's bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank should be notified of the highest rate offered by any other banks so that it may have an opportunity of offering the same or better terms: and the additional direction is given that when the broker approaches the banks he shall state that the Council is his principal.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 4 will be submitted hereafter. The Chairman or the Committee describes the decisions which were arrived at and an intimation to the Force of the Council's approval of a modified new scale is authorised forthwith.

Membership. A letter from Mr Hide expresses his acknowledgment of the Council's thanks for his services.

Fire Brigade. The appointments of Mr E.B. Clarke to be Foreman, of Mr M.B. Matthews to be 1st Assistant and of Mr J. Feely to be 2nd Assistant in the Victoria Company, elected by the Company, but against the advice of the Chief Officer are submitted and approved.

Criminal Refugees. The Chairman of the Watch Committee informs the members that the Chairman of the China Association, Mr Maeray,

accompanied by Mr Platt and the Secretary of the Association, will meet the Committee at a special meeting at midday on Friday, April 7, in order to arrive at a clearer understanding, and with a view to the removal of the notable misapprehensions of which the Association's letter appears to give some indication.

Public Band. In view of the statement which appeared in the public press that since the outbreak of the war the German and Austrian musicians have refused to play at patriotic performances, a statement has been authorised to be published in the North China Daily News to the effect that they have been required by the Council not to attend patriotic entertainments, and that they have expressed themselves willing to attend whenever they are required.

Land Assessment. The Assessors, in reply to the usual invitation to serve, suggest that their assessment should not be at the fair market value of the land but should be at the present fair assessment for taxation, and the Works Committee will give consideration to this matter in the near future.

Special Committees. It is noted that the Council's nominees upon the Byelaws Committee and the Municipal Charity Committee have all expressed their willingness to serve, except Mr Selby-Moore, who is temporarily absent from Shanghai.

Foreign Educational Committee. It is understood that the members of the Committee are generally of opinion that the vacancy created by Mrs Richard need not be filled, and this point will be given consideration at their next meeting.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

J. Mackintosh

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 12, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of April 5 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman with the exception that on the subject of Exchange, it is recorded that the preference to be given to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in this matter as the Council's bankers, shall be confined to allotting the contracts to this bank when it quotes the same rate as other banks; that it shall not be notified of the rate offered by any of the other banks, and that the highest offer shall be accepted outright. The order in which the banks shall be approached is to be left to the Council's broker.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of April 4 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Watch Committee of April 7 are submitted and confirmed.

Legal Advice. The view is unanimously expressed that it appears desirable to obtain an expression of the views of the principal Heads of Departments with the object of re-consideration by the Finance Committee of the arrangements by which legal advice is at present obtained.

Mixed Court. A recommendation by the Engineer as to the demolition of the temporary building on the east of the disused Court building is approved, and the necessary communication will be made to the Consular Body on the subject.

Taverns on outside Roads. As a result of representations made to the landlords arising out of complaints received from several quarters, the termination of the tenancies of four taverns in the North Szechuen Road Extension has been arranged, and the complainants

have been notified accordingly.

Siccawei Road. A communication from the French Council is submitted suggesting the widening of the Siccawei Road to 60 feet between the Route de Say Zoong and the Great Western Road: at the suggestion of the Engineer the Works Committee recommends that this widening be effected from the Bubbling Well Road to the Route de Say Zoong, with payment of the expenditure for the section north of the Great Western Road by the Council, and for the section south of the Great Western Road by the two Councils equally. Mr Merriman questions whether the corner of the Bubbling Well Road as shown on the plan submitted is not possibly too large, and the Works Committee will give special consideration to this point, and to the estimates of cost to be submitted hereafter. With this proviso the project is in principle approved.

Water Supply. For the forthcoming arbitration the members unanimously adopt the Chairman's suggestion that Mr Simms should be invited to act as the Council's representative.

Electricity Department. At the first meeting of the Committee which has been held since the Ratepayers Meeting i.e. on April 10, the secretarial duties were formally transferred, and the work of the Department will for the future proceed in accordance with the recommendations of the Special Committee as adopted by the Ratepayers.

As to the principles upon which the tariff should be framed, the rates of supply, the securities for contracts, the submission of the Budget and accounts, etc. should be arranged, it is pointed out that formal consideration should be given to the suggestions contained in the general report of the Treasurer previously submitted, and particularly to the recommendations contained on page 14 under the heading "Future Management;" and that the Committee's recommendations thereon should be submitted as soon as possible. The Committee will be notified accordingly.

Chang Su Ho's Garden. An application by Chang Su Ho for remission of Land Tax is submitted. It is pointed out that the garden is used almost entirely by Chinese and that the owner makes entry free in order to induce as many as possible ^{to} use the tea-houses and entertainments. The members are averse to any exemption from Land Tax, but when the new assessment is completed the desirability of making arrangements with Chang Su Ho whereby a portion of the garden shall be set aside at a suitable rental for public use ^{by foreigners} will, at the

Chairman's suggestion, be the subject of consideration hereafter.

Motor Lorries. A further communication from the Tramway Company is submitted, requesting a still further increase of the maximum fee, £35 per quarter, fixed in the Licence Schedule for exceptionally heavy vehicles. The Finance Committee has arrived at the opinion that as these lorries do not make the same demand upon the roadways as the trams, the fee of £35 per quarter is, under the circumstances, an adequate increase and that the Council's undertaking of April 15, 1915, on this point has thus been sufficiently fulfilled.

Charity Organisation Committee. The consent of Mr Selby Moore to serve on the Committee is noted by the members with satisfaction.

Public Band. A copy of a letter from Dr Ransom on this subject addressed to the proposer of the Resolution at the recent Meeting of Ratepayers has been transmitted for the members' information, and will be circulated for perusal forthwith.

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

Loan 1916. After considerable discussion it is decided that recent developments warrant a modification of the Finance Committee's decision relating to the terms of the issue, and the notification ^{to be} ~~to be~~ ^{advertised} on the subject is accordingly amended to provide the issue at par.

Closing of ^{the} Municipal Offices. The dates when the Municipal Offices will be closed to public business will conform with those fixed and advertised by the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

E. C. Payne

Chairman.

G. M. ...
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 19, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of April 12 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 10 are
 submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Education Committee of April 18
 are submitted and confirmed. On the subject of

Procedure and Records of the Committee's Proceedings, Mr White-Cooper
 points out in the first place that it has certainly never been
 contemplated by the Education Committee that the Headmaster should
 occupy any position entitling him, as of right, to comment upon the
 administration or work of the other schools or to bear any responsibi-
 lity with reference to them; and he recounts how it came about that
 the Headmaster was present with the other Headmaster and Headmistresses
 at the meetings since last year, when the Public School Committee
 became the Foreign Education Committee in charge of the Foreign
 Public Schools: at that time it was suggested as usual that Mr.
 Billings need not remain during the discussion of the business of
 institutions other than his own, but as he expressed a preference to
 remain in order to hear what was passing, no objection was raised.
 Mr. White-Cooper is not of opinion that this arrangement has proved
 useful: the Committee is always in a position to request the comment
 of the Headmaster upon any matter not affecting the Public School for
 Boys as to which it is thought that his knowledge would be of use; but
 this occasional need seems to be no ground for his presence during
 proceedings relating to other institutions, or for his obtaining
 copies of the records of the Committee's meetings relating to them.

Mr. Ezra, referring to the Public Schools for Chinese, points out the undesirability of any special arrangement in the case of the Headmaster of the Public School, such as that at which Mr. Billings appears to have aimed, and emphasises the importance of holding in view that the minutes of the Committees' proceedings are the members' records of their discussions and decisions which are only handed to heads of departments on occasion, as a matter of convenience in conveying instructions.

The members are unanimously of opinion that in accordance with the usual procedure of other Committees the Heads of the Schools should be present at the meetings separately, except when for any special reason the presence of two or more of them together seems desirable; and that there shall be transmitted to the Headmaster copies of such records and documents only as directly affect the Public School, or upon which the Secretary's Office finds it evidently probable that the Committee or the Council may hereafter require the Headmaster's comment.

Police Force. A communication from Mr. Henry Keswick informs the Council that Captain Hilton-Johnson has left London on April 1 to return to his duties in the Police Force, and Mr. White-Cooper expresses the Watch Committee's satisfaction at this arrangement.

Communications to the Press. Particulars are submitted showing that there have appeared cited in full in the "Shanghai Times" and the "Shanghai Mercury" a confidential communication from the Council to the Captain Superintendent of Police, and the Council's order on the subject of Pay, details of which, in accordance with Mr. Merriman's suggestion made at the meeting of December 15 last, should not be published in the Press. As the Council's standing orders and instructions to the Force strictly prohibit any communication to the Press, the Captain Superintendent is making this matter the subject of special enquiry, and appropriate action will be taken by the Watch Committee.

Electricity Loans. The reply of Mr. A.H. Preece is submitted to the questions which were formulated relating to procedure upon requisitions for Municipal borrowing facilities in England, and how it might be applied by the Council to the Department's loan requirements. The publication of Mr. Preece's memorandum on this point is directed.

Waterworks Arbitration. The Chairman states that he has been approached by Mr. Cubitt with the request that representations be made to the members that the Waterworks Company would prefer the submission of the impending arbitration to H.M. Supreme Court Judge at once

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without the intervening step, laid down in the Agreement, of selecting two indifferent parties as arbitrators in the first instance. The Chairman is of opinion that for many reasons the terms of the Agreement should be complied with, and the members unanimously adopt this view.

The Chairman of the Works Committee enquires whether Mr. Cubitt verbally conveyed any expression of regret as to the terms of the last reply of the Waterworks Company, which has a character of studied discourtesy unlike anything which has ever been addressed to the Council in his experience: and on learning that at the interview no reference was made thereto, he comments on the fact that the Company should see nothing unfitting in now making approaches informally with a view to diverting the procedure from the channel laid down in the agreement, to a course which corresponds with its individual preference and interests.

Charity Organisation. The resignation by Mr. Skinner Turner of his membership is submitted and accepted, and Mr. Fessenden's appointment is confirmed.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

E. C. H. H. H.

Chairman.

J. M. A. H. H. H.

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, April 26, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
Baron Y. Fujimura
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.C.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
E.C. Richards
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of April 19 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of April 17 are
submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of April 20 are submitted
and confirmed with the following observations and exceptions:-

Markham Road Bridge. A report by the Engineer is submitted to the
effect that the reconstruction of this bridge departmentally, would
not lead to good results, and that in the absence of concrete and
other materials, the use of Oregon pine is advisable. The acceptance
of the tender of Yao Sing Kee, \$9320, is authorised accordingly.

Nanking and Thibet Roads, Lot 617. Mr Ezra has visited the site
of the proposed improvement and has formed the view that undue hardship
would be inflicted by insisting upon the rebuilding of the shop at the
east end of the portion scheduled from the western corner. A reply
is accordingly directed that the Council is willing to give
consideration to a claim referring only to the portion as to which
rebuilding is contemplated, provided that the give-and-take arrangement
of which mention has previously been made, be concluded at the same
time, whereby so soon as the remainder of the property is to be rebuilt
an area in the Lloyd Road will be incorporated on the east side of the
property.

Avenue Edward VII. Co-operation between the Engineer and the
Engineer of the French Municipal Council is necessary with a view to
insuring that the arrangements relating to lighting poles shall be
symmetrical.

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Fire Brigade. In compliance with Fire Brigade Regulation 9, which provides that no foreman or 1st or 2nd Assistant shall accept promotion in the Volunteer Corps above the rank of Lance Corporal, the resignation of Mr R.A. Stuart, 1st Assistant in No. 1 Company, on his appointment as Sergeant in the Volunteer Corps is notified by the Chief Officer in a report submitted. The Chief Officer nevertheless recommends that in view of the shortage of men in the Company, Regulation 9 be waived, and that Mr Stuart be allowed to retain his rank in the Brigade on the understanding that the Volunteer Corps shall at all times have the first claim on his services. As this recommendation to some extent affects the Volunteer Corps, the views of the Commandant will be ascertained.

Volunteer Corps.

American Company. A letter addressed by Captain Ransom to the Commandant on the subject of the two Gatling Guns allocated to the American Company by the American Government is submitted, with proposed reply re-iterating the opinion that the guns in question should be the Council's property. The Chairman will interview the Commandant before despatch of this reply, and will if need be discuss the matter hereafter with the American Consul General with a view to arranging if possible that the guns be utilised by the Corps without the creation of any unsatisfactory precedent.

Opium and Mr Little. A letter from Mr E.S. Little is submitted requesting its publication, together with an enclosure consisting of a copy of a letter of December 14, 1914 addressed to him by Mr Ezra. The enclosure is marked "Private and Confidential", and in the members' opinion, the Municipal Gazette is not a suitable medium for publishing correspondence of this character. They have taken note of the explanatory features of Mr Little's communication, and Mr Ezra points out that the Council's previous record took rise from no wish to place any construction upon his negotiations other than that which is set forth in his letter. The members concur in the view that no further action seems to be called for.

General Hospital. The Governors, having been requested to produce proof that the extension is indispensable and urgent for the hospital needs of the Settlement, have submitted details of the accommodation and of the projected extension, and a report by the Health Officer is read pointing out their failure to show that the want of accommodation is so urgent that the large new extension cannot be postponed until the cost of imported materials returns to the normal. Other facts which are not

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made sufficiently clear are that a considerable number of new rooms are about to be made at the top of the existing block, that the Hospital St. Marie and the Red Cross Hospital together with the extension of the Isolation Hospital, ^{now} in progress will relieve the General Hospital of a number of cases and of consumptives; and that there is also spare accommodation in the Sisters' new block, which might be used for women and children. Mr Johnstone and Mr Ezra express views in favour of proceeding with the extension, but further discussion is deferred pending knowledge as to the result of impending correspondence between the General Hospital and French Council which Count Jezierski anticipates.

Gas Company's Memorandum. The Chairman of the Works Committee states that as a result of further examination of the questions raised in this memorandum, he finds that instead of the 25 per cent discount a nominal contribution of £1000 in consideration of the franchise should be sufficient; and after some discussion the members are not averse to an arrangement on this basis provided it is subject to revision at any time. As to a dual system of lighting, their opinion is unanimous that this should not be based upon an arbitrarily decided addition to the number of lamps, or a system of alternate gas and electricity, but should simply consist of the provision of gas at important points throughout the Settlement sufficient to mitigate the bad effect of any serious disturbance of the electric-light system. The remaining requests of the Company, viz: an increase in the price per lamp for public lighting, restriction of reductions in prices for electric current for heating and cooking, and the prohibition of preferential rates for electricity to different consumers, are finally pronounced to be inadmissible. On this basis Mr Ezra proposes to hold a further conference with Mr Hogg in the near future.

Steel Purchases. The Engineer reports the purchase of 140 tons of steel bars at an average price of £214 per ton, which has the Council's approval.

Annam and Haroon Roads, Lighting. The Engineer's recommendations with regard to the lighting of these roads are submitted, and a suggestion has been made as to the creation of a street island at the junction of the Haroon and Great Western Roads. The members are of opinion that the traffic at this point at the present time is not sufficient to require an island: and with this exception the Engineer's recommendation is approved.

Tramways. In view of the grave obstruction of traffic which would be caused by the retention of the turnout in the Avenue Edward VII, a request has been communicated to the Tramway Company for its removal, to the Pakhod Road, and the Company has enquired under what provision in the Agreement this request is made. It is evident that the Council's reasonable requirements in this respect should be complied with; and the suggestion made in a report by the Engineer that the cost be equally divided between the Company and the Council will be tentatively suggested with a view to settlement.

Ellis Kadoorie Public School for Chinese. The application of the widow of Mr Kirk, that the passage of herself and children be paid, is granted on the ground that Mr Kirk's leave passage was due within four months, and that a proportionate amount may accordingly be paid to his widow together with such small addition as will enable her to travel via Siberia and return to her work in the French Municipal School. It is recorded that this arrangement is to establish no precedent and is permitted only in view of the exceptional circumstances of Mr Kirk's decease.

Waterworks Arbitration. It has been ascertained that for various reasons the selection of Mr Simms as the Council's nominee presents difficulties, and the Chairman's proposal of the name of Mr Peebles has the members unanimous approval.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

E. C. [unclear]

Chairman.

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Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 3, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

- Mr. E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
- Baron Y. Fujimura
- Count L. Jezierski
- Messrs. J. Johnstone
- C.G.S. Mackie
- W.L. Merriman
- E.C. Richards
- A.S.P. White-Cooper
- The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr. E.I. Ezra

The minutes of the meeting of April 26 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Shooting Affray in the North Szechuen Road. Police reports on this
incident have been submitted, and the Chairman recounts the arrange-
ments which were made on the evening in question in precaution
against any untoward event.

Salt Gabelle. A communication is submitted from the Local Inspectorate,
of which the office is situated in Chapel, requesting permission to
remove to the Foreign Settlement, and undertaking that the office will
not exercise any administrative functions and will remove after
reasonable notice. On this understanding, and with the additional
condition that no collections will be made whatsoever in the
Settlement, and that no Chinese sign-board will be used outside the
premises, assent to the application is sanctioned.

Opium Smuggling. A Police report is submitted referring to the convictior
in the Mixed Court of the proprietor of an opium shop at No. 225
Canton Road. The usual Police practice is that licences are not
recommended for withdrawal for breaches of the conditions until two
breaches have been committed, but in view of the importance of
suppressing the smuggling of opium, which has now reached such
extensive proportions as may defeat the objects of the movement for
the suppression of opium, the members are unanimously of opinion
that licenses of opium shops should be withdrawm after the first
offense of this sort. The withdrawal of the licence for No.225,
Canton Road has been directed accordingly.

Opium and Mr. Little. A further communication from Mr. E.S. Little requests the publication of his letter alone, without the enclosure of Mr. Ezra's letter of December 14, 1914. In the absence of any need for publishing this correspondence in the Municipal Gazette, the members are not in favour of including it.

Mixed Court Alterations. Repairs to the gates of the Mixed Court compound and the changes to the entrances to the Civil Suits and Security Offices have been authorised, but the formal sanction of the Consular Body has not yet been received. As however the work is of a minor nature, involving an estimated expenditure of only \$400, it is decided to proceed forthwith.

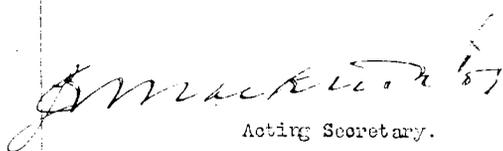
Building Contracts. A report by the Engineer is submitted referring to his previous recommendation that a payment of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent increase on the building contract for the Thomas Hanbury School for Boys be authorised in compensation to the contractor, Joe Ming Kee, for the rise in the price of labour. An application by the contractor is also submitted in this sense, stating that a few weeks later his tender would have been higher by \$2300, and asking for payment accordingly.

