

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH asked if the florin and shilling would be stamped especially for this country.

HIS EXCELLENCY said it would be a specially stamped coin for British East Africa.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS asked if it was the intention when the new currency came in for quotation of prices to be made in pounds, florins and cents, or in florins.

THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN said he could not see the point of the Hon. the Crown Counsel. He took it that the new cost of living would all be adjusted to the scale of pay of the Civil Servant. If it was going to cost the Civil Servant more to live he would get more pay.

HIS EXCELLENCY said he certainly hoped that if they had a large number of shillings in the country, and that whatever they were going to call the currency, the use of the shilling would rapidly become more and more in use by the native and that he would get accustomed to it quickly.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS said he felt that the value of the coin which was equivalent to the Dollar was much better than a shilling in a great many ways. His experience was that there was a definite relation in the cost of living and the value of the coin which was equivalent to the Dollar. There was one point which had been brought forward by the Right Hon. Lord Delamere and he thought it most regrettable that when the time of conversion came the coins in the country would be florins and not shillings. The native would be a long time in forgetting the rupee and when the conversion really did come if he received 2/8 piece in exchange for the rupee he would look upon the new coin as a rupee indefinitely whereas if he received a shilling in the first place it would help to fix the shilling as the standard token coin.

THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON said there seemed to be a great deal of uncertainty as to what the result of the passing of the motion would be. His Excellency had explained that all it meant was that instead of talking, thinking, and writing in pounds and florins, they would write and think, etc., in pounds and shillings.

HIS EXCELLENCY had quite rightly stated that the native must be safeguarded and that there might possibly be unscrupulous people who would try and palm off shillings on the natives in place of rupees. Unless they had the shilling the same size as the rupee no native was going to be such a fool as to have a shilling palmed off on him as a rupee unless it was the same size.

The Hon. the Treasurer said in his remark that they must get away from everything if they were only going to think in florins he did not see how they were going to get any further.

HIS EXCELLENCY had pointed out that there were plenty of shillings being minted as fast as they could. He only hoped that this resolution would be passed and that the shilling would be kept in hand and issued, if possible, before, or at any rate, at the same time as the new florin and put in in proportionate quantities.

The Hon. Member for Nairobi South seemed to take to heart certain remarks he had made. He said that prices regulate themselves, not by the size of the coin, but by competition. That was how it should be. They must wait the result of the Profiteering Commission to find out whether prices were ruled by competition. He also said that he had heard of someone who raised his boys wages by a quarter of a rupee and by half a rupee. He must say he had heard of some exceptional case as he had never before heard of a boys wages being raised less than a rupee at a time.

Of all the arguments he had heard against his resolution the only really sound one was the introduction of the decimal system. As the Hon. Member for Machakos pointed out it was the principal argument against it. However, he did maintain that with the introduction of the pound, shillings, and mill, they had a very near approach to the decimal system. He thought rather too much stress had been laid on the decimal system. He did not quite follow the argument of the Hon. the Crown Counsel when he said that it would be the Professional men who would lose. He took it the Professional man got his 6/8d no matter what the designation was.

He was afraid he could not agree with what His Excellency said that he hoped the shilling would become the coin of the country.

The motion was then put to the vote and lost.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved the suspension of Standing Orders in order to introduce a motion in the following terms:—

“That in the opinion of this Honourable Council all quotations of monetary transactions in East Africa Protectorate should be expressed in terms of pounds, florins, and cents.”

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried and the Standing Orders suspended.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY proposed the following motion.

“That in the opinion of this Honourable Council all quotations of monetary transactions in the East Africa Protectorate should be expressed in terms of pounds, florins, and cents.”

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE seconded.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE proposed the following motion.

"That Naivasha and surrounding country be formed into a separate new constituency by amendment of the Electoral Bill."

In support he said that the present Rift Valley constituency had double the number of voters in it than any other constituency and it was a very large and unwieldy constituency. It could be very properly separated into two halves, the Agricultural and Pastoral. The Committee which sat said that as far as possible representatives should be on the Council to represent the different interests in the country.

Another reason why this step was desirable was that Naivasha should be made the Centre, as Naivasha was a Township and he thought should be made an electoral area. It was a centre of purely pastoral ideas. It was very difficult for one Member to represent the views of Nakuru and surrounding country and Naivasha and the surrounding country. He thought that there should be two Members because there was a very clear cut line between the Agricultural and Pastoral industries.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH seconded the motion.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY felt that he must oppose the motion. They had not been in being as a Council for three months before an amendment to the constitution was suggested. He could not agree with the fact that there were twice the number of registered voters in the Rift Valley as sufficient justification for dividing the area into two divisions. The area itself was one of the most compact in the Protectorate and the bulk of the settled farms and areas were served by a Railway and they hoped would soon be served by another branch line through Nakuru and for that reason alone if an increase in the number of electoral areas was desirable he considered there were other parts of the Protectorate which could be more properly divided up, i.e., the part represented by the Hon. Member for Kyambu. He submitted that it was not asking too much of any individual to be requested to represent five or six hundred voters. He thought it was quite reasonable to expect the representative of the Rift Valley to represent the whole of the constituency as gazetted.

THE HON. A. C. HOEY supported the Right Hon. Member. He said the area of the Rift Valley was a very large one indeed and before going into details he would like to recall to the Council when the Special Committee of the Legislative Council met, the one great consideration that was borne in mind was to have all interests represented no matter how small the community was. Now the Rift Valley was a very large area and it could not be said that the whole district was engaged on the one industry of farming. At Naivasha they had a purely pastoral area. The conditions at Naivasha were entirely different to Nakuru.

THE HON. THE TREASURER supported the Hon. the Chief Secretary and emphasised the arguments by some further details. He thought the number of the voters of the Rift Valley was approximately 400. In the Home Parliament it was 50,000 to one Member, therefore he did not think as far as numbers were concerned the residents in the Rift Valley could consider they were inadequately represented. With regard to the area the Right Hon. Member represented; the area which the Hon. Member for Kvambu represented extended from the Northern Frontier to Tanganyika Territory. As regards the difference of interests, he thought it quite impossible for every occupation and interest to be represented on the Council.

It was suggested that Naivasha was the seat of this constituency and needed further representation because they were pastoralists. He did not know, if the Right Hon. Member for the Rift Valley could not satisfactorily represent the pastoralists, whom he would be able to represent.

THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN in opposing the motion said that they, as Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council represented the people of the country, should be duly grateful that they had got representation at all and as far as he was concerned he looked upon it as an honour that he had been elected to his seat by so very many different parties.

THE HON. C. M. DALAL opposed the motion though he could not help saying that all these interests should be represented on the Council. He certainly thought that Naivasha and the surrounding country was very well represented on the Council. There was no reason why Lord Delamere should not be able to take care of Naivasha and the surrounding country.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE in reply said that the reason why he suggested Naivasha was because Nakuru was looked upon as a centre. He thought the Hon. Chief Secretary was rather under the impression that he thought it was rather too much to do to look after that constituency. It seemed to him that if Nakuru was properly represented, Naivasha was not, and if Naivasha was properly represented, Nakuru was not. It seemed to him that a greater unofficial majority should be put on the Council. The Hon. the Chief Secretary said he thought 10 was the largest number of unofficial Members the Secretary of State would pass. It was ultimately made 11 in order to give Nairobi the opportunity of having two Members. Under these circumstances and considering the large majority of official votes on the Council he thought that there was a case for doing what had been suggested.

The motion was then put to the vote and lost.

INCOME TAX BILL, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to Impose a Tax on Income."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Amendments were made to Clauses 