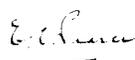
Reference is made to the previous decision of February 1915, when it was recorded that as the contract was made as late as December 2, 1914, and as the contractor's business is well-established no such increase is admissible. The members are unanimously averse to forming further precedents for revising the terms of contracts upon pleas of this sort; the opinion prevails that the increase in question is not necessary in this instance, and that as by an addition of \$2300 the tender would be raised to \$53570, which would be a larger amount than the lowest tenderer but one, the increase would involve unfairness to that tenderer because he might have been willing to execute the work for the amount of his offer, \$52070. The application of Joe Ming Kee is accordingly not entertained.

Tax Office, Staff. An application by the Tax Collectors for additional Pay is submitted and will have the attention of the Finance Committee.

The Municipal Gazette for May 4 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.15 p.m.


Acting Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 17, 1916,
at 4.50 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.O. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.O.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.O. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 3 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of May 1 are
 submitted and confirmed with the exception of that on the subject of
Pay of the Electrical Engineer, which will be the subject of special
 consideration by the Finance Committee.

Volunteer Corps.

Staff Officers. To assist in the detail work of training the
 Commandant recommends the appointment of Major Pilcher as Director
 of Infantry Training and Captain Godfrey as Engineer Staff Officer:
 these arrangements are approved.

American Company. Five months' leave is granted to Lieut. F.R. Newman
 from May 15.

Headquarters Staff. A report by the Commandant is submitted on the
 subject of the unsatisfactory service of Staff Sergeant G. Smith and
 at his recommendation it will terminate forthwith with Pay to the end
 of May.

Fire Brigade. Letters from the Honorary Secretary set forth the arrange-
 ments for the Jubilee Celebration, which is to be held on June 7.
 The Council has authorised expenditure amounting to £1000, towards ^{which} the
 French Council has consented to contribute one-fifth. The Watch
 Committee undertakes to inspect the Brigade, accompanying the Chairman
 in his dual capacity on this occasion.

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Opium. Communications from the Opium Combine relating to the suppression of smuggling and from a section of the Chinese Opium Dealers objecting to the suppressive measures, are submitted. The point to which the Opium Combine refers is the desirability of stimulating preventive work and obviating allegations of bribery by means of the payment of rewards to the Police of \$30 per lb of smuggled opium detected, of which it is requested that a substantial proportion be paid to individual detectives in recognition of seizures. It is pointed out that the prevalence of smuggling tends seriously to prejudice the prospect of disposing of the stocks within the time-limit approved by the Ratepayers. Its effect is also entirely to stultify the policy of prevention, the support of which has been pressed upon the Council. The Watch Committee undertakes to give attention to this matter at its next meeting.

The representations of the Opium Dealers refer principally to the procedure relating to searches. The Watch Committee's instructions have been communicated to the Captain Superintendent that the attendance of persons at searches not authorised by the warrants will not be permitted. The presence of Mr Musso on these occasions, if not authorised by the terms of the search warrant, cannot, in the members' opinion, be tolerated; and even if authorised by the warrant is unanimously regarded as an entirely unsatisfactory arrangement. The examination of interior apartments other than the actual business premises is considered to be undoubtedly necessary. The requests that search warrants be produced and that the search be conducted with due regard to the inmates, persons and property have been brought to the notice of the Captain Superintendent.

Mixed Court. The approval of the Consular Body to the proposed alterations is submitted and noted.

Tramways. Trailers. A reply by the Tramway Company is submitted to the Council's suggestion that if the turnout in the Avenue Edward VII is removed this would adequately offset the objections to additional trailers on account of the congestion of traffic in the Nanking Road. The Company, demurs to the Council's request, but desires publication of the entire correspondence: if the Council's final reply as submitted is published therewith, there appears to be no objection to this course; but as it can, in the members' opinion, hardly conduce to the Company's best interests in the question at issue, it is directed that an opportunity be given for re-consideration of the request before publication.

General Hospital. A letter from the French Council encloses copy of a communication it has addressed to the General Hospital, which is in the sense that before accepting the additional responsibility involved by the proposed large new extension it proposes to arrange a basis of action in common with the Council, and is in favour of postponement if possible of this costly proposal, and the introduction of measures suitable to remedy the deficit in ^{the} Hospitals' working account during the last three years; for which the Councils are responsible.

Waterworks' Arbitration. The consent of Mr Peebles to act as arbitrator is now notified. The Chairman mentions the remoured possibility that an arrangement may be proposed by the Company such as might satisfy the views of Messrs. McBain and Fairchild. The Chairman of the Works Committee reminds the members of the excessively brusque and unjustifiable tone of the Company's last communication and points out that before anything can be done in this direction some step must be taken by the Company to repair the bad impression which this has made.

Public Works Department.

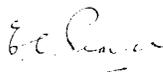
Expenditure. Reports by the Engineer have recommended expenditure of over £19000, half the cost of bundings on the Soochow Creek, for which there is no authority in the Budget; and a recommendation by the Treasurer suggests that in view of the unusual financial conditions prevailing and the uncertainty of placing the current year's loan, it is advisable to adhere rigidly to the provisions of the Budget. As the construction of these bundings if postponed will probably prove necessary in any event, wholly at the Council's expense, it appears advisable, before decision, to ascertain with certainty that there will be a reasonable prospect of obtaining the same contributions next year, and this point is referred for consideration to the Works Committee.

Public Band. A letter from Messrs Noel and Simms submits a memorandum which has been addressed to Ratepayers on the subject of the services of the Band. The memorandum and the letter taken together apparently anticipate action on the Council's part in accordance with the resolution put before the Ratepayers, namely that the services of the German and Austrian musicians shall be terminated at the end of their agreements. But a request signed by 680 voters is in the sense that the Band be made acceptable to the majority by arranging that German and Austrian members shall take no part in its performances. In the absence of any precise information in the letter and as a result of

conversations between Mr Simms and the Chairman it appears sufficient to state in reply that it would not be correct to act in divergence to the Ratepayers' resolution previously passed, and that it is understood that the writers are content to abide by the Council's choice of action.

The Municipal Gazette for May 18 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.



Chairman.

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Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 24, 1916,
at 5 o'clock p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 17 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman. With regard to

Tramway Trailers, it is noted that the Company now only desires publication of the correspondence in the event of a final difference of view with the Council on the subject; in the meantime Mr McColl has stated definitely that the turnout at Avenue Edward VII will be removed upon the terms already communicated to the Company provided that some facility is given with regard to its new position, and under these circumstances the Council's assent to the additional trailers on Routes Nos. 5 and 7 will be intimated.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parks Committee of May 18 are submitted
 and confirmed, but with regard to

Mr MacGregor's Pay, noting that the proposed increase will affect the maximum rates of employes of much higher qualifications than that of a landscape gardener, e.g. Architectural and Surveying Assistants of a considerable number of years service, the Chairman states that this must be given consideration by the Finance Committee. Mr Ezra points out that in the case of Heads of Departments, the revision of the schedule of maxima in the year 1918 has already been foreshadowed by the Finance Committee (minutes of the meeting of July 14, 1915), and as it has already been exceeded in more than one instance, he suggests that a revision might suitably take effect at the beginning of the year 1917, together with a revision of the maxima for the higher subordinate posts; and that if possible Mr MacGregor's increase be granted forthwith in anticipation of this revision.

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Shanghai General Hospital. Mr Johnstone having informed the members that there is a possibility of devoting to the extension, the proceeds of a legacy, of which Mr Keswick is the administrator, now states that he has received a telegraphic reply from Mr Keswick expressing willingness to make an application for a judicial order authorising this arrangement; and the members await the result with interest.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of May 19 are

submitted and confirmed. With regard to the

Superannuation Fund, it is noted that eligibility for pension in the Consular Service before the age of 60 is only obtainable under medical certificates. After discussion, the opinion is unanimous that a shortened

Time Limit of 15 years should be adopted. Referring to the recommendations of the Heads of Departments in the year 1908, the Chairman suggests that after a reasonable number of years' service such as 9 years, in the event of retirement without the Council's consent or request, and without specific fault, and after service which has been on the whole satisfactory, it would be reasonable to pay to the employe a portion of the whole amount standing at his credit in the Fund, proportionate to the part of the 15-years period which he has served. It is directed that a rule in this sense be added. With regard to the

Amount of the Contributions, the opinion is expressed that after the time-limit no increased contributions by employes and by the Council should be permitted.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of May 23 are submitted and confirmed.

Private Markets. After some discussion, in the course of which Count Jezierski points out that the desirability of discouraging private markets shows the need of collecting a stalls fee and a special private markets fee, the decision of the Committee is confirmed; and the dissent of Count Jezierski is recorded.

Volunteer Corps. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the following commissions are authorised for issue:-

Engineer Company. - Lieut. C.D. Pearson as Captain.

"A" Company British. - Lieut. G.M. Billings as Captain.

Consular Jurisdiction. A communication from the Consul-General for Germany is submitted in which he protests against the action of the Police in promptly executing a Russian Consular warrant, in spite of objection by the person on the ground that he is under German

protection. In the Council's opinion a rival claim to jurisdiction if made prior to the arrest suffices as ground to stay it; but in this case the protest, which comes after the arrest, is too late, and the reply will be in this sense with a statement that the Russian Consul-General will be informed of the protest.

Nanking and Chekiang Roads Corner. The Chairman of the Works Committee explains to the members a proposed give-and-take arrangement in connexion with the building which is being erected on Lot 629 whereby the public will gain a width of three feet and a half on the Nanking Road, and in exchange a slight encroachment at the Chekiang Road corner will be permitted amounting to about seven inches beyond the present building line. The arguments of the applicants, Messrs Lester, Johnson and Morriss tending to show the difficulties which they will experience in making a rounded instead of a splayed structure are questioned by the Engineer in a report submitted but it is recognised that to make a round structure would necessitate new plans: this would considerably delay the building project to the advantage of their clients competitor and as no widening is scheduled and the preference as regards appearance of a rounded structure is a matter of opinion, it is decided that there is not sufficient ground for insisting thereon.

Polytechnic Public School for Chinese. A suggestion by the Headmaster of the Ellis Kadoorie Public School for Chinese that an inexpensive temporary building sufficient to accommodate 100 boys be erected upon that portion of the site which is now vacant, is unanimously approved, and an estimate of the cost will be submitted forthwith.

Salt Gabelle. Further correspondence with the Sungkiang Branch of the Salt Inspectorate is submitted referring to the need of a Chinese sign-board in order to prevent mistake by the number of Chinese calling at the office; and after some discussion it is decided that if any departure from the previous decision as to the avoidance of a Chinese sign-board is permitted, the text of the inscription thereon shall make it clear that the office only exercises extra-Settlement functions.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6.45 p.m.

J. M. Atkinson
Acting Secretary.

E. C. ...
Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, May 31, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
Baron Y. Fujimura
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
E.C. Richards
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of May 24 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of May 29 are submitted
and confirmed with the exception that the decision on the subject of the
Avenue Edward VII, Lot 120, is the subject of discussion. Count
Jezierski states that he fully believes that the French Council would
contemplate recognition by land owners of betterment in compensation
for land surrenders involved by this fine improvement. The Chairman
remarks that the argument of Mr Ambrose that the property is now
already fronted by a road 100 feet wide, and therefore that no expro-
priation at this point produces any betterment, may possibly be correct
in the sense that the widening produces no advantage additional to that
which has already been provided to the property; he inclines to the
view that the straightening of the frontage line certainly in itself
constitutes an advantage; he is confident however that it will be the
general opinion that the straightening is necessary for the proper
completion of the magnificent improvement effected by the culvert, and
that as that improvement has beyond dispute greatly enhanced the value
of the property, it is on this account entirely just that a deduction^{should}
be made from such terms of compensation as may be arranged. After some
discussion, the members are unanimously of opinion that, if it should
prove necessary, this case should be submitted to the Land Commissioner
for settlement.

Volunteer Corps.

Maxim Guns. A report by the Commandant is submitted recommending the
employment upon the six maxim guns of a Japanese traversing gear, to be
constructed locally at a total cost of \$395, and noting the advantages

of mechanical accuracy and increase of the traversing arc etc, the recommendation is approved.

Fire Brigade, Town Hall. For an entertainment in connexion with the Fire Brigade celebration, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to assisting members of the Brigade on War Service, a verbal application for the use of the Town Hall has been made. It is considered preferable that this entertainment should not take place in the Hall and a reply in this sense is directed. The expenditure for the use of the Band at the Fire Brigade celebration will, with the approval of the Watch Committee, be met as a charge upon the miscellaneous expenditure of the Brigade.

Opium Searches. The Chairman of the Watch Committee informs the members that he and the Chairman have interviewed H.M. Consul-General to protest against the terms of an order which has been issued by the Junior British Assessor at the request of Mr Musso, authorising Mr Musso in general terms and such other persons as he may deem necessary to accompany the Police for the execution of search warrants. The rule which is cited as the authority for its issue, prohibits a warrant in general terms specifying house or place: the order in question is self-evidently an infringement of the spirit of this rule: the authority which it gives to Mr Musso for the accompaniment by further persons at his discretion is also, obviously, entirely ultra vires. Moreover, according to H.M. Consul-General's dictum, it places Mr Musso in the position of an official of the Court.

The principal and serious defect of this document is however pointed out by Count Jezierski, namely that it designates in what manner the Police Force shall perform its duty in connexion with a search warrant; this, in the members' opinion, is beyond the sphere of the Mixed Court to dictate, and certainly cannot be justified by the citation of that passage of the rules which, extracted from a similar rule in the procedure of home police courts, merely lays down that the Police may, at option, be accompanied by a person necessary to assist in a search; and is simply intended as a protection against action for trespass where a person other than a policeman attends the search. By no process of argument can this provision in the members' opinion, be stretched to authorise the Court to oblige the Police of the Foreign Settlement, which exercises its Police functions under the Land Regulations quite independently of the Court, to be accompanied by any person whom the Court may designate.

The Chairman of the Watch Committee expresses himself somewhat at variance with this view, because it is Mr Grant-Jones' belief, to

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which he is inclined to give some measure of attention, that the Mixed Court is still a semi-Chinese tribunal independently functioning subject to certain rules, and that the Police are, as it were "court runners"; but it is pointed out that even if its constitution remains unchanged since the year 1911, the contention that in addition to its purely judicial functions, the Court or its runners, ever had any executive functions whatsoever in the Foreign Settlement has consistently been controverted by the Council in countless official letters and pronouncements. It is directed that legal advice be sought upon the point before decision as to what mode of argument shall be employed in moving the Court for a variation of this order. In the meantime as a matter of courtesy to the Junior British Assessor, the Police will not for the present actively resist procedure in accordance with this irregular document.

Mr Ezra refers to the fact that the Watch Committee at its last meeting recognised that, upon the order of the Court, the presence of a person directed by the Court would be "unavoidable", but it is pointed out that this expression of opinion implies merely the present difficulty which the Council experiences, of resisting an order of this sort by active measures; but by no means precludes energetic protest, and strong support of the view of the Captain Superintendent that the initiative and right of prosecution in the matter of the sale of opium without Municipal licence is a Police function based upon Byelaw 34 and breaches of the Licence Conditions; and cannot be regarded as a function of the Chinese Government or of any individual parties affected.

Brothels. A letter from the Shanghai Missionary Association refers to the system of registration of brothels, and suggests that it be discontinued, and that Police action be more drastic. It is pointed out that the writers are apparently under a mistaken impression that the registration system is applied to all brothels, whereas it applies only to Cantonese brothels frequented by foreigners, a small section of establishments in the Chapoo Road neighbourhood. The impossibility of strict Municipal control of all the innumerable Chinese brothels has been recognised in the past. After some discussion, it is directed that the previous decisions on the subject be submitted for review by the Watch Committee with the object of their reaffirmation, or such modification, as present conditions may be found to warrant.

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Public Band. The Chairman states that the Council's reply to the letter of Messrs Noel and Simms has resulted in a personal visit from Mr Noel in which, upon enquiry, he was acquainted with the Band Committee's recommendation and the Council's decision, that the German musicians shall not attend at public performances, but shall continue their important practice work with the Manila men. Mr. Noel appeared to acquiesce, and to realise that this was all that could reasonably be done under the circumstances, and in order to provide an answer to enquiries he requested publication of his letter, and the Council's reply with a prefatory note relating to the recommendation of the Band Committee. Mr. Johnstone states that this recommendation was based upon a report by the Conductor of which, when he read it, he formed a high opinion; and while recognising that the document is not suited for publication in extenso, he makes the suggestion, which is unanimously adopted, that its substance be conveyed in the published minute prefatory to the correspondence.

Charity Organisation Committee. Mr. White-Cooper refers to the extra work of the Overseer of Taxes acting as Secretary to this Committee; and reference is made to the instructions conveyed to the Municipal Engineer on September 20, 1915, in which the Council's view was expressed that there must be some cases in which special rewards are issuable both to Heads of Departments, and to others who may be called upon to do special work quite outside the ordinary duties for which they are engaged. In the members' opinion this dictum is precisely applicable to the work of Mr. Allen, and the Committee on Municipal Charity will accordingly at the close of its meetings, recommend the issue of an appropriate bonus.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

E. C. Cooper

Chairman.

G. M. Mackintosh
Acting Secretary.

E.V.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 7, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Baron Y. Fujimura

The minutes of the meeting of May 31 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of June 2 are
 submitted and confirmed with the exception of the recommendation
 relating to the
Pay of Collectors and Meter-readers, which will be the subject of
 further consideration by the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of June 6 are submitted
 and confirmed, and before communicating the Council's decision to
 the Gas Company it will be explained that the arrangement as to the
 payment of a royalty of £1,000 per annum shall, as previously decided,
 be subject to revision at any time.

Charity Organisation. The report of the Special Committee is submitted
 with an official communication from its Chairman, Mr White-Cooper:
 the Council's proposed reply is read and approved.

Consular Jurisdiction. A further letter from the Consul-General for
 Germany is submitted again protesting against the action of the Police.
 The Russian Consul-General transmits also copy of a protest which the
 Consul-General for Germany has addressed to the American Consul-General.
 The Council's reply to the Consul-General for Germany will be in the
 form of a brief acknowledgement not admitting the view which he
 maintains.

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Shanghai American School, Taxation. An application on behalf of this school is submitted for exemption from taxation. As the institution is apparently not supported by charitable contributions, the Council's decision of 1902 that only sites of churches, chapels, cemeteries and certain schools supported by charitable contributions, are entitled to exemption, excludes this from such treatment. It is understood that a further communication will be forthcoming in the near future, to which the Finance Committee will give attention.

Singa Depot. A letter is read from Messrs Hanson, McNeill, Jones and Wright in reply to the Council's decision to refer the question of the compensation payable for Lot 861 to the Land Commissioners; therefrom it is noted that on behalf of the beneficial owner the lot has been transferred to Messrs Teesdale and Godfrey. From this it is anticipated that possession of the land can improbably be obtained without resort to legal proceedings, and it is accordingly directed that the opinion of Mr Macleod be sought as to the practicability of applying Land Regulation Via to this case. In the meantime plans for signature by the concerned are in preparation by the Public Works Department and, subject to Mr Macleod's opinion, will be forwarded to Messrs Teesdale and Godfrey for signature as soon as possible.

Markham Road Bridge. A despatch from the Shanghai Taoyin, transmitted by the Senior Consul, gives official recognition to the arrangement between the Council and certain Chapel notables, contained in their letter of November 10. The Taoyin's despatch does not specify that the arrangement which he approves is that which is contained in the amended letter of that date providing that the bridge shall be constructed by the Council and shall be Municipal property; but as this despatch has already been altered several times on essential points, and appears on the whole a sufficient official recognition, the issue of instructions finally accepting the tender is approved.

Salt. The Council is informed that Mr Brauns of the Sungklang Salt Inspectorate has now made an alternative suggestion as to the form of the proposed sign-board, which makes it clear that the office only exercises extra-Settlement functions; and its adoption is accordingly authorised.

The Municipal Gazette of June 8 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication. With regard to the notice on the subject of the Point Garden, at Mr Merriman's suggestion it is directed that those of the rules which refer to the non-admittance of Chinese, dogs, etc, in the form to which objection has previously been raised, be not posted at the entrances; and at Mr Ezra's suggestion the ~~closing~~^{summit} time will be midnight instead of 4.30 p.m., pending their amendment publication is deferred.

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The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

E. Ezra

Chairman.

J. Merriman
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 14, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Baron Y. Fujimura

The minutes of the meeting of June 7 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of
 June 8 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of June 13
 have been perused by a majority of the members, but discussion of
 them is deferred until the Council's next meeting.

Volunteer Corps. A report by the Commandant recommends special conditions
 for the award of the Municipal Challenge Cup as no Annual Rifle
 Meeting has been held during the past year; these having been
 examined by the Watch Committee, are approved for adoption.

Fire Brigade.

Long Service Medals. In connexion with the Firemen's Jubilee
 Celebration to be held on June 17, it is decided as a result of
 representations by Mr Kahler that this provides a fitting opportunity
 of conferring the Long Service Medal on the members of the Brigade
 who resigned shortly before the institution of this decoration in
 the year 1904. A statement in this sense will be made by the
 Chairman of the Watch Committee at the celebration.

Cesspool Collection. In accordance with the recommendation of the
 Watch Committee, an expression of the Legal Adviser's opinion is
 submitted as to whether sanction is provided in the Bye-laws for the
 collection and sale of ordure by the present system or from cesspools.

and as to what additions may be necessary in order to secure the Council's right to collect and sell. Mr McNeill's opinion is that the Council has this power under Land Regulation 9, Mr White-Cooper explains that decision is required as to whether in the face of the verbally stated intention of Mr Halse to dispute the Council's right to dispose of ordure under the present system, the fee for the removal of the matter from cesspools should be strictly enforced. When the Health Officer's comment has been submitted, the Watch Committee will give further consideration to this opinion and to the effect of the resolution of the Ratepayers at the Annual Meeting in the year 1898 which sanctioned removal.

Mr McNeill and Mr E.S. Little. The Legal Adviser's response is submitted to the question why the Council was not informed that he was consulted by Mr Little or that he advised Mr Little with respect to his difference with Mr Ezra on the subject of opium. Mr McNeill does not deny that he was consulted, but merely states, in effect, that the subject was not a Municipal matter. In the members' opinion the subject did in fact closely affect the Council; but as there is little likelihood of any frank admission by Mr McNeill, or of an expression of regret that he omitted to inform the members at the time, it is not thought worth while to compel a less evasive form of reply, or to pursue the subject further for the present.

Sinza Depot. It is noted that so soon as the interests of the beneficial owner of Lot 861 were transferred from the care of Messrs Hanson, McNeill Jones and Wright, it became possible to obtain a counter offer for the property for £11000, an amount midway between the beneficial owner's claim and the Council's offer. Mr Ezra states that he will purchase the property at this price, and arrangements for the exchange of sites and transference of the depot to Lot 807, as recommended by the Works Committee on November 15, will now proceed with as little delay as possible.

Public Recreation Ground - Entry fees. In connexion with an application for the use of the Band in the Public Recreation Ground at the Belgian Fete as a public performance without charge, attention has been drawn to the fact that a fee will be charged for entry to the Ground on this occasion, and that to this extent the performance will not, strictly speaking, be public, it is pointed out also that for the same reason entry to the Ground will similarly not be public, but the Chairman states that the fee which is to be charged on this occasion is a voluntary entrance fee, and that instructions have been given to

the Police that in the unlikely event of persons desiring to enter without payment, admittance will not be refused.

Payments by Clubs. The Recreation Fund Trustees in continuation of former correspondence have now described the proposed payments to the Trustees by the clubs making use of the Council's leased area as voluntary. As this is at variance with the letter of the Trustees of January 27, 1915, and cannot be reconciled with the ^{of the} institution, list of charges made for the Ground enumerated in their letter of April 21, 1915, a draft reply has been submitted and approved by the members, with the exception of Mr Mackle, stating that while there is no objection to voluntary contributions, their voluntary character must be undoubtedly clear; that therefore the proposed contribution form addressed to the secretaries of clubs, would in fact result in a compulsory collection from individuals and is thus unsatisfactory; and that the Council would prefer the familiar practice of posting a notice in the clubs for the voluntary signature of members in the form of a list. Mr Mackle states that after the submission at the Council's meeting of January 5 of the memorandum by himself and Messrs Wrightson and Peebles, advocating these contributions, he was under the impression that the Council approved of voluntary contributions. Both he and the Chairman then informed the Trustees that if the contributions were understood to be voluntary, the Council would raise no objection: and on the strength of this statement a formal "receipt for voluntary contributions" was drawn up and adopted for use. It is pointed out that the Council's decisions contain no record of the approval of this procedure, and that the only means by which the decision would be conveyed to the Trustees would be a formal answer to their subsequent official communication forwarding a copy of the receipt.

Under the circumstances, however, it is decided that it will suffice if the Council in reply notes that the contributions are now designed to be of a nature entirely voluntary, and states that there is no wish at present to alter the conditions of renewal of the lease as recorded in the correspondence which has been published for general information. An endorsement of renewal will be made upon the lease accordingly.

Rules. The Council is informed that Mr Lanning has recently in person submitted certain rules, one of which lays down that the Committee may, at its discretion, permit an entrance fee to be charged to view games on the Public Recreation Ground; and that the receipt form, to which reference has already been made, also

embodies a restrictive rule that "no member of the public has any right to use the Ground in such a way as to contravene the accepted rules of any club". As rules of this character appear to affect the terms of the Trust and do not accord with the conditions of the lease which provide that the ground shall be used as a "public park", the Council withholds its approval of these rules, and they will be given further consideration in detail by the Works Committee.

Charity Organisation. In view of the Council's adoption of the majority report on the subject of Municipal charity, the Organisation Committee in a lengthy communication which is submitted expresses its intention to resign. The Chairman points out that its original objects were only the organisation of charitable effort, the prevention of overlapping charity by the several local associations, and the establishment of an employment bureau. He therefore deprecates the intention of the Committee to resign its membership, and expresses the view that as the whole of the Council's contribution for office expenses, etc. has already been used an additional small sum might reasonably be issued to the Committee in order to enable the work to continue during the remainder of the year. Mr Ezra declares the impossibility of inducing the Committee to continue to function under such an arrangement. After some further observations by Mr White-Cooper, in which he points out that the recommendations of the Special Committee are based upon the evidence, not of two or three years' work by the Organisation Committee, but of twenty-two years' work by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Chairman undertakes to discuss the matter further with Mr Ezra, whereafter a reply will be submitted in draft for the members' approval.

Daylight Saving. At the Chairman's suggestion the views of the Heads of Departments will be obtained upon the desirability of adopting the change of hours which is at present being advocated in the local press.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

E. L. ...
Chairman.

[Signature]
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 21, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

- Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
- E.I. Ezra
- Count L. Jezierski
- Messrs J. Johnstone
- C.G.S. Mackie
- W.L. Merriman
- E.C. Richards
- A.S.P. White-Cooper
- The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

- Baron Y. Fujimura

The minutes of the meeting of June 14 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of June 13
are submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant retired rank of Major, with the right to wear the prescribed uniform, is conferred on Mr. C.C. Wedemeyer in consideration of his long service in the Corps.

Medical Staff. The resignation of Mr. H.N. Bolton is forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant commissions are authorised for issue to the following non-commissioned Officers who have passed the necessary examinations:-

- Maxim Company. Sergt. D.L. Ralph as 2nd Lieut.
- Engineer Company. C-Sergt. R.C. Young as 2nd Lieut.
- "A" Company British. C-Sergt. St. George R. Clarke as 2nd Lieut.
- Customs Company. Corpl. J.H. Cubbon as 2nd Lieut.
- Austro-Hungarian Company. Sergt. Major B.E. Loew as 2nd Lieut.
- Shanghai Scottish Company. C-Sergt. H.B. Stewart as 2nd Lieut.

Licensing Byelaws. The Special Committee has submitted its draft report, with an expression of its wish that the Council should, if possible, approve it, or note objections, and may have the opportunity of commenting before signature. Whereas the object of the Special Meeting in March was to confer additional powers relating to Licensing, the effect of the report is to curtail the existing powers,

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as follows:

(1) in the important particular that the Council cannot cancel a licence until after the second conviction except in certain cases: and by the classification of penalties for the first, second and third offences which will in practice be far too light for the facility with which among Chinese substitution of the licensee can be arranged will enable them always to escape with the lower penalty fixed for the first offence.

(2) by withdrawal of the discretion which was formerly within the Council's hands to refuse all licences and permits for sufficient reasons, and

(3) by the creation of an Appeal Committee, the constitution of which if, as apparently desired, it contains persons who are non-members of Council, will in effect be ultra vires of the Land Regulations.

Subject to legal advice on the latter point it is directed that the attention of the Committee be drawn to these and other questions, with a request that they receive careful consideration and with an intimation that as the various changes introduced will require the close scrutiny of the several Heads of Departments in order to ascertain their effect in practical working, considerable preparation of the Council's further comments is necessary: and that it is thus unavoidable that some time should elapse before they can be brought to the notice of the Committee.

German Musicians. A further communication from Messrs Noel and Simms is submitted stating that the Chairman gave them verbal assurances that the German musicians' agreements would not be renewed on expiry and asking that this be stated definitely in writing. The Chairman made no such statement, and a contradiction will be conveyed to Messrs Noel and Simms accordingly.

At the Chairman's suggestion it is decided to reply verbally to this letter, pointing out that only two of the agreements will expire during the forthcoming year, which it is not intended to renew, and that it is entirely premature to make any statement as to the others such as might be construed to bind any Council of forthcoming years to any particular course of action thereon.

Charity Organisation. The previous reply of the Charity Organisation Committee has now been withdrawn, and an amended letter is submitted, simply stating the Committee's intention to resign on the ground that the necessary funds cannot be obtained by voluntary subscriptions.

The Council, having formed its judgment upon the Report of the Special Committee, doubts that the funds in question are genuinely necessary for ordinary poor relief. The members express their view that the activities of the Organisation Committee have apparently been somewhat too ambitious; but that, nevertheless, the work of organisation in preventing duplication, and in operating an employment bureau, which were the primary functions of the Committee as originally put before the Ratepayers, are of obvious advantage and should be continued if possible. It is accordingly decided to reply stating the Council's unwillingness to accept the resignations and preferring a continuation of the previous grant on a proportionate basis for the rest of the year if the members will continue in office.

Loan of 1916. A report by the Treasurer suggests the reduction of the issue price to 99 for applications for £50,000 or over. After some preliminary discussion and in view of the uncertainty as to the number of payments which will fall due for electrical plant during the remainder of the year, this matter is referred for consideration by the Finance Committee.

Superannuation Fund. In view of the Health Officer's application to withdraw the amount at his credit in the Fund in order to take advantage of the exceptional condition of exchange, and in view of the members' unanimous decision as to the curtailment of the period mentioned in Rule 6 from 20 to 15 years: the issue of a general order is directed in this sense; and laying down that the continuance or cessation of the services of any applicant of 15 years' service for full superannuation in accordance with the terms thereof shall be the subject of special consideration by the Finance Committee: and that in the case of employees, not Heads of Departments, they shall be the subject of a special report by the Head of Department concerned.

Recess. At the suggestion of the Chairman it is arranged that the Recess shall be between August 2 and September 13.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

J. M. Robinson X
Acting Secretary.

G. S. S. S.

Chairman.

E.C.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, June 28, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

- Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
- E.I. Ezra
- Count L. Jezierski
- Messrs J. Johnstone
- C.G.S. Mackie
- W.L. Merriman
- E.C. Richards
- A.S.P. White-Cooper
- The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

- Baron Y. Fujimura

The minutes of the meeting of June 21 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

Maritime Company. In view of the standard of efficiency attained
 by this Reserve Company, it will, at the recommendation of the
 Commandant, be divided into active and reserve; the details of its
 organisation, as set forth in the report by the Engineer Staff
 Officer, are approved.

Mixed Court. An extract from a report of proceedings, in connexion with
 the seizure of smuggled opium, is submitted. It appears therefrom
 that Mr Grant-Jones in commenting upon the action of the Police in
 not arresting the owner of the opium, made a slighting remark on the
 Police Inspector concerned in the case. In the opinion of the Police
 Legal Assistant, the offence was civil not criminal and the arrest of
 the owner of the opium without a warrant might have led to proceedings
 for illegal arrest: apparently also it might have created an un-
 desirable precedent of which the Chinese Authorities might hereafter
 attempt to avail in connexion with offences in relation to the sale
 of salt and other Chinese Government Monopolies, recognition of which
 is denied in the Settlement. The remarks of the British Assessor
 seem to be unjustified, and should therefore in the opinion of the
 members be withdrawn, and to that end the Police Legal Assistant will
 bring the matter to the attention of the Court.

The Captain Superintendent in the report on this incident has
 drawn attention to the state of confabulation which he believes to
 exist between the Mixed Court Assessor, Mr Grant-Jones, and the

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lawyer Mr Musso. The existence of this report has come to the knowledge of Mr Grant-Jones, and having gained a mistaken impression of its contents, he caused the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be informed that he felt that its withdrawal by the Captain Superintendent should be insisted on. The report was confidential, and of a character such as in the members' opinion the Captain Superintendent was entitled to make. As to the mode by which Mr Grant-Jones obtained any idea of its contents or of the members' comments Mr Ezra states his impression gained from conversation with Mr Jones that the information was obtained through some secret service agency. This will be the subject of further enquiry: but in any case to provide additional guard against leakages of information, lock-boxes will be provided^{as} for special documents in circulation to the Chairman.

Consular Jurisdiction. A further letter from the Consul-General for Germany is submitted relating to the arrest of Greenberg, enquiring what practical step is to be taken by a Consulate to stay execution of a warrant issued by another Consulate claiming jurisdiction over an alleged protege: and a reply has been authorised to the effect that the only step which can be taken is that the Consulate claiming jurisdiction, should notify the Police of its claim before execution of the warrant. If a further communication is received on this subject, the members incline to the view that the Council might in reply state that, having discussed the matter reasonably for some time, it deprecates further argument as likely to lead to no satisfactory end.

Byelaws. The opinion of the Legal Adviser as to the legality of the Committee of Appeal, proposed by the Special Committee, is read: its meaning appears to be that the Committee would not be legal, but it is directed that it be submitted for members' perusal at leisure.

Land Assessment. A further communication from Messrs Peebles and Halse favours solution of the discussion which has been in progress by the use of an introductory paragraph to precede their work stating that the values therein, subject to amendment by the Council, were prepared with the object set forth in Resolution X passed at the last Ratepayers Meeting, but do not represent their appraisal of market values owing to the exclusion from consideration of factors pertinent thereto. The proposed form of prefatory note, after comment by the Engineer, will be the subject of consideration by the Finance Committee.

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Waterworks Company Arbitration. A note from the Legal Adviser informs the Council that Mr McColl has been selected by the Company as its nominee in the forthcoming arbitration. As the objections to which this selection might be open, with respect to the membership on the Tramway Company's Local Board of a Director of the Waterworks Company, might apply with equal force in connexion with the Council's nomination of Mr Peebles, no comment will be made upon the selection of Mr McColl.

Daylight Saving. The views of the Heads of Departments submitted in accordance with directions, and particularly the comment of the Municipal Engineer, give grounds for adherence to the view, which the members have formed, that without change in the local time, no innovation in this direction is likely to produce satisfactory results. The Finance Committee will give consideration to the reports, in detail, at its forthcoming meeting.

Morscher. A communication from Dr Fischer, an Austrian lawyer, states that legal steps are contemplated on behalf of Morscher against the Council for breach of contract, and enquires whether there is a possibility of a satisfactory settlement. The members are of opinion that the ground for Morscher's dismissal, namely his consorting with a person engaged upon transactions in munitions of war, constitutes a breach of article 3 of his agreement which provides that "he shall at all times behave himself soberly, respectably and properly", and was rightly treated by dismissal under article 7 of the same agreement, which provides for this result "in the event of the employe failing to perform one or more of the stipulations on his part herein contained." A negative reply to Dr Fischer's enquiry is accordingly directed.

Charity Organisation. The final reply of the Organisation Committee adheres to its decision to resign. There is a possibility that the work can be taken over by the King's Daughters' Society; and the members would regard this outcome as on the whole satisfactory.

As the functions of the Special Committee were entirely outside the scope of ordinary Municipal activities Mr White-Cooper recommends the issue of extra pay to the employe who performed its secretarial work; extra pay of \$300 is accordingly authorised to be issued to Mr Allen, Overseer of Taxes.

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

Point Garden. In the rules relating to the Point Garden, H.M. Consul has pointed out that the terms of Rule 4 "that no Indians are admitted unless respectably dressed" appear to have given offence to a section of the Indians, and that this has been the subject of some representation made to him in writing. His verbal suggestion that for the word "Indians" the word "persons" be substituted is evidently open to no possible objection, and in deference thereto it is unanimously decided to introduce the amendment at once without further formality.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 5, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
E.C. Richards
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Baron Y. Fujimura

The minutes of the meeting of June 28 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of July 3 are submitted and confirmed, with the exception of the decision relating to Deferred Leave, which will be postponed pending communication to the Gaol Staff, by the Captain Superintendent, of the Finance Committee's decision on the subject of the rate of exchange for leave pay.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of July 3 are read and confirmed and with reference to the proposed

Rules for the Public Recreation Ground, Mr Mackie states that he anticipates no difficulty in carrying them out. As they are open to revision at any time in the event of subsequent objection, of which, however, there appears to be little risk, it seems likely that the moderate restrictions upon the public, which they formulate, may safely have the Council's acceptance; and final decision is deferred pending the formal submission of the rules as desired by the Works Committee.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of July 4 are submitted and confirmed.

Treasurer's Agreement. The Chairman's reference to excellent work since last Autumn, and at the time of Mr Preese's visit, supplies an additional title to the treatment of this matter in accordance with the Finance Committee's recommendation; and Mr White-Cooper states that having given close consideration to all the circumstances he is convinced that it is a well deserved and just measure.

Volunteer Corps, Colonel Bray. The Chairman recounts the difficulties which he has experienced in the course of correspondence with Colonel Bray, relating to his request that the Council address the War Office stating that the equivalent of three months' full pay in respect of accumulated leave pay, which was granted to him on his departure for

War Service, was in the nature of a grant, and that this should not affect the Army Pay to which he thinks he is entitled after March 22, the date on which he was struck off the strength of the Corps. In response to an application made accordingly by the Council to the War Office a reply is submitted, stating that the circumstances represented were fully known and considered, and that the payment made to Colonel Bray out of the Army Funds must remain without addition. In view of this response, it is decided that no further action appears possible.

Public Gambling. A communication from the Consul-General for Spain requests Police investigation as to whether public gambling is being operated by Spanish subjects, and this question has been communicated to the Captain Superintendent.

General Hospital. Mr. Johnstone has acquainted the members with the successful outcome of the negotiations to which he referred at the Council's meeting of May 24, whereby three fourths of the George Ford estate has been transferred to the Governors, for application, at their discretion, to the purposes of the hospital. As to the remaining fourth, which is to be in the hands of Consular and Court trustees, for mentally affected British subjects, further negotiations are proceeding with a view to the transfer of this portion also to the Governors conditionally upon provision for mental cases in the proposed extension.

The Chairman conveys to Mr. Johnstone an expression of thanks for the good offices which he has exercised with such prompt and effective results; and this is unanimously endorsed.

Water Supply. A complaint by Mr. Blix is submitted that the Waterworks Company has demanded from him a contribution for a short extension of the main from the Siccawed Road to Tifeng Road corner. There appears to be no provision in the agreement for any such demand, and before making such a demand upon individual residents it was the evident duty of the Company to bring the requirements of Mr. Blix and of similarly situated residents to the Council's notice, with a view to ascertaining its willingness to deal with them under Clause 7 of the agreement.

It is directed that Mr. Blix be moved to address his complaint to the Waterworks Company in the first place, and if he receives an unsatisfactory reply, the subject will have the attention of the Works Committee in consultation with the Legal Adviser.

Parks Committee. Various small amendments of the minutes of the Parks Committee meeting confirmed by the Council at its last meeting, have been suggested by the members of the Committee, and are

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authorised, with the exception of that which has received the attention of the Finance Committee.

History of Shanghai. After a brief discussion the opinion is recorded that in view of the desirability of better progress with the History it is desirable that Mr. Lanning should give up all outside work, and that the Council make good to him any remuneration which he may be drawing therefor, in addition to the regular pay which he receives from the public funds. At the Chairman's suggestion this point will receive further consideration after the Recess.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 12, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

- Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
- E.I. Ezra
- Count L. Jezierski
- Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
- W.L. Merelman
- E.C. Richards
- A.S.P. White-Cooper
- The Acting Secretary and
- Assistant Secretary

Absent:

- Baron Y. Fujimura
- Mr. J. Johnstone

The minutes of the meeting of July 6 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of July 7 are
submitted and confirmed with the exception of the decision
relating to
Supervision of Shroffs, and the proposed interview between the
Secretary of the Department and the Compradore on the subject of
the appointment of a departmental compradore. Such consultations
with the Compradore direct by the Department and not through the
Secretary and Treasurer would not be regular, and Mr Woodford will
therefore be requested to confer with the Treasurer on the subject.

The minutes of the meeting of the Chinese Educational Committee of July 10
are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the
Hongkong University Local Examinations Mr Ezra strongly advocates
the adoption of the Committee's decision; he has definite information
from the prospectus of the University that the examinations will
confer the same privileges on successful candidates as the Cambridge
University Local Examinations. In the members' opinion the Chinese
schools should co-operate with the Hongkong University as far as
possible in this, and in other ways, on the ground that it is the
only Far Eastern institution of Higher Education which is attaining
universal importance and developing recognition from educational
quarters at home.

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Volunteer Corps.

"B" Company, British. Five months' leave is granted to Captain L.J. Cubbitt from July 15.

Fire Brigade.

Independence Day. A communication from the American Consul-General expresses his thanks for the assistance of the Fire Brigade in preparing the Recreation Ground on the occasion of Independence Day, and the substance of this communication has been conveyed to the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

Arrests. The Chairman of the Watch Committee informs the members of the result of one of his conferences with Mr Grant-Jones, the final outcome will be communicated to the Captain Superintendent in writing. The chief points which have been dealt with are that Mr Grant-Jones will be given an opportunity of remedying his remarks relating to Inspector Aiers: and that he will formally pronounce the opinion of the Court that as summary arrest is an ordinary Police function relating to Chinese, it is a function which should be exercised with due discretion by the Police in the Settlement, just as it would be exercised with respect to persons of any other nationality in the Settlement when they are amenable thereto.

Ricshas. The application of the Shaanghai Horse Bazaar for the issue of licences for 141 ricshas which were withdrawn from use some time before the Council's limitation of the number of licences is the subject of discussion, with reference to the form of final reply to be made. Messrs. Ezra and Merriman point out that the application, if granted, will probably be followed by the sale of the ricshas in question, for a ricsha with a licence is saleable for a largely increased price. The application thus appears to be entitled to no special consideration; but with regard to the possibility of instituting a waiting list for such licences within the limited number, as may hereafter ~~be~~ fall vacant, enquiries will be made of the Captain Superintendent as to what course has recently been pursued, and what course should be adopted for the future, as to the licences of ricshas discarded owing either to fair wear-and-tear, or to bad repair and negligence. The Watch Committee will meet and discuss the matter in the near future.

Licensing Appeal Committee. The opinion of Mr Macleod is submitted to the effect that the Ratepayers and the Council have no power to appoint any Appeal Committee such as that appointed by the Special Committee, and this document will be submitted for the members'

perusal at leisure. After some discussion it is decided that the numerous objections to the Byclaws in the form submitted by the Special Committee which have now been formulated shall be communicated to the Committee gradually and as far as possible in the order of their importance; but that notification of the legal flaw in the constitution of the Appeal Committee may be postponed for the present, in the hope of first arriving at an understanding upon certain major points of practical importance.

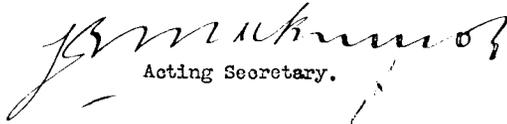
Land Commission. The members are informed that out of the four cases which have appeared before the Commission three have been won by the Council, and the Commissioners' report is awaited in the near future.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 19, 1916,
at 4.50 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 The Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Baron Y. Fujimura
 Mr. J. Johnstone

The minutes of the meeting of July 12 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of July 17 are submitted
 and confirmed. With reference to the
Police Force, Japanese Branch. While the measure is still at an
 experimental stage an inclination in favour of a slightly lesser
 number than 50 for the first draft of Japanese constables is expressed,
 but the Captain Superintendent's further recommendations upon points
 of detail ~~are~~ awaited before definitely pronouncing this view, and the
 Watch Committee's recommendations are unanimously endorsed.
Political Refugees. Count Jezierski points out that in the event of
 any repetition in the future of representations such as were made
 by the China Association some months ago, it will be well to point
 out that the recent cancellation of warrants exemplifies how persons
 of this character may at brief intervals be regarded either as
 offenders or as political patriots.

Defence Scheme. A letter from the American Consul General asks what
 procedure should be followed in the case of disturbances in the
 Settlement and requests particulars as to the defence scheme. In
 reply it is directed that he be informed that in practice the
 procedure whereby the Officer in command of the Defence Forces
 would apply to the Chairman of Council and the Chairman would apply
 to the Senior Consul, and the Senior Consul to the Consul of the
 nationality of the Senior Naval Officer, though duly maintained as
 the correct official formality, would, in practice, be abridged by

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means of a simple application from the Officer commanding the Defence Forces to the Senior Naval Officer in person.

Secondly with regard to the defence scheme, it is directed that it be pointed out that for general use it has been replaced by the Volunteer Mobilisation Manual which is now undergoing revision and reprinting, and will be transmitted for the information of the Senior Naval Officer as soon as possible. This preparatory mobilisation which provides a working scheme for the distribution of forces as they are available for landing, has been considered by previous Commandants to cover all probable danger zones, and to be as applicable to all possible eventualities as any schemes can be. It is directed that the reply to the American Consul-General be in this sense.

Greenberg's Case. A further communication from the German Consul-General is submitted on this case. Under the circumstances it appears that no further reply is requisite.

Fire Brigade, Accidents. Relating to the recent accident to a motor tender a note from the Chief Officer is submitted stating that he still awaits a report by the Foreman of the Company. The Chairman expresses his view that as the Police Force, in the exercise of its duty of controlling traffic, is closely interested, and is especially qualified to assist in arriving at findings, which correspond as precisely as possible with the actual circumstances, an officer of the Force should take part in every enquiry. What is necessary, in his opinion, is a joint Police and Fire Brigade enquiry into the circumstances of every accident and, with the members' concurrence, he undertakes to bring this need to the notice of the Chief Officer.

Exchange Shops. A communication from the British Chamber of Commerce is submitted expressing its view that the Council should establish a Municipal currency, and that a licence for cash shops should be introduced. Mr. Ezra is inclined to favour a suggestion made by the Chamber, that the Council should appoint a Special Currency Commission, and after some discussion it is decided as to a Municipal currency, to await the comment of the Treasurer, and on the subject of a licence for exchange shops, to await that of the Overseer of Taxes, before arriving at a decision as to the form of the Council's reply. In the meantime it is directed that an enquiry be addressed to the Hongkong Government Authorities as to the conditions of the licence for exchange shops in Hongkong.

Land Commission. The Commissioners' decision in Cases 105/8 are submitted and ordered for publication.

Land Assessment. A letter from Messrs Peebles and Halse is submitted agreeing to carry out the instructions to value each lot, giving full weight to the purposes for which the land could be used, and now concurring in the Council's view that if the term "market value" is discarded in the instructions, there is no need to make any mention of the term. It has been understood with Mr. Peebles that the Council's instructions as communicated to the Assessors in its letter of July 11, subject to such minor modifications as it may wish, will be published as a frontispiece to the schedule, and that some further discussion and definition is necessary on the subject of the term "business capabilities." On this understanding it is directed that the plans be forwarded to the Assessors so that they may proceed with the work forthwith.

Sir Robert Hart's Statue. The Commissioner of Customs has transmitted a cheque for £630 representing one third of the balance unexpended upon the statue, but as the Council's contribution was a lump sum of £5000, not one third of the cost, and as any surplus is intended to be handed to the Customs Mutual Benefit Association, it is decided to return the cheque with an expression of the Council's appreciation for the reasons which prompted its transmission.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, July 26, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezlerski
 Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 The Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr. J. Johnstone

The minutes of the meeting of July 19 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of July 21
 are submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps - Austro-Hungarian Company. The resignation of 2nd
 Lieut. B.E. Loew is submitted and accepted with regret.

Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as Captain
 is authorised for issue to Mr F.E. Sonntag.

Police Force - Japanese Branch. A report by the Captain Superintendent is
 submitted definitely recommending that the number of the first draft
 should be 30 with Sergeants and an Inspector, and with reference to
 the Terms of Service, which are in course of preparation, suggesting
 that the initial rate of Pay should be about ¥50 per mensem. The
 Chairman of the Watch Committee intimates his concurrence and the
 members are of opinion that the Terms of Service should be submitted
 in the near future. The Chairman suggests that Captain Hilton-Johnson
 should then forthwith proceed to Tokio with a view to concluding the
 engagement of the men. These arrangements are approved and it is
 directed that publication of the Council's decision ~~may~~ be made in
 the next issue of the Municipal Gazette.

Public Gambling. In connexion with the recent request of the Consul-
 General for Spain a Police report is submitted showing that public
 gambling is taking place at No.24 North Honan Road Extension, and that
 there are on the premises Filipinos of doubtful Consular representation
 The Captain Superintendent's recommendation is that the matter be
 strongly brought to the notice of the Chinese Authorities, but before

putting this into effect the Chairman states his intention of consulting H.M. Consul-General upon a suggestion previously made in 1913 by Mr White-Cooper that proceedings be taken in their respective Courts against individuals who are ascertained to frequent such establishments. This, in the members' opinion, is likely to produce results of more practical value than the frequent representations hitherto made to Consular Authorities.

Ricsha Licences. A further communication from the Horse Bazaar is submitted requesting re-consideration of its application that licences be issued for the rishas which it holds in stock. Mr. Ezra suggests enquiry as to the number of rishas which, having been previously in use, were withdrawn before the adoption of the number-limit, and have remained in stock. When this has been ascertained by Police enquiry and examination of the books of the owners in co-operation with the Tax Office, it should, in his opinion, be possible to form an opinion as to whether, to avoid hardship upon individuals, an increase of the number-limit, might practicably be introduced. Mr White-Cooper points out that in any case the Horse Bazaar's application, in view of the evident intention to dispose of the rishas at a profit, is not of a kind which is entitled to special treatment. After some further discussion, and pending the Police enquiry as directed, it is decided to await consideration and a recommendation by the Watch Committee.

Water Supply beyond Limits. As a result of conversations between the French Consul-General and the Chairman, the opinion is recorded that the status quo on the boundary of the French Settlement relating to taxation and the supply of water and light, which has now subsisted for over one year, cannot continue indefinitely, and that the time has arrived when the Waterworks Company might reasonably be requested to ascertain from the French Light and Water Company upon what terms supply to consumers in the French Extension might be surrendered. It is accordingly directed that representations be made to the Waterworks Company in this sense, explaining that the Council's recession from its view expressed on May 29 is due to the representations which have been made by Mr Naggier.

Educational Grants. A letter from the British Chamber of Commerce communicates the views of a Committee of British residents advocating the establishment of a British school in the Western District, and the desirability of an annual Municipal grant-in-aid therefor. Mr White-Cooper points out that as no British school was established after the report of the General Committee of the year 1911, the

erection of a new public school in the North Szechuen Road proceeded: and that now when large expenditure has been devoted to this project, it is impossible to regard with favour the suggestion that the Council should advocate any further disbursement of public money upon needs which that expenditure is designed to cover. Moreover the impression of the applicants that the General Educational Committee, in its report, was in favour of Municipal grants to national schools is erroneous: it suggested sympathetic treatment of those schools, and advised in a tentative manner that the Council might make a grant, but it qualified that advice by showing that the grant should only be made upon the recommendation of the Permanent Educational Committee, and that the advice was proffered only while the then-existing conditions lasted. The Permanent Educational Committee has recommended adversely, and, as the Chairman has pointed out, the conditions have changed. Subject to the Permanent Educational Committee's concurrence the reply will be in this sense.

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

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, August 2, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
E.C. Richards
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Baron Y. Fujimura
Mr. J. Johnstone

The minutes of the meeting of July 26 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

Public Gambling. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman have consulted H.M.
Consul-General in accordance with the decision recently recorded, and
in consequence express some doubt as to whether the suggested measure
of proceeding against individual frequenters of the establishment in
question would result in conviction in local consular courts. After
considerable discussion the opinion prevails that the views of the
Legal Adviser and of the Attorney for the U.S. Supreme Court should
be obtained upon this point and that if they are favourable, action
should proceed upon the information received without previous public
notice.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of July 28 are submitted
and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps.

Maxim Company. The resignation of 2nd Lieut. D.L. Ralph is
forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Staff. The Commissions of Captains L.E. Canning and C.H. Godfrey
are authorised for renewal.

Police Force.

Japanese Branch. The terms of service as tentatively discussed
between H.I.J.M. Consul and the Captain Superintendent are submitted.
As to the suggestion that the pay on promotion in each class should be
left for arrangement in Japan, the view is expressed that these points

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should not be the subject of discussion with the Chief of the Tokio Police, but that he should be asked to assist in the selection and engagement of men within the fixed initial rate of \$60. It is understood that to this end Captain Hilton Johnson will receive letters of introduction from Baron Fujimura and from H.I.J.M. Consul-General, and that on arrival he will place himself in communication with the officials to whom these letters will be addressed.

Some discussion ensues as to whether the basis of \$60 on engagement is not somewhat high, but it is pointed out that the local cost of living for Japanese is larger than is commonly believed, and that the men engaged will be persons carefully picked for adaptability to conditions abroad; and in all the circumstances it appears improbable that a more advantageous or suitable arrangement is feasible. Mr Merriman states his confidence that on these terms men of first class capabilities will be obtained.

Defence Scheme. A further communication from the American Consul-General intimates his agreement with the procedure which the Council has communicated, and he notes that the Mobilisation Manual is at present undergoing revision and reprinting and compliance is directed with his request for two copies of the Manual now in use.

Opium Shops. A request by Mr G.D. Musso on behalf of the Opium Combine is submitted, that for every shop closed as a result of prosecution for the sale of smuggled opium, one which has been drawn to be closed be allowed to remain open on the recommendation of the Opium Combine: and that a shop for which the licence has been cancelled as a result of prosecution may be allowed to re-open if the new proprietor has the approval of the Combine and the Council.

As to the first of these suggestions, the Council is willing to extend licences of shops for continuance of business after September 30, the date on which they have been drawn to be closed, equivalent in number and size to those which have been, or shall be, closed as a result of such prosecutions; and is willing to attach weight to the recommendations of the Opium Combine as to location and proprietorship of shops of which the licence is to be extended in this manner; but the Chairman points out that the selection of the establishment to receive the privilege of the extended licence should be effected by lot by the Overseer of Taxes; and if the locations and proprietorships are subject to the recommendation of the Combine, Mr Ezra is of opinion that this will adequately attain the object in view, which is to maintain the number of shops as authorised by the Ratepayers and prevent ^{undue} prevent

curtailment of approved facilities of existing stocks. This procedure is approved.

The further request that a shop, the licence for which has been cancelled, may be allowed to re-open subject to recommendation as to proprietorship by the Combine, apparently fails to interpret exactly the object which the Combine had in view: and the opinion is unanimous that no such extended licence could be granted for the same establishment as to which there has been a conviction.

General Hospital. A further communication from the Governors on the subject of the proposed extension of the west wing enquires whether, in view of the George Ford bequest, the Council is prepared to approve and support the extension forthwith. The Chairman recalls the fact which has recently been brought to the members' notice that it is the view of the French Council, already conveyed to the Governors, that measures should be introduced to remedy the deficit which the working of the Hospital has involved during the last few years, and that to this end the finances of the Hospital were to be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Governors, and that some appropriate expedient might possibly ^{be} devised such, for example, as temporarily utilising some of the vacant space in the Hospital grounds to profitable advantage. It is directed that in reply the Governors be informed of the opinions already recorded with reference to previous correspondence, and that the Council adheres to the views of the French Council, and awaits the result of the deliberations of the sub-committee in question.

Exchange Shops. A report by the Treasurer is submitted on the subject of the suggestion of the British Chamber of Commerce as to the establishment of a Municipal currency, in which he refers to the apparent impossibility of preventing counterfeiting and the difficulty of framing and enforcing a penalty sufficiently severe to discourage it.

The Chairman is firmly of opinion that a project such as this is entirely outside the sphere of proper Municipal activities: in Hongkong, in spite of its advantage, as a Crown Colony, with respect to expeditious legislation, it has been found fraught with difficulties; and after brief further discussion the members are unanimously of opinion that the Chamber's suggestion as to the establishment of a special commission would probably lead to no useful result and is therefore not acceptable. The suggestion that the advisability of introducing licences for exchange shops be the subject of consideration by the Special Byelaws and Licensing Committee is adopted, and reply to the Chamber in this sense is directed.

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Membership. In accordance with the Council's standing orders whereby any member who may require to be absent from Shanghai for three months or more should resign office, Mr. Johnstone's resignation is submitted, and the Chairman states the probability that he will be proposed for co-optation so soon as he is able to return.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.50 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

J. M. Kinnear
Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 13, 1910,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

- Mr. E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
- Baron Y. Fujihara
- Messrs C.S.S. Mackie
- W.L. Merriman
- E.C. Richards and
- The Acting Secretary

Absent:

- Mr. E.I. Ezra
- Count L. Jezierski
- Mr. A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of August 2 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of August 3 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of August 4 are submitted and confirmed.

War Service. It is decided that upon return of any member of the Municipal Staff from War Service the period of his absence shall in no way adversely affect his seniority notwithstanding the fact that in accordance with the terms of Order 3797 his name has been temporarily struck off the Staff list. It is directed that it be formally recorded that employes on their return shall take the same seniority as they would have had if they had not volunteered for War Service.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of August 30 are submitted and confirmed.

Police Force.

Japanese Branch. A report by Captain Hilton-Johnson on the subject of his negotiations in Tokio is submitted and the substance is read. The Chairman, having been informed that Consul-General Ariyoshi desires some conversation with him on the subject, undertakes to pay him a call in the near future, and will thereafter inform the members of the sense of the interview.

Opium Prosecutions. A Police report is submitted detailing a number of cases in which prosecutions in connexion with contraband have been withdrawn by arrangement between the Opium Combine and the defendants. The

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Chairman will in the near future ascertain the views of H.M. Consul-General on this point, but no final view will be formed until the return of the absent members when fuller information will be available.

Money-changers' Licences. In response to the Council's enquiry the form of licence for money-changers in use in Hongkong is transmitted by the Colonial Secretary with a statement that it is issued in the discretion of the Captain Superintendent of Police subject to appeal to the Governor, and that in order to discourage applicants of insufficient standing the fee has now been raised from \$10 to \$50 per annum. It is directed that this information be brought to the notice of the Special Byelaws Committee together with an intimation of the Council's wish that the proposal to license money-changers should receive its favourable consideration.

Court of Consuls.

Murdoch's Case. The members take cognisance of the facts in connexion with the dismissal of Constable Murdoch, namely that after repeated drunkenness he was dismissed on August 11 without payment of deductions for Superannuation; that on August 30, upon receipt from the Court of a petition submitted on his behalf by Mr Rice, an offer was made to pay such of these deductions as were made under his first agreement because it was in the obsolete form, invalidated in the opinion of the Court by its decision in the Morey case; that Mr Rice refused this payment; that the Council's Answer to the petition recounts these circumstances; but that the Legal Adviser prefers therein not to draw any distinction between the two agreements but advises that it would be preferable in the Council's interests to make this distinction clear only in the pleadings.

In the members' opinion there is ground for question whether it is really better not to make the distinction clear until the hearing; for it is known from experience that during the efforts of pleading Mr McNeill's tendency is to weaken the points which have been thought to require emphasis. But as he has now formally expressed his advice as to the course which he advises in the Council's interest, it must be followed; and directions in this sense have been recorded.

Nanking Road Widening. A letter from Messrs Platt, Macleod and Wilson is submitted maintaining on behalf of Mr Haroon that the widening of the Nanking Road must involve also rebuilding of the structures in the rear, and thus affect the widening of the Kiangse Road, and that as both widenings must accordingly be simultaneous his claim must be formulated on this basis. The members will consider this letter individually at leisure.

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Waterworks Company. The Chairman states that in view of expressions of opinion by the members he has considered it advisable to strengthen the Council's holding of shares in the Company, and has accordingly obtained an offer of 55 shares at \$250. This purchase is authorised, and it is recorded that a policy of purchasing a sufficient holding of the Company's stock to give the Council a stronger voice in its affairs is desirable, and should be carried out with all reasonable expedition.

Riesha Licences. With reference to the further communication from the Horse Bazaar requesting reconsideration of the Council's decision that no licences can now be issued for rieshas taken out of use some time prior to the limitation, it is noted that the Company is under an erroneous impression that there are licences at present available for distribution. It is directed that in reply this misapprehension be corrected, and that in order to show the difficulties which would be occasioned by the special treatment requested, a copy of the recent petition from 38 foreign and Chinese riesha-owners be transmitted to the Company. It appears likely that this reply will bring the matter to an end.

Illuminated Signs. The Horse Bazaar after its protest in February 1915 against the levy of the maximum rate for its illuminated sign in the Nanking Road has made no payment with respect thereto. There has been no complaint showing that the sign is particularly objectionable, so the maximum rate would be unreasonable; but as it is of a kind the general adoption of which should be discouraged, the minimum rate would be too little. It is therefore directed that a charge of \$120 per annum be made.

The Municipal Gazette for September 14 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

E. C. Pearce

Chairman.

G. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 20, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Mr. E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards and
 The Acting Secretary

Absent:

Mr. E.I. Ezra
 Count L. Jezierski
 Mr. A.S.P. White-Cooper

The minutes of the meeting of September 13 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

Police Force, Japanese Branch. A memorandum of the interview between the
 Chairman and the Consul-General for Japan is submitted. The members
 are of opinion that the question of class of passage, and outfit bonus,
 need not now be re-opened; and they confirm the intimation given by
 the Chairman to Consul-General Ariyoshi in this sense.

Opium Prosecutions. The Chairman states that H.M. Consul-General does not
 view with favour the withdrawal of prosecutions after signature of a
 bond in the manner described in the Police report, and that he is
 making further enquiries as to the action of the Mixed Court thereon.

Reckless Driving. Police reports on the subject of repeated instances of
 erratic or dangerous driving by a foreign resident, and his correspond-
 ence with the Captain Superintendent of Police are submitted. In view
 of the Captain Superintendent's opinion as to the unfitness of this
 person to hold a driver's permit, and his anticipation that some
 serious accident may result, the decision is recorded that as warning
 has now been given, the driver's permit will, upon repetition of the
 offence, be withdrawn.

Parks in the Eastern District. With reference to the Council's recent
 decision on the petition for the purchase of Studley Park, a further
 report by the Engineer is submitted suggesting that options be obtained
 until after the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on this property, and also
 on the alternative site in the Macgregor Road which was considered by
 the Works Committee. It is pointed out that options obtained by the
 Council in this manner would almost have the effect of an invitation

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to those interested to bring forward a resolution that a purchase be made. In the members' opinion as provision has been made for normal needs by the purchase of one park for the District, the special wishes of a small section of residents must be met either by themselves personally, or by representations made to the Ratepayers. The Chairman adds that any arrangements as to options upon sites must accordingly be made on the petitioners' own initiative.

Water Supply. A letter from Mr A.L. Anderson is submitted complaining that for his residence, 100 yards distant from that of Mr. Blix, the Waterworks Company requested payment of a 10 per cent contribution on the cost of the main, or a single payment in lieu; and that eventually he paid for a small private service pipe. He is, however, unable to produce any correspondence, and in view of his assent to the provision of a private service, the matter cannot now be re-opened. A reply in this sense is authorised.

Superannuation Fund Rules. A recommendation by the Legal Adviser is submitted that the new rules be so framed as to provide that the contribution of the employe shall be given, and the contribution of the Council withhold, except in certain eventualities. It is directed that the re-drafting of Rules 8 and 10 in this manner proceed forthwith whereafter the amended code will be submitted for consideration by the Finance Committee.

Hongkew Recreation Ground. An application by the Boy's Scouts' Association is submitted for the use of the Ground for a competition and the admission of Chinese spectators by ticket. The day selected is a Saturday when the Ground should be free for the general public; and the only precedent for the admission of Chinese by ticket was for the Olympic Sports, an event of unusual prominence. The application is not entertained.

The Municipal Gazette for September 21 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.15 p.m.

E. P. Carr

Chairman.

J. M. Williams
Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, September 27, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Mr. E.O. Pearce (Chairman)
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.O. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr. E.I. Ezra
 Count L. Jezierski

The minutes of the meeting of September 20 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

Fire Brigade.

Shield Competition. A note from the Chief Officer suggests Saturday,
 November 18 as the date for the Annual Competition, which is approved.

Kumsoo v. Shibbeth and Musso and the Council. A letter from Messrs Platt,
 Macleod and Wilson is submitted on behalf of Kumsoo, a British subject,
 claiming damages of ₹50,000 for alleged trespass by the Police in
 searching his premises for contraband opium without a British warrant.
 The search was instituted under a warrant by the Mixed Court.

The Chairman reminds the members that the Council's acquiescence
 in the special procedure relating to applications for search warrants
 in connexion with contraband opium has been reluctant because it imposes
 solely upon the Combine's agents, under the supervision and instructions
 of the Assessor, the duty of making applications and the dependent
 function, which in Chinese cases is usually exercised by the Municipal
 Police, of verifying the information upon which they are made. For
 action taken in accordance with such warrants the Police and the
 Council may nevertheless apparently be made answerable before an
 independent tribunal, either, possibly, before the Supreme Court by
 action against the individual policemen, or before the Court of
 Consuls, by action against the Council. The incident in question is
 recognised to illustrate how anomalous is the position of the Police
 Force under such circumstances.

It is directed that the Combine be forthwith requested to indemnify
 the Council and its servants against any expenditure due to this claim
 or any prejudice ensuing for the future upon any action connected with

searches, arrests, or any other Police action at the instance of or in conjunction with the combine's agents at the direction of any Court.

The Vice-Chairman undertakes to ascertain from the Combine whether it intends to support Mr Shibbeth; and to impress upon it the necessity of prompt recognition of its responsibility.

Canton Road Widening. A letter from the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha expresses willingness to accept the Council's terms for compensation for the area required ex Lot 55, namely the assessed value plus the usual 10 per cent for compulsory surrender and less two-thirds for betterment, upon condition that a modified corner is permitted in order to provide a straight frontage of about 60 feet on the Bund. This arrangement is approved subject to such small amendment in the actual alignment as the Engineer may advise in relation to the curve of the tramway track at the turning point into the Bund.

Verandahs on Chinese Buildings. An application by Messrs Lester, Johnson and Morriss is submitted for permission to erect on the projected new building at the Chekiang and Nanking Road corner, a verandah of 4 feet ^{instead} in width of 3 feet as provided in the rules for foreign buildings; and it is directed that it be submitted to the Building Rules Commission for an expression of its opinion.

Tramways Bund Paving. A letter from the Tramway Company is submitted in continuation of previous correspondence on the subject of the wood paved margins on the tramway track on the Bund, repudiating its responsibility for their repair on the ground that handcarts and wheelbarrows make use of them in contravention of the Traffic Regulations. As the Council has exercised much forbearance in the correspondence which has passed on this subject, it is directed that the reply to the Company's recent communication be framed in uncompromising terms insisting upon recognition of its liability for the repairs in accordance with the agreement.

Waterclosets. A communication from the Land Commissioners notifies their approval of the rules which have been submitted to them in accordance with Land Regulation XXX.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.15 p.m.

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Acting Secretary.

E. B. M.
Chairman.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 4, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m. there are:

Present:

Mr. E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr. E.I. Ezra

The minutes of the meeting of September 27 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of
 September 26 are submitted and confirmed.

Opium.

Substitute Licences. 18 applications to continue business after the
 time limit are submitted in accordance with Municipal Notification
 No. 2394 issued in pursuance of the decision of August 2 to extend
 licences of shops equivalent in number and size to those which are
 closed as a result of prosecutions for contraband, making selections
 by lot, subject to the recommendations of the Opium Combine as to
 location and proprietorship.

The number of shops closed for contraband is 10 and the Combine's
 views, having been sought, are submitted, stating that 9 of the 18
 applicants have made sales greatly out of proportion to their
 purchases, and that it is by no means satisfied that these shops are
 dealing in genuine certified opium, though they allege that they have
 a stock to dispose of. The Combine accordingly only recommends nine
 of the eighteen applicants. Drawing by lot would therefore be
 unnecessary, and it is directed that licences be issued to the nine
 shops in question without further formality.

Searches of the Person. The Police Daily Report of September 29
 describes the arrest of two Chinese calling themselves "seconds" of
 the employes of the Combine, who stopped and searched a person on the
 jetty at Ewo Road and found opium upon him. It is directed that a
 letter be addressed to the Combine objecting to the stoppage and
 searches of persons and referring to its responsibility in this respect.

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Kumsoc v. Musso and Shibbeth and the Council. The response of Messrs. Platt, Macleod and Wilson to the Council's reply to their claim for damages of \$50,000 on behalf of Kumsoc is submitted, stating that it is a matter for surprise that the Council gives no explanation of the entry into a house of a British subject without lawful authority. It is pointed out that they themselves have already stated in their first letter that the authority was issued from the Mixed Court, and that the Council has repeated this in its reply. Subject to the views of the Legal Adviser the members are of opinion that the correspondence need not be continued further.

A Police report is submitted upon the incident together with an opinion by the Police Legal Assistant showing that the Council has no liability in this matter.

The reply of the Combine to the Council's request for indemnity against this and all future claims is submitted with the Captain Superintendent's comment that it is reasonable, and likely to cover all contingencies. Mr. Merriman takes exception, however, to the qualification which the Combine makes that its liability shall be limited to the duties of the Police properly done: for this leaves wide scope for future doubt and dispute, as for example if the Police should take certain action at request of the Combine's representative which after compliance, should be adjudged to be improper. Count Jezierski states his view that if the Council's procedure with the Combine is correct no indemnity is necessary: but that if it is incorrect it should never have been pursued and should forthwith be re-arranged.

It is pointed out, however, that the special procedure with regard to search warrants, whereby they are not seen by the Police until they are opened by the Combine's representative immediately before execution is in theory correct, because this is in accordance with the directions of the Court, though it deprives the Police of the safeguard which exists in practice of verifying other such documents; and that though the Council's action is correct because it is in accordance with the Court's order this does not prevent action against the Council before a tribunal of which that Court is quite independent; and that therefore an indemnity is necessary. Mr Mackie accordingly adheres to his view previously expressed that revision of the arrangements which the Court has directed ought to be sought: and at the Chairman's suggestion the procedure relating to search and other warrants in connexion with contraband opium will be again fully investigated by the Watch Committee at its next meeting.

The procedure was subsequently approved by the British Consuls but the statement that it was in accordance with the Council's directions was based on misinformation.

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G.S. Price

Lekin. A protest by Messrs Atkinson and Dallas on the subject of the lekin station in the Soochow Creek is submitted and it is directed that it be published and that the incident be brought to the notice of the Consular Body as on the previous occasion in the year 1909.

Verandahs. An application by Messrs Lester, Johnson and Morriss for a permit of the issue of which the Engineer is not in favour, to erect verandahs on the first and second floor levels of a building to be erected on Lot 628 projecting over the public foot-path at the corner of the Nanking and Cheklang Roads by 4 feet instead of 3 feet according to Rule 57 of the Rules with respect of New Foreign Buildings has, in accordance with the Council's directions, been submitted for the advice of the other members of the Buildings Rules Commission. The majority of them advise that the application should be granted, and the encroachment of the additional 1 foot in width is accordingly permitted, provided that the balconies are clear of cables for light and other purposes, and on the understanding that this be regarded as not establishing any precedent. The Commission will hereafter discuss what variation shall be introduced in No. 57 of the Rules.

Tramways. A Police report is submitted as to the stopping place recently adopted at the Race Course involving the shunting of cars from one line to another, which in the opinion of the Captain Superintendent, constitutes a danger and obstruction to other traffic at the narrow point in question during busy hours. It is accordingly directed that the Tramway Company be requested to reserve this junction as hitherto only for Race Days and similar cases of unusual pressure when special traffic measures are necessary.

Educational Grants. A letter from Mr H.B. Stewart is submitted requesting the removal of Dr. Ivy's name from the petition relating to the establishment of a British School in the Western District, and this is ordered for publication.

Illuminated Advertisements. A note from the Legal Adviser is submitted stating that in his opinion there is no reason for which the Horse Bazaar may probably demur to payment of the special rate; but in view of the length of the contract, which dates some years before the introduction of the special rate, it is decided to levy such reasonable nominal amount as the Horse Bazaar may be found willing to pay.

Murdoch's Case. Mr Rice has notified the Legal Adviser of Murdoch's acceptance of the Council's offer of superannuation for the period of his first agreement. Payment of a third class passage which is frequently given in cases where no superannuation is paid is authorised

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in this case; but it is directed that payment of all costs be refused.

Land Tax. It is noted that at the direction of the Finance Committee the question of taxation due from Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. as agents for the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co. Ltd. upon their riverine properties has been the subject of a formal communication in which it has been suggested that the assessment value for the years 1912 to 1916 inclusive should be settled by special arrangement between the Council and themselves.

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

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

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Chairman.

J. Mackinnon
Acting Secretary.

Reserve

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 11, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m. there are:

Present:

Mr. A.S.P. White-Cooper (Acting Chairman)
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs E.I. Ezra
 E.C. Pearce

Membership. On the proposal of the Acting Chairman Mr Johnstone has been re-elected unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting of October 4 are confirmed and signed by the Acting Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 6 have not been read by the members. The recommendation therein contained referring to Underground Cables, that 20,000 yards, at an estimated cost of £24,000 be obtained from the British Insulated and Helsby Co, Ltd. is discussed and approved.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Works Committee of October 9 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the Jansen Road and Public Landing Stage. A report by the Engineer is submitted notifying the consent of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works that the new area for the road surrender shall be 40 feet in width instead of 30 as originally proposed, provided that 15 feet of the width of the existing road be incorporated in their property on the west, and that 15 feet be left available for inclusion in the premises of the Laou Kung Mow Cotton Mill. After a full description of the circumstances by Mr Merriman the members are unanimously of opinion that this arrangement is on the whole to the public advantage and it is approved accordingly.

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Medical Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant nine months' leave is granted to Captain J.E. Murray from October 2.

Reserve of Officers. The resignation of Lieut. D.C. Dick is forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Mr Canning and the Captain Superintendent. The members are informed by the Acting Chairman that Mr Canning has repeated to him some complaining statements which he made to the China Association at its last meeting on the subject of the Captain Superintendent: Mr Canning contended that the Captain Superintendent's administration was inefficient, and that the matter should be brought before the Council so that remedial measures might be taken: he drew attention to the large increase in armed robberies, approximately 100 per cent for the first six months of 1916 over the same period of 1915: he alleged that the Captain Superintendent was unapproachable, had rejected a suggestion of his as to the employment of special constables, and scouted information given by him as to the whereabouts of the late Chen Chi Mei. The Association was unwilling to take up this question with the Council, but the Chairman, Mr Pearce undertook to do so unofficially. He had, however, no opportunity of doing this before his departure for Japan on the following day.

Mr Canning then visited the Acting Chairman on two occasions and repeating the statements as above recorded, made further allegations that the Captain Superintendent does not co-operate with the other members of the Force, and has little influence with them; that it is common knowledge that he has applied for a position under the Chinese Government: and the Acting Chairman points out that he added the threat that unless the Council removed Mr McEuen from his post he would arrange that this measure be advocated at the next Ratepayers' Meeting, or would arrange a petition advocating his removal.

Mr Canning was invited in writing by the Acting Chairman to attend at a meeting of the Council and make these statements to the members, but he declined, pleading a previous engagement at 5 p.m: and when an offer was made to him that arrangements might be made to enable the members to hear him at 4.30 p.m., he declined, without reason given, except that he was extremely anxious that his personality should be kept out of the matter; but he stated that if he is invited, he would probably attend before the Council at its meeting one week hence and re-iterate and explain his allegations.

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These allegations taken together constitute in the members opinion a grave attack upon Mr McEuen's conduct of, and fitness for the position he holds. It is directed that Mr Canning's attendance at the next meeting be requested by letter so that he may have an opportunity of substantiating or withdrawing what he has said.

In the course of the ensuing discussion, it is pointed out that Mr McEuen's agreement expired on September 15, and that his Pay under his next agreement was fixed at the meeting of the Watch Committee of October 9, 1913. Mr Johnstone expresses the view, in which the other members concur, that the more serious of Mr Canning's allegations must affect the question of its renewal, and that the Captain Superintendent should be given an immediate opportunity of interviewing the members. The Captain Superintendent at this moment notifies his desire to be present; with the members' assent

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and the Acting Chairman briefly outlines the allegations that have been made with regard to the increase in armed robberies and the movements of Chen Chi Mei. As to the former the Captain Superintendent regards Mr Canning's figures as probably correct; the reasons for the increase have been fully detailed from time to time in his monthly reports. As to the movements of Chen Chi Mei, upon which Mr Canning claims to have had some special knowledge, (which is questioned by the members), the Captain Superintendent points out that the movements of this notorious person were watched attentively by the Police for some years, and for the six months preceding his death were the subject of frequent reports to the Watch Committee; this is confirmed by reference to the Police Daily Reports during that period; his actual address, moreover, was definitely known to, and reported by the Captain Superintendent on the day before the assassination.

The Captain Superintendent states that he did not scout any information that Mr Canning may have given on this point, and regards this item of his allegations as untruthful, *or, at least, he does not remember the incident*. The Captain Superintendent denies ever having approached the Chinese Government or having been approached by them; he would consider any such action on his part in the depleted state of the Force and the Headquarters personnel where as many as possible were spared for War Service to be grossly disloyal to his employers. Mr Merriman is the only member who has heard such a report, but assures the members that it was long ago, and that he does not remember the source from whence he heard it.

The Captain Superintendent submits that Mr Canning's statements and allegations taken as a whole, their falseness in certain points of fact: taken together with their reflexion upon his competency for his post: and the suggestion that he should be removed: constitute a

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serious slander upon himself. He requests permission to obtain legal advice and to seek redress by legal proceedings if necessary.

The Acting Chairman states that there is never objection to an employe in such circumstances obtaining legal advice, but he deprecates the institution of legal proceedings until the matter has received further attention. Pending this, the Captain Superintendent requests that the renewal of his agreement be deferred and he then withdraws.

Further consideration is postponed until Mr Canning's reply to the invitation as directed that he should attend the Council's next meeting.

Riosha Licences. Representations by Mr Macleod are submitted on behalf of the Horse Bazaar drawing attention to the fact that a considerable number of additional licences have been obtained by certain licence holders by the purchase of old rioshas subsequently sold; this is regarded as the equivalent of an issue of new licences by the Council; and that in view of its assurance on July 20 that the Bazaar would be informed of the number of licences which might fall due in the future, the permission of such transfers was a breach of that assurance. The Watch Committee will give consideration to this question in the near future.

The Kumsoo Case. The Legal Adviser has expressed his opinion that a further letter should be addressed to Messrs Platt in response to their last communication, amplifying the reply which the Council has already made, stating that the execution of the warrant was suspended as soon as Mr Kumsoo declared his nationality, and offering an apology by the detective in person for the enquiry which he made as to the character of the premises. The Captain Superintendent has expressed his approval of this apology; and the reply of the Legal Adviser has the members' approval.

German Musicians. Mr Johnstone refers to the Band Committee's recommendation that Mr Plemenik's agreement, which has expired, be not renewed, and that his services be terminated with one month's pay in lieu of notice, and payment of second class passage in cash. This measure is approved.

Cadastral Office. Reports by the Engineer are submitted on the subject of the institution by the French Council of a cadastral office for the French Settlement, and its request that this office should exclusively function for all properties in the French Settlement irrespective of the nationality of the ownership. Before reply to

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the French Council communicating the difficulties indicated by the Engineer which this arrangement would involve, it is directed that they be explained verbally to the Secretary of the French Council in the first place.

Long Leave. A Police report is submitted showing uncertainty as to whether the initial date of long leave is from the date of expiry of preceding leave, or from the date when the preceding leave, if it had been taken when due, would have expired. It is the recommendation of the Watch Committee that employes by postponements in the Council's interest should never be prejudiced in respect of the leave to which their total service would entitle them. The issue of a general order is accordingly directed that if any period of service shall at the Head of Department's wish be more than five years, the succeeding periods shall be less, subject to the exigencies of the service as the Head of Department may recommend.

The Municipal Gazette for October 12 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication, with regard

Corporal Punishment. Mr Merriman draws attention to the mention in the Captain Superintendent's report of the need of re-introducing the bamboo and at the request of the Acting Chairman undertakes to interview the American Consul-General as to whether the resumption of previous representations may be more likely to lead to successful result now than hitherto.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.



Acting Chairman.



Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 18, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m. there are:

Present:

Mr. A.S.P. White-Cooper (Acting Chairman)
Baron Y. Fujimura
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merrinan
E.C. Richards
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Messrs E.I. Ezra
E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the meeting of October 11 are confirmed and signed by the Acting Chairman. With regard to Corporal Punishment, Mr Merrinan states that he has ascertained that his Consul-General is in favour of the re-introduction of corporal punishment, and it is accordingly decided to address the Senior Consul by letter once more on the subject.

Volunteer Corps.

First Reserves. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant 2nd Lieut. G.A. Johnson is promoted to be Lieutenant from October 27.

Commissions. Reports by the Commandant are submitted recommending that promotions, appointments, etc. be endorsed upon commissions in future, and that the present practice of promoting 2nd lieutenants after twelve months' service be not extended to the First Reserves. These recommendations are approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 6 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to Mr Preece's Visit, Count Jezierski inclines to the view that the whole of the costs should be borne by the Department, but after an explanation of the Committee's view by the Acting Chairman, he acquiesces in the recommendation that half should be debited to general funds. He further points out that in view of the report of the Electricity Committee in favour of a Sinking Fund, any decision with regard to the instalment system could only take effect after informing the Ratepayers at the next Annual Meeting. After a brief discussion it is decided that this shall be the subject of consideration by the Finance Committee.

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The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of October 17 are submitted and confirmed with the following observations:

Mr Canning and the Captain Superintendent. The Acting Chairman states that his view and that of the Committee is that much of Mr Canning's criticism has not been substantiated, and is not accurate in respect of facts: and that it may be regarded as quite sufficiently dealt with, except that the use of special constables, which the Captain Superintendent has himself desired for some time, and which the Committee formerly did not regard with favour should be the subject of further recommendations.

The members of the Watch Committee propose that as a mark of the Council's confidence Mr MoEuen's renewed agreement, which he was unwilling to sign until this matter was disposed of, should now receive the Acting Chairman's signature forthwith. This proposal is unanimously adopted; and the Acting Chairman remarks that in his opinion any change such as he gathered was suggested would be unthinkable; that the difficulties which the Captain Superintendent experiences during these times of political change are immense; and that he handles the Force with capability and efficiency. He accordingly signs the agreement with an expression of the Council's confidence in Mr MoEuen.

Japanese Branch and the Sikhs. A note from the Captain Superintendent establishes the fact that the impression as to trouble from the Sikhs is erroneous, and states that he is credibly informed that there is no truth in such rumours. His report on the

Seconding of the Japanese Constables is submitted to the effect that he gave no instructions in this sense, and that as he considers this measure to be a mistake steps should, if possible, be taken to rescind it, and the Chairman and Baron Fujimura undertake to make arrangements with the Consul-General for Japan to this end.

Opium. Count Jezierski deprecates the establishment of a procedure with reference to opium search warrants different in any respect from that relating to any other search warrant as to which in practice the Police exercise a certain discretion in their execution. He is of opinion that until this procedure, has the definitely expressed approval of H.M. Consul-General or the Consular Body in response to formal question by the Council it ought not to be continued; and though he acquiesces in Mr Merriman's view that the indemnity of the Combine should include action taken by the Police as a result of any admonition or verbal statement by the Combine's agents relating to a search, he is of opinion that such definite Consular approval should precede any further negotiation on the subject of

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that indemnity; and that until the approval is notified the searches under the present mode of procedure should cease. After some discussion, the Acting Chairman undertakes to request the Combine to desist from searches conducted in accordance with this procedure. Kumsoo. With regard to Kumsoo's case, the members are in some doubt as to whether the request of Messrs Platt, Macleod and Wilson for a description of the procedure relating to opium search warrants should be acceded to. Finally it is decided to give a description of the procedure with the strict proviso that the Legal Adviser anticipates absolutely no prejudice by so doing to the Council's case in such proceedings as Kumsoo may take.

Septic Tanks. In a letter submitted, the sub-Committee appointed by the Building Rules Commission to draft rules relating to water-closets, addresses a protest to the Council as to the statement in Dr Stanley's recent monthly report. The code of rules which it formulated definitely prohibits the disposal of ordure by the septic system on the ground that the effluent cannot be sufficiently pure for safe discharge into the River. An explanation of the Health Officer's recent monthly report now in favour of a trial of this system is requested by the other members of the sub-Committee.

The Health Officer in a report submitted points out that he has by no means changed his opinion that water-closets should be limited as much as possible, and only when he has found that the prospect of limiting them is improbable he advocates a trial of septic tanks under close observation and a laboratory test.

It is directed that an expression of the views of the special sub-Committee be sought as to what, if any, further investigation should be made as to the advisability of permitting the system, but the comment of the Engineer in connexion with the Health Officer's report will in the first place be awaited.

The applications of the Union Insurance Society of Canton and other applicants to instal septic tanks will await the result of communication with the sub-Committee.

Markham Road Bridge. As the Harbour Master proves obdurate in his insistence upon removal within four years of the projected three bay wooden structure, and considerable expenditure has already been incurred by the contractor, it is decided at Mr Merriman's suggestion to proceed with the bridge without further correspondence: but it is recognised that if protests are made or obstructive measures are taken by the Harbour Master acceptance of the terms upon which he insists will prove necessary.

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Chemulpo Road. An application by Messrs Lavers and Clark is submitted that Chemulpo Road be deviated from the middle to the eastern boundary of Lot 2530 in return for a free surrender of the area required for the road. The Works Committee is of opinion that as the Yangtzeepoo Road will be the main artery of traffic into which the Chemulpo Road will lead, and as there will be little cross traffic between the Northern and Southern sections, it is not imperative that they should be immediately opposite. If the road remain as now scheduled the purchase of the necessary land is estimated at ₦6,600; and the value of the 4 mow to be surrendered for the new line is estimated at ₦12,000. The Engineer recommends the application, subject to a small modification, and this arrangement is approved.

Recreation Ground, Drainage. A report by the Special Committee, composed of a member of the Recreation Ground Committee, the Race Club Committee, the Cricket Club Committee and the Recreation Fund Trustees, has suggested the re-arrangement of the ground with special recommendations relating to the filling of creeks. The members take note of this project, and still await the Engineer's comment.

The Municipal Gazette for October 19 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

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Acting Chairman.

G. M. M. M.
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, October 25, 1916,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs A.S.P. White-Cooper (Acting Chairman)

E.I. Ezra

Court L. Jezlerski

Messrs J. Johnstone

C.G.S. Mackie

W.L. Merriman

E.C. Richards

The Acting Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Baron Y. Fujimura

Mr. E.C. Pearce

The minutes of the meeting of October 18 are confirmed and signed by the

Acting Chairman. With regard to

Mr Canning and the Captain Superintendent, Mr Richards points out that it is desirable that the Committee of the China Association should in some manner be informed of the result of Mr Canning's representations, and the Acting Chairman accordingly undertakes to mention what has passed to the Chairman of the Association.

The minutes of the meeting of the Building Rules Commission of October 16

are submitted. Relating to the

Application of Messrs Lester, Johnson and Morris for permission to construct a verandah 4 feet instead of 3 feet wide as allowed in the Building Rules, Mr Ezra, the Chairman of the Commission, who was not present at that meeting, mentions the views which he has previously expressed, that it seems reasonable that large tea-houses on the Nanking Road should be granted the small facility upon this wide thoroughfare, and that he understands that Messrs Lester would be content without any increase of width on the Chekiang Road. At his suggestion however, the Acting Engineer attends, in order to give the members the fullest possible information upon any attendant disadvantages. Mr Harpur mentions two, in connexion with overhead wires, which he considers insuperable, viz: that they will be only 18 inches from the edge of the verandah, and consequently easily accessible therefrom, and that the reduction in width between the wires and the verandah would make access for a fire appliance impossible either over or underneath the wires. The poles moreover cannot be moved to a further distance without a widening of the

pavement, which is considered undesirable.

After some discussion the Acting Chairman states that the balance of opinion is evidently against granting this concession and the Council's refusal will accordingly be communicated to Messrs Lester, Johnson and Morriss.

The Acting Engineer then withdraws.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of October 17 are submitted and confirmed. The recommendation with regard to Medical Attendance at the Thomas Hanbury School will be submitted for consideration by the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of October 20 are submitted and confirmed, and a notice has accordingly been issued to the effect that the demand has reached the limit of the capacity of the generating plant, and that no further applications for motors or radiators can be accepted.

Volunteer Corps.

Artillery. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the renewal of the commission of Captain R.W. Davis with effect from June 4, and the promotion of 2nd Lieut. S.B. Neill to be Lieutenant with effect from June 2, are authorised.

Chinese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant 2nd Lieut. T.A. Zee is promoted to be Lieutenant with effect from September 16.

Public Gambling. The British Assessor has drawn attention from the Bench to the desirability of taking action against individual British subjects who frequent the roulette establishment in North Honan Road, and the discussion on this subject which took place in August last is recalled, wherein it was already decided to seek legal advice as to the practicability of this course. The verbal advice of the Police Legal Assistant was that successful results would be unlikely; and the members upon reviewing that decision at the ensuing meeting preferred to leave further measures in abeyance. Mr Newman's written opinion is now submitted showing that it would be the part of the Crown Advocate to collect sufficient evidence against individuals through the Council's detectives, and then to institute proceedings against British subjects for unlawful gaming on the occasions when they have been observed thus engaged, and that the Crown Advocate might apply for warrants for their arrest.

The Watch Committee holds that this course might be effective with regard only to British subjects, if the difficulties of detection and proof are successfully surmounted; but it is not commendable, because, as to subjects of other nationalities, it would probably be found impracticable.

Upon question by Mr Ezra it is pointed out that action against the proprietors has long since been found impracticable both because of the difficulty of detection and proof and notably because of their swift evasions of Consular authority by changes of nationality: and that the general warrant which the Consular Body previously gave was found to be invalid from the standpoint of the British Authorities.

The only other action possible is representation to the Chinese Authorities and action by them, but that this would result only in a temporary cessation or perhaps simply in removal of the appliances from one establishment to another.

After some discussion it is unanimously decided to address the Consular Body once more pointing out all these difficulties with which the Council has in vain contended in the past, and requesting such action with or without the assistance of the Diplomatic Body, Peking, as will produce some permanent stoppage of this malpractice. The Acting Chairman will, in the first place, approach the Senior Consul in order to point out how this tends to dissipate the earnings and industry of foreign and Eurasian residents especially those in small employments; and to ascertain whether he would view the proposed representations with favour.

General Hospital. A reply from the Governors to the Council's letter of August 7 is submitted which has been read by the members and after re-iteration by Messrs Ezra and Johnstone of their views previously expressed that the responsibility for the projected extension is a proper charge upon the public funds, it is referred for consideration at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Water Supply. A further communication from Mr Blix is submitted requesting that instructions be given to the Waterworks Company to extend the main to his house at the corner of Great Western and Tifeng Roads; and it is accordingly decided to request the Company to submit an estimate of the cost of laying a 4 inch main, whereafter the question of contribution from Mr Blix will be considered.

Jansen Road and Public Landing Stage. The Council has communicated to the applicants the conditions upon which it would permit the incorporation of the Jansen Road partly in the premises of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works and partly in those of the Leou Kung Mow Cotton

Mill, and in lieu, the provision of a 40 foot road and landing stage on the eastern side of Lot 2446. It is understood that Mr Ambrose on behalf of the Works, after objecting, in writing, to an indemnity against all claims, now verbally objects to the modified suggestion recently approved by the Works Committee that the indemnity may be confined to claims from the Laou Kung Mow and Ewo Cotton Mills. It is pointed out that as the Ewo Cotton Mill has no objection, and will guarantee to raise no claim, the Works can have no difficulty in indemnifying against any such claim from them as the Engineer believes to be in some circumstances possible. A written reply will accordingly be awaited.

If any objection arises from the Laou Kung Mow Cotton Mill in response to the communication from the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works the Council will hereafter consider how this is to be dealt with. It is directed that a notice of the proposed arrangements be given in two issues of the Municipal Gazette as recently in connexion with the Tsingpoo Road pontoon, and that in addition a brief Municipal Notification be inserted in a few issues of the North China Daily News.

North Yangtze Road Pontoons. A recommendation by the Engineer is submitted to the effect that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha should be given possession of the existing road upon condition that they construct a new 50 foot road along the River front, with a permanent bunding, and shall surrender land for a 40 foot road through Cadastral Lot 1010 in continuation of the Whangpoo Road, defraying also the cost of widening the Feabon Road to 40 feet between Broadway and the North Yangtze Road. This scheme is referred for discussion by the Works Committee which will view the locality in person in the first place.

Children's Playground. A suggestion by the Parks Superintendent that the Race Club be requested to lease the garden attached to the Mohawk Lodge as a playground for children, is, at the recommendation of the Engineer, approved, and enquiries will be made to this end.

Finance Department.

Staff. The telegraphic application of Mr Bosustow for payment of his superannuation is submitted with a report by the Treasurer recommending that it be granted, and that his services be retained after the expiry of his present agreement. After a brief discussion this has the Council's approval.

The Municipal Gazette for October 26 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.

E. L. ...

Chairman.

J. Mackintosh

Acting Secretary.

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At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 1, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
E.I. Ezra
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs J. Johnstone
C.G.S. Mackie
W.L. Merriman
E.C. Richards
A.S.P. White-Cooper
The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Baron Y. Fujimura

The minutes of the meeting of October 25 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of October 31 are
submitted and confirmed. With regard to
Broadway East, Lots 51 and 54. The importance of the question of
betterment in this surrender is recognised. Recently, in the
Broadway, the Land Commission admitted betterment as regards Lot 1019
in Case 88 and Lot 1011 in Case 108; and in Cases 65 and 66 recorded
that the decisive mark of lack of betterment from widenings beyond a
30 foot width is not when a property, but when a district, is
altogether Chinese and the thoroughfare is Chinese the whole way;
and ruled that if the district is not altogether Chinese the
advantages to property of improving the thoroughfare by widening are
beyond doubt. Patently the Broadway East cannot be described as
essentially Chinese: it is a trunk thoroughfare, semi-foreign, in a
typical industrial and shipping quarter. For these reasons the
Chairman of the Works Committee is disposed to take the view that
betterment should be claimed, and sustained as far as possible, if
necessary by proceedings before the Land Commission.

Volunteer Corps.

Retired Rank. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant retired
rank of Captain, with the right to wear uniform, is conferred on
Mr. D.C. Dick in consideration of long and valued service in the
Corps.

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American Company. The resignation of Lieut. F.R. Newman is forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Police Force.

Japanese Branch, Seconding. As a result of the arrangements made by the Vice-Chairman with the Consul-General for Japan a letter from Mr. Ariyoshi is submitted embodying the text of a telegram from the Metropolitan Police Board in Tokio, the substance of which is that the Japanese members of the Force, though retaining their rank and the titles thereof, will cease to have any connexion with their previous employers, and will beyond question be placed under the sole control of the Council's Police, and that the term "seconding" is therefore incorrect. A report from the Captain Superintendent states that the original supposition that these men would be seconded is a misunderstanding and that as they will be under the sole control of the Police officers in the Council's service all question is disposed of. A reply will be addressed to Mr. Ariyoshi in acknowledgment of his communication.

Jansen Road and Public Landing Stage. The reply of Mr Ambrose is submitted intimating the consent of the owners of Cadastral Lot 2435 and of the Ewo Cotton and Spinning Co. to the proposed arrangements: the consent of the lessees of the Leou Kung Mow Cotton Mill is still awaited, but in the meantime publication of the correspondence is directed with an intimation that unless adequate reason against the change in the position of the road and the landing stage is adduced within ten days it will be approved.

Motor Car Speed Limit. Correspondence with Mr Sutterle is submitted suggesting introduction of a speed limit owing to the number of fatal accidents.

Mr. White-Cooper remarks that during last year 11 persons were killed and over 200 injured by motor cars, as compared with 5 killed and about 200 injured by trams, chiefly in attempts to board or alight during motion. Though the proportion of accidents from motor cars is perhaps not unduly heavy, the importance of preventing driving to the public danger, would in his view justify experimental introduction of a limit. Mr. Johnstone is of opinion that because of the unreliability of evidence of Chinese or Sikhs as to speed a limit would prove of little use; and that the remedy lies in increased police control, the endorsement of licences, and when necessary their suspension or cancellation. The Assistant British Assessor has recently suggested that the licence conditions should provide for endorsement directed by the Assessors in cases before them. An

Assessor's recommendation that a licence be endorsed would in any case probably be complied with, but as such a condition inserted in the licence would delegate a Police function the members do not regard the suggestion with favour.

The Captain Superintendent's opinion is that speed limits have been found in practice unsatisfactory, and would meet with strong opposition locally. His recommendation that the Automobile Club of China be invited to express its views, is after some further discussion adopted.

Waterworks Shares. The Chairman draws attention to a circular notice issued by the Company that 464 shares at £35 are available for issue. The members express their views unanimously in favour of consistent application of the long since accepted principle that the Council should maintain a considerable holding of the shares of such important public utility undertakings as the Waterworks and Telephone Companies; and are entirely disposed to acquire as many as possible.

It is pointed out that Mr Goodale has stated verbally that he has observations to offer upon this practice. It is noted that in any case in connexion with the recent small purchase no particular view was recorded by Mr Goodale, or in his absence, by the Acting Treasurer. It is suggested, however, that before deciding to apply for these shares the Finance Committee will weigh what observations Mr Goodale proposes to offer. The shares acquired by the recent small purchase will be in the Chairman's name with the necessary declaration of trust, and payment of the second account therefore of £4279 for 17 shares is authorised.

Charity Organisation. A communication from the former Committee transmits a refund of \$2065.23 the unused portion of the Council's contribution of £3600 in accordance with the Budget appropriation. This sum will somewhat more than cover the proportionate grant which was issued to the King's Daughters' Society in order to conduct a part of the Charity Organisation Committee's work which consisted of an investigation and employment bureau.

Public Band. In accordance with the recommendation of the Band Committee, the agreement of Musician Elmann will not be renewed, and he will receive one month's Pay in lieu of notice with effect from November 4.

Electricity Department. The recommendation of the Electricity Committee as to payment of Mr Aldridge's superannuation receives the special consideration of the Finance Committee and is approved for action forthwith.

Loan Redemption. The Chairman states that Messrs C. Holliday and E.S. Little wish to make special representations to the Finance Committee upon what they consider to be the unsound mode now in vogue of redemption by instalment, and as the members of the Finance Committee are willing to receive an expression of their views they will be invited to attend at the next meeting.

The Municipal Gazette for November 2 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.



Chairman.



Acting Secretary

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 15, 1916,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr. J. Johnstone

The minutes of the meeting of November 1 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of November 3 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of November 9 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to the General Hospital, the need of more Municipal control in the affairs of the Hospital is emphasised. This need will be still greater, if the additional financial responsibilities involved by immediate construction of the extension are assumed. It is thought probable that the French Council will be unwilling to share the responsibility as hitherto.

In the course of the ensuing discussion Mr White-Cooper suggests that the full facts be placed before the Ratepayers. Mr Ezra is confident that they would approve of accepting the further financial responsibilities involved by the extension. The members are generally in agreement that this course should be adopted but further discussion is postponed until after the meeting with the Governors.

Secretariat Staff. Reference is made to nominations of various persons by rumour, to the post of Secretary: two of the nominees are in the Council's employ: and it is stated that one employe, unnamed, has made quiet demarches soliciting the members' assistance with this post in view.

Past services and qualifications, recognition of which has been recorded repeatedly, have established a just claim such as if the

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Secretary does not return, entitles the acting employe, in the Council's intention, to the substantive appointment, as a matter of course.

It is apparent that none of the members have conceived views prejudicial to this claim. On the contrary they have formed favourable opinions, and satisfaction is expressed with the manner in which the work has been done during the past twelve months.

For a suggestion that in order to repair the prejudice created by such gossip, and to prevent its harassing effects during busy times of the year, the substantive appointment of Secretary should be conferred forthwith, subject to reversion in the event of Mr Leveson's return, he thanks the members. It is explained however, that though the appointment so long beyond the usual leave period, and of an exceptional nature, is a just title to a new agreement, -because employment in a higher capacity always entitles to a new agreement in the Municipal Service, -it must needs be described either still as acting, or as temporary, because the post should, in the terms of all documents, be preserved available for Mr Leveson in accordance with the promise whereunder volunteers for war service may return to their posts: otherwise, even if some appropriate published announcement were made, a mistaken or premature impression might be conveyed. The members disapprove use of the term 'temporary', and after a brief further discussion confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee and direct

that under a new agreement as Secretary, it be provided that Mr. Mackinnon shall revert to the post of Senior Assistant Secretary with the pay of that office, if Mr Leveson returns to the post of Secretary and retains it: and

that in the meantime Mr Mackinnon shall sign as Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the Watch Committee of November 10 are submitted and confirmed. With regard to

Opium, the members are informed that the Senior Consul is prepared for a written request for confirmation that the existing search warrant procedure was instituted by the Mixed Court with his approval, and for approval of the suggested modifications. If these are approved Mr. Merriman questions whether the position of the police will be in any way changed: as regards any possible liability for tort at the direction of the Combine's agents, he therefore favours insisting on an unqualified indemnity from the Combine. Court Jezierski is opposed to this course on the ground that if the procedure is in order, an indemnity is unnecessary; if it is not in order it should

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not be followed. The locus standi of the Mixed Court, whether it has any better authority to issue search warrants for Opium than for salt, he also questions. In reply Mr White-Cooper explains that as the Court is competent, the Council cannot question its warrants and the Police as its officers must carry out its directions. After further discussion it is decided to await the reply of the Senior Consul to the communication to be addressed to him whereafter the correspondence will be published so that the public may be made aware that the existing procedure has the sanction of adequate authority.

The minutes of the meeting of the Library Committee of November 13 are submitted and confirmed.

Volunteer Corps - Headquarters Staff. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant, Staff Sergeant S. Wise is promoted to be Sergeant Major with effect from December 1, with Pay in accordance with the scale.

Fire Brigade - Deluge Company. The resignation of Mr W.A.L. Pardoe, 2nd Assistant Foreman forwarded by the Chief Officer is accepted, with regret: the appointment of Mr M.A. Annett to be Foreman, of Mr J.W. Stavers to be 1st Assistant and of Mr H.P.B. Jones to be 2nd Assistant are submitted and approved.

Victoria Company. The resignation of Mr J. Feely, 2nd Assistant Foreman forwarded by the Chief Officer is accepted with regret.

The Kumsoo Case. A copy of the Statement of Claim filed by Kumsoo's solicitors in the action against Mr Shilbeth is forwarded by the Legal Adviser. He states that therefrom it appears that the principle offender was the policeman in charge of the search: and that this would have been in less prominence if an apology had been tendered by the policeman in writing through him to Mr Kumsoo's solicitors as they requested. The Captain Superintendent under the advice of the Police Legal Assistant believes that a written apology would at this stage be most undesirable. The members unanimously endorse this view.

Drugs, Soliciting and Brothels. A petition by a number of the members of the Shanghai Women's Christian Temperance Union and other residents is submitted expressing concern about some references recently made in the local press to the prevalence of these disorders in Hongkew. They request that efforts to protect residents in the use of the public gardens and parks be not relaxed: that coffee shops and grill rooms in the various districts be regulated: that endeavours to abate the North Szechuen Road Extension nuisance be continued; that an appeal on the subject be made to the Consular Body and thence to the Chinese Authorities: that measures be taken for the regulation of the sale of

morphia, cocaine and similar drugs, and that steps be taken to secure the closing of houses of ill fame, and the abolition of solicitation in the streets. The Captain Superintendent's comment is awaited: pending its receipt and submission to the members further discussion is postponed.

Land Commission. A letter from the Commissioners is submitted enclosing copy of a communication to Messrs Davies and Brooke, with reference to the decision in Case 106. This confirms the Council's contention that the award was intended to include the free surrender of the rounded portions at the north-east and south-east corners of Cadastral Lot 1, Western District.

The decisions of the Commissioners in Cases 110a and 110b, both admitting one third betterment, are submitted and ordered for publication.

Public Recreation Ground. A memorandum by the Special Ground Committee suggests the filling of the creek surrounding the Shanghai Cricket Club's ground. The cost of filling on the eastern boundary will be defrayed by the Club which in return, will surrender a strip on its southern boundary. The Special Ground Committee proposes that the surrendered strip be devoted to public uses and that in consideration therefor the Council shall defray the expense of making the alterations and filling in the creek on the western and southern boundaries of the Club's Grounds.

In a report submitted, the Engineer estimates that this will cost £2400: which should strictly be paid for by the Recreation Fund Trustees; but in view, of the benefit to the public he recommends a one-half contribution by the Council. A benefit to the public will in the members opinion accrue and it is decided, after a short discussion, to comply with the request of the Special Committee provided that no greater rent shall now or upon any renewal of the Council's existing lease be required as a consequence of the proposed improvements.

Jansen Road. With reference to the communications received from the Societe des Missions Etrangeres and the Laou Kung Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd. published in the Municipal Gazette of November 2 which foreshadowed that reasons will be adduced against the change in the position of the Road and Landing Stage, it is directed that the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works Ltd. be informed that further correspondence having since been in progress the unlikelihood that it may be possible to effect the change appears more imminent than before;

and that as final disapproval might follow, the Company may be well advised to refrain from proceeding with a scheme of development which may be based on the assumption that the transfer can in fact be effected.

Tramways Wood Paving. Mr McColl has stated verbally that the Tramway Company will be prepared to carry out their obligations to repair the wood paving on the Bund upon receiving an expression of the Council's intention to make every effort to keep wheelbarrow traffic off the margins. Admittedly every effort should be made to regulate the wheelbarrow traffic but it is directed that the Company be given clearly to understand that any such statement by the Council is quite distinct from its obligations to repair, and that the Council adheres to its contention in this sense unimpaired.

The Municipal Gazette for November 16 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.20 p.m.

E. C. P. ...

Chairman.

W. R. ...

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 22, 1916,

at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of November 15 are confirmed and signed by the Chairman. With regard to the General Hospital, it has been suggested to the Governors that Thursday, November 30, might be suitable for the proposed meeting with the Finance Committee, and the members appoint 4.30 o'clock if this is convenient to the Governors.

Secretariat. As a result of a memorandum submitted to the Finance Committee and the members, it has been directed that Mr Mackinnon shall continue to sign as Acting Secretary but the decisions recorded at the last meeting are otherwise unanimously confirmed. A general order on the subject has also been submitted to the Council and thereupon approved for issue.

The minutes of the special meeting of the Finance Committee of November 17 are submitted and confirmed. The Chairman explains the chief features of the discussion. The impression made by the Treasurer's Behaviour on this occasion is not agreeable, and it is directed that an expression of disapproval of his remarks, of displeasure at his non-compliance with the suggestion that he should remain, and the unsuitability, in the circumstances, of the reason given, be conveyed to him.

Motor-cars, Speed Limit. The Automobile Club of China, having been invited to express its views on the suggestion of Mr Sutterle, in accordance with the decision of November 1, informs the Council that it does not advise the imposition of a speed limit, owing to the difficulty which would be experienced in enforcing it, and that a circular is being issued to the membership requesting careful and slow driving in all congested thoroughfares, and requesting that the attention of the Police be drawn to any instances of inconsiderate or dangerous driving which may be witnessed. A reply to Mr Sutterle is directed accordingly.

Ordure Contract. The clause of the agreement which provides for renewal for a further period of two years in the event of satisfactory work, is, at the recommendation of the Health Officer, authorised to have effect, and accordingly no new tenders will be called for.

Wayside Market. A report by the Health Officer is submitted with reference to the recent recommendation of the Watch Committee, from which it is noted that the market has never been popular and can be available for gaol extension so soon as it is required. The revenue, \$200, is recoverable from hawkers' fees, and he does not recommend acquisition of a new site.

Bund - Wood Paving. In accordance with the Council's decision of November 15 the Company's legal advisers have been informed that if it notifies its intention to carry out the repairs, the Council will then state that for the future it will do what may be practicable to prevent the use of the margins by handcarts and wheelbarrows: but it was understood that no undertaking and no admission of any obligation on the Council's part would be given.

The Company accordingly addresses the Council in a letter submitted stating that it is satisfied that efforts are being made to prevent the use of the paving, and that hoping for a permanent improvement from the Company's point of view the repairs in question will be executed. It is directed that the Company now be informed that the Council will do what it reasonably can to prevent any unjust burden being placed on the Company in the way of repairs from the use by handcarts and wheelbarrows, but no admission of any obligation in this respect is to be made.

Jansen Road. A further letter from Mr. Ambrose is submitted stating that he does not think the objections which have been notified to the removal of the road are likely to prove unsurmountable. The Chairman explains what they are.

1. The Leou Kung Mow Mill instead of having an unrestricted public access to the River will receive, eventually with the burden of more rent, a restricted private access by the private creek in the property of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works, and when this can be shown to be insufficient an access upon application from time to time to the Manager at other points through the property of the Works. The Mill regards this access as precarious and therefore disadvantageous.

2. Also the Mill would require 20 feet of the old road instead of 15 feet as suggested; this might be arranged by the Works ceding 5 feet of their portion in exchange for cession by the Council of 5 feet on the new road line, which would thus be 35 feet in width.

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3. The Missions Etrangeres wishes to know if the Council would maintain, light and police the whole of the private road to the creek-head, and until they know the Council's views they state that no definite conclusion could be arrived at. In the meantime the reply of their Hongkong Office is awaited.

Waterworks Arbitration. Before proceeding to arbitration, Messrs Platts request the Council to state what their contentions are, and offer in return to state what the Company's are. The members are unanimously of opinion that the whole of the arbitration should immediately proceed without any further correspondence; and disapprove a suggestion which is made that the most important point namely Question 1, be arbitrated forthwith.

Superannuation. An application of the Municipal Engineer to draw his Superannuation, after nineteen years' service, is submitted.

In response to doubts expressed by Mr Ezra as to the advisability of permitting any payment except upon retirement, the Chairman points out that with the prevailing favourable rates of exchange it is difficult to refuse such applications, and Mr Johnstone states that the same practice is adopted in some local undertakings. The procedure adopted in this respect also finds a parallel in the practice in vogue in the Customs' Service of issuing retiring allowances septennially. The application is granted, with the retention of Mr Godfrey's services ~~but payment will not be made till after the end of the year.~~

The Municipal Gazette for November 23 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

E. C. ...

Chairman.

M. ...
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, November 29, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs F.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E. I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujihara
 Count L. Jezierski
 Messrs J. Johnstone
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 ✓The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

The minutes of the meeting of November 22 are confirmed and signed by
 the Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Educational Committee of
 November 21 are submitted and confirmed.

Motorcar Speed Limit. Mr Sutterle has written a further letter to which
 in reply it is directed that it be pointed out that the obligation of
 driving slowly in congested districts and preventing inconsiderate or
 reckless driving is fully recognised, and can, and will be enforced
 by the Police by means of the licence condition which requires speed
 to be adjusted to the traffic.

Mr Johnstone draws attention to the necessity of recording
 breaches of the conditions by endorsing licences; and it is noted that
 this practice, observed with regard to Chinese drivers' certificates
 is, in effect, carried out with regard to Foreign drivers also by a
 record of all offences kept in the Police dossier.

It is directed that a further report, a few months hence,
 recording the number of accidents during the intervening period, be
 submitted to the Watch Committee for consideration.

Stray Children's Home. Owing to overcrowding in the Home for Stray
 Children, a branch of the Door of Hope, of which the Council has paid
 the expenditure during recent years, it is noted that it has become
 necessary either to enlarge the existing premises or to lease premises
 elsewhere. A suggestion by the Architectural Assistant that a new
 building be erected with class-rooms, etc. would involve assumption
 by the Council of larger and more permanent responsibilities than for
 the rent and upkeep, as at present, and is therefore disapproved.

A new undertaking described as the Continental and Commercial Realty Company is arranging to build premises for lease, and it is directed that they be requested to introduce improvements in their plan and that thereafter the lowest rental possible be tentatively arranged with them, for the consideration of the Watch Committee.

Septic Tanks. The Special sub-Committee for drafting rules relating to waterclosets expresses reluctance to consider the advisability of permitting a trial of septic tanks until it has received an explanation of what it describes as Dr. Stanley's change of opinion: and at his recommendation a copy of his previous report has accordingly been transmitted to the Committee.

A report by the Engineer is submitted, again advocating the construction of two or more septic tanks as an experimental arrangement in Municipal buildings such as the Bubbling Well or Sinza Police Station or the Ellis Kadoorie Public School for Chinese, so that experiments over a period of twelve months may supply evidence of the suitability or otherwise of this system. This suggestion is consistent with the views expressed in the Health Officer's report published in September last and there appears, in the members' opinion, to be no objection to giving effect thereto, as soon as the Special Committee has met and reported thereon.

The Engineer's further suggestion that Dr Fowler, expert bacteriologist, and Mr C.C. James, expert on Oriental drainage and septic tanks be invited to come to Shanghai and advise as to the establishment of a drainage system, is not viewed with favour by the Watch Committee, because it seems evident that for an indefinitely long period the existing methods will remain in force with respect to the bulk of the population, viz: the Chinese residents.

The sole administrative development relating to ordure is the obligation to permit waterclosets chiefly for foreign residences. As the rules regulating the conditions of this permission were formulated by the Special sub-Committee, the members are of opinion that it is preferable to take no new step, without awaiting an expression of the views of the Special sub-Committee.

Avenue Edward VII. A report by the Engineer is submitted with a plan of the section of this thoroughfare between Thibet and Manila Roads recommending that it be scheduled to a uniform width of 90 feet thus eventually substituting a straight length of road for the present very uneven line. As the expropriations scheduled are practically identical in area with strips now in public use which will be incorporated in

properties along the road, the improvement can be effected with practically no eventual expenditure. It is accordingly approved.

Illuminated Advertisement. The Legal Advisers of the Horse Bazaar, in a note submitted, mention that the sign was erected in 1912, under a 5 years contract at a fixed rental, after issue of the usual permit by the Council without stipulation as to any tax at that time: that thus no provision was made in the contract for the payment of a tax: also that the Council receives a substantial income from the use of the electric current. For these reasons any tax appears to the Bazaar unfair.

The Chairman's statement at the Ratepayers Meeting of 1914 was that treatment would be lenient where prior contracts existed. Lenient treatment has not so far been interpreted to mean total exemption from taxation. In many instances advertisers have removed their signs rather than make payment. The assessed rate is based on the measurement of the "pirate" sign only, and does not include the electrical sign.

Under these circumstances it is decided that if the minimum charge for this locality ^{1/10} 20 per square foot, i.e. \$60 per annum, is not paid, with effect from March 1914, payment is to be enforced by legal process.

Loan of 1916. Owing to the unusual financial situation, it is directed that the recent decision of the Finance Committee to decrease the issue price of the loan to 98½ net, which has been confirmed, be not publicly notified.

The Emperor Franz Josef. The Consul General for Austria-Hungary notifies Saturday, December 2, at 10 a.m. as the date of the Requiem Mass, and in response to his invitation to the members to attend, Mr Merriman undertakes to represent them.

The Municipal Gazette for November 30 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 5.30 p.m.

E. C. Lane

Chairman.

M. A. King
Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 6, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m. there are:

Present:

- Messrs E.O. Pearce (Chairman)
- E.I. Ezra
- Baron Y. Fujimura
- Count L. Jezierski
- Messrs J. Johnstone
- C.G.S. Mackie
- W.L. Merriman
- E.O. Richards
- A.S.P. White-Cooper
- The Acting Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of November 29 are confirmed and signed by the
Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of December 1 are
read and confirmed. With regard to the
Superannuation Rules. As to Rule 8, decision will await the second
legal opinion to be obtained. As to Rule 10, the views of Mr Peebles
are noted. The rule in its present form provides for payment of the
Council's contributions if it does not wish to renew an agreement
through "no fault of the employe," a phrase which certainly leaves
decision largely dependent upon the Head of Department's recommendation.
But the proposed new rule provides for the same payment if the Council
does not wish to renew, but with the proviso that the services shall
"have in its opinion been on the whole satisfactory". The view
prevails that this new wording is an improvement which sufficiently
indicates that the Council would give particular consideration to any
instance presenting special features.

Volunteer Corps.

Light Horse. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the commission
of Captain P. Crighton is authorised for renewal with effect from
November 6.

Engineer Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the
official designation of this unit will, with effect from December 1,
be "The Engineers", S.V.O.

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Fire Brigade.

Victoria Company. The Chief Officer submits the following appointments on election by the Company: Mr M.B. Mathews as Foreman, Mr W.S. Clay as 1st Assistant Foreman, and Mr N.P. Thomson as 2nd Assistant Foreman. These appointments are confirmed.

Public Gambling. A note from the Consul-General for Germany to the Captain Superintendent referring to the Council's letter to the Senior Consul, notifies his agreement with the suggestion that steps be taken against foreigners frequenting the establishment in North Honan Road and intimates a wish to be furnished with the names of Germans visiting it. The Chairman of the Watch Committee states that he has gathered from conversation with the Senior Consul that the Consular Body is giving particular attention to the Council's representations, and that a reply may be expected in due course.

Opium. The Senior Consul has informed the Chairman that he experiences difficulty in replying to the Council's letter on the subject of the procedure relating to search warrants, because the Consular Body cannot conveniently meet to discuss it at present. He regards the British Assessor's dictum as to the undesirability of any change in the procedure, as sufficient to make the public aware, if need be, that it was necessary under the circumstances, and that it has the sanction of adequate authority. Publication of his memorandum will accordingly follow hereafter if it should prove convenient and necessary.

A report by the Captain Superintendent is submitted recognising the need for the utmost speed and secrecy in the issue and execution of search warrants, and recommending that it be left to the discretion of the Inspector in charge of the district whether he shall proceed with the search by opening the sealed cover independently or not.

It is understood that there will be no objection by the Court to a statement upon applications for warrants that the premises are owned by a Chinese subject. Sufficient provision for report of results of searches will be made by the arrangement indicated in the British Assessor's memorandum that the results shall be endorsed upon the warrants, and that they shall be returned to the Court. The lapse of a warrant after 48 hours from the time of its issue is also recognised by the Assessor to be reasonable. It is directed that the Captain Superintendent be notified accordingly.

With these modifications it is directed that the procedure continue and when warrants are issued they will be executed as usual.

The Chairman of the Watch Committee mentions that the British Assessor has the impression that the Council is unwilling to carry out such warrants; but it is pointed out that the Council has in no instance demurred to execution, but that by a courteous informal arrangement with the Combine through the good offices of Mr Ezra applications have ceased pending the solution above outlined. Mr Ezra undertakes to inform the Combine, that the Council will not regard with disfavour the continuance of applications for warrants in accordance with the procedure as modified at the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent. No further step will therefore be necessary on the Council's part.

The form of indemnity, if any, to be accepted from the Combine, against any claim arising out of a search has been the subject of discussion, but of no final decision, pending the replies of the Consular Authorities. The Chairman of the Watch Committee states that he has gathered the consensus of the members' opinion, ^{with the exception of Mr Merriman} to be adverse to obtaining any such indemnity. This view is confirmed and it is decided that the correspondence on the point need therefore not be resumed.

General Hospital. The Chairman states the results of the meeting between the Finance Committee and the Committee of the Governors and representatives of the French Council; first that the views of the French Council be ascertained as to whether they will participate in the extension project, and secondly that the Governors should form a small Special Committee to discuss the advisability of applying part of the Sisters' block to a limited extent for women and children; and the possibility of utilising the unused land either by sale, or by its reversion to its original use, viz: Chinese houses; and the construction of another Municipal Hospital for better class patients on land in a more open situation.

Another point which the Chairman wishes to ascertain is the remaining life of the existing main building, as to which he is of opinion that an architect's report should be obtained.

The Chairman and Mr Ezra express willingness to act as members of the proposed Special Committee at the invitation of the Governors on the Council's behalf.

Broadway East. A key-plan of the eastern end of the Broadway and the beginning of the Broadway East is submitted showing that the distance between Lot 1011, which was the subject of the Land Commission's award of the Council's claim for betterment, and the two Lots 54 and 51, in which the Land Investment Company denies betterment, is 310 yards.

The Engineer is not of opinion that good purpose would be served by claiming recognition of betterment relating to Lots 54 and 51. But the view prevails, that as this is the first case of this kind in Broadway East, the Commissioners' ruling should be sought, unless the Engineer ^{can} adduce definite and precise reasons for expecting that it will be adverse.

The possibility of obtaining betterment is proved by the decision in Cases 65 and 66, that the criterion of absence of betterment is whether "the road is essentially a Chinese thoroughfare the whole way" and that unless the district can be called "altogether a Chinese district, the advantages to properties by improving the thoroughfares by widening are beyond doubt". The Works Committee accordingly undertakes to discuss these points with the Engineer at its next meeting.

Tenders. A report by the Engineer is submitted relating to an application by the Asiatic Petroleum Company for permission to tender for the annual supply of petrol, etc. after the date of closing, because of omission of tender owing to oversight. There is only one tender for the petroleum. It is pointed out that when only one tender is received, and there is knowledge that there might be more but they are not admitted, the object of inviting tenders, to secure by competition the lowest price, is defeated, because thus it cannot be known whether the lowest price has been secured. The request to extend the time-limit, is not approved but it is directed that tenders be called for afresh.

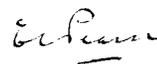
It is recorded that in any such case of mistake or oversight, if the tenders have been opened, and rectification of the oversight is permitted every tenderer should be given an equal opportunity of submitting revised prices, by calling for tenders afresh.

Redemption Appropriation. In response to a request by the Chairman, the Treasurer has submitted a statement of the method by which the appropriation has been calculated for the year 1913/1915. This will be brought to the knowledge of Mr Holliday. The matter is found to have been insufficiently explained in the Treasurer's published reports.

The Municipal Gazette for December 7 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

The meeting adjourns at 6.10 p.m.


Acting Secretary.


Chairman.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 13, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)

E.I. Ezra

Baron Y. Fujimura

Count L. Jezierski

Messrs C.G.S. Mackie

W.L. Merriman

E.C. Richards

A.S.P. White-Cooper

The Acting Secretary and

Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Mr. J. Johnstone

The minutes of the meeting of December 6 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Works Committee of December 11 are
 submitted and confirmed with the following modifications:

Official Plans for Road Extensions and Widenings 1917. The proposal to
 schedule circuses at the four corners of the Municipal buildings is
 regarded by the Chairman of the Committee as somewhat ambitious, in
 view of the high value of the properties affected and, in the case at
 least of the Telephone Company's property, the long further life of
 the buildings. After some discussion it is decided not to schedule
 this improvement.

Gas Lighting. The members after consideration of several features of
 the proposals for alternative lighting by gas, as pointed out by the
 Chairman of the Committee, will examine them in detail at leisure
 before arriving at a final decision; and it is directed that, in any
 case, the opinion of the Electricity Committee be first obtained.

Volunteer Corps.

Customs Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the
 promotion of Lieut. H.D. Hilliard to be Captain is authorised with
 effect from December 13.

Japanese Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant the
 promotion of Lieut. T. Yamauchi to be Captain is authorised with
 effect from December 13.

Public Gambling. A letter from the Austrian Consul-General is submitted
 mentioning his previous statement that all communications from the
 Council hitherto addressed him through the Senior Consul must be sent

to him direct, and requesting copy of the Council's recent letter on the subject of public gambling. It is directed that a copy be sent to him accordingly.

Byelaws. To the Special Committee's letter of November 16 on the subject of suspension of licences the Watch Committee has approved a reply in which it has been pointed out that the provision which the Committee proposes for suspension of a licence and refusal of subsequent application for a new licence, must be clearly expressed in the text; otherwise the difference therein marked between suspension and cancellation, would be cited as proving from the context that the Council would not have power to refuse a new licence after suspension for the same reason as occasioned the suspension. Other important improvements have been suggested verbally to the Secretary of the Special Committee, and there is apparently a prospect of their adoption. It is understood that the legality of the proposed Committee of Appeal will probably be the only outstanding point. The members await proof copies of the Special Committee's report, which are expected in the near future.

Septic Tanks. A report by the Health Officer is submitted endorsing the Engineer's suggestion advocating that expert advice be obtained on the establishment of a drainage system: but decision is still postponed until communication of the views of the special sub-committee.

Grants-in-aid, Door of Hope. A suggestion has been received from Dr. MacGillivray as to increasing the annual grant of £2000, but the members are aware of no impending application from the Institution, and are not disposed to consider the question until an application in due form is received.

The Municipal Gazette for December 14 is submitted in proof and authorised for publication.

Land Assessment, Central District. The Chairman of the Works Committee remarks that the values only rule about ten per cent higher than hitherto, and are, in his opinion, on the whole, too low.

The meeting adjourns at 5.40 p.m.

W. P. ...

Chairman.

N. O. Fiddell

Acting Secretary.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 20, 1916,
at 4.30 p.m., there are:

Present:

Messrs E.C. Pearce (Chairman)
 E.I. Ezra
 Baron Y. Fujimura
 Messrs J. Johnstone
 C.G.S. Mackie
 W.L. Merriman
 E.C. Richards
 A.S.P. White-Cooper
 The Acting Secretary and
 Assistant Secretary

Absent:

Count L. Jezierski

The minutes of the meeting of December 13 are confirmed and signed by the
 Chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Educational Committee of
 December 12 are submitted and confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of December 20 are read
 and confirmed. In view of the probable continuation of the present
 financial stringency, the need for keeping the estimates for
 Extraordinary Expenditure for the coming year at as low a figure as
 possible is emphasised by the Chairman.

Volunteer Corps.

First Reserves. The resignation of Captain H.W. Daldy is submitted
 and accepted with regret.

German Company. Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a
 commission as 1st Lieutenant in the Reserve Company is authorised
 for issue to Sergeant L. Philipp.

A request by Lieutenant Bliokle, commanding the Active Company
 for promotion to the rank of Captain with a letter in support from
 Captain Stepharius, commanding the Reserve Company are forwarded
 by the Commandant, who refers to a disregard for discipline in routine
 matters, an aggressive tendency and an absence of tact that have
 latterly characterised Mr Bliokle's conduct as a member of the Corps:
 his promotion would make him senior to about 24 subaltern officers
 and in view of the delicate relations which exist between the German
 and the other members of the Corps, might conceivably lead to a
 difficult and possibly dangerous situation in the event of mobilisa-
 tion. The issue of a commission to Mr Philipp will relieve Captain

Stepharius of his Reserve duties and enable his transfer to the Active Company, as Captain in command, thus rendering the promotion of Lieutenant Blickle unnecessary; should he decline the transfer, his retention as the administrative head of the German volunteers with the Active and Reserve Companies each under a 1st Lieutenant will in the Commandant's opinion be desirable. The members are unanimously agreed that these arrangements should be adopted in preference to the promotion of Lieut. Blickle and the Commandant will be informed accordingly.

Public Gambling. A letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, expressing the concurrence of the Consular Body with the Council's recent suggestions on the subject of the suppression of gambling beyond Settlement limits particularly at the establishment in the North Moran Road. In its view proceedings might be taken not only against individual British subjects frequenting this establishment, but also in most cases against the subjects of other nations; in the first instance however their names should be reported to their Consuls by whom action might be taken in the Consular Courts. This suggestion has the Council's approval and the Captain Superintendent will accordingly be directed to ascertain their names and thereafter to report them to the Consuls concerned. In submitting these views the Consular Body call attention to the desirability of the suppression of Gaming in the Settlement.

Septic Tanks. A report by the Special Sub-Committee for drafting the rules relating to water-closets in comment on the Health Officer's report of October 18 is submitted. After reference to the objects which the Committee held in view when drafting the rules, and the submission of a statement in denial of the Health Officer's contention that the question of the limitation of water-closets was finally abandoned, the Sub-Committee direct attention to his emphatic views as to the necessity of safeguarding the water supply from the danger that would result from the use of septic tanks, and to his opinion expressed in certain correspondence with Messrs Palmer & Turner in 1912 and 1913, that Bacterial purification of sewage is ineffective; reliance was placed upon these opinions and the attitude now adopted by the Health Officer is regretted. The suggestion to experiment with septic tanks does not, in the Sub-Committee's opinion, require its approval, but the likelihood of very different results from experimental septic tanks under the observation and attention of the Health Officer and tanks without such observation and attention is pointed out. In conclusion the Sub-Committee re-affirms its view that septic

tanks cannot with any degree of safety be adopted and requests the publication of its report and of the correspondence upon this subject. The Health Officer has no objection to compliance with this request if it is thought desirable, but the members incline to the view that the tone of the report is so personally hostile to him that it would not be in the best interests of the Community that it should be published. A reply in this sense will be made to the Sub-Committee with an assurance that no intention has been conceived of taking any action in contradiction of its views as formulated in its report and that no permission of septic tanks will be made without exhaustive examination and publication of the reasons therefor. The report of the Sub-Committee seems to require some explanation from the Health Officer who will accordingly attend at the next meeting of the Watch Committee.

Charges for Electricity. A report by the Engineer-in-Chief and Manager recommending an increase in the charges for the supply of electricity for the coming year is submitted. To meet the great advance in the price of coal an average increase of 15 per cent is recommended on the present charges, except for bulky supply and traction which are covered by a special clause in the agreements therefor providing for an increase of about 18 per cent on the cost per unit. If the present charges are maintained in 1917 the profit on Revenue and Expenditure account will be approximately £68,000; on the other hand if the increased charges are adopted the profit is estimated at £325,000. The increases have had the approval of the Electricity Committee and are sanctioned.

The Roggers' Case. In consequence of certain behaviour by May Roggers, a pupil at the Public School for Girls, the Headmistress has found it necessary to write to her father requesting her immediate removal. The latter has demurred, complaining to the Chairman of the Foreign Educational Committee and to the Acting Secretary that the Headmistress' action is unwarranted and threatening legal proceedings unless the child is reinstated and an apology tendered. That the threat of legal proceedings will probably be followed by action in the Court of Consuls is fully realized, but the members are unanimous in endorsing the view of the Foreign Educational Committee that the Headmistress' action is fully warranted and that no offence can be taken at the tone of her letters to Mr Roggers.

Public Works Department, Voluntary War Service. A letter from Mr Harpur is submitted requesting permission to avail himself of the provisions of General Order No. 5797 and to proceed home on war service. In forwarding this request the Engineer refers to the importance of the

duties performed by Mr Harpur and in view of the fact that three out of four of the qualified Assistant Engineers have already gone on war service he reluctantly recommends disapproval of his request. The members unanimously endorse this recommendation, Mr Ezra emphasising the fact that if Mr Harpur's request was granted, there would be considerable difficulty in continuing the direction of the work of the Department in the event of the absence or sickness of the Engineer. Before disapproval is communicated, the Chairman will see H.M. Consul General and obtain an expression of his views.

Superannuation. The Chairman refers to a request by a Municipal employe returned from war service, that he be allowed to contribute to the Superannuation Fund and that he be credited with the Council's contributions for the whole of the period of his absence as though he had continued in the service. Pending the receipt of a report by the Treasurer as to the sum that would be involved by the extension to all employes in a similar position of the benefits, that approval of this request would necessarily involve, the members express views generally in the sense that the request is one that cannot properly be complied with, Mr Ezra instancing the facilities that have been extended to these employes and to the recent ruling which provides that on return from war service they shall re-join with the same seniority as if their service with the Council had been continuous.

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The meeting adjourns at 5.45 p.m.

E. Searcy
Chairman.

H. O. Fiddell
Acting Secretary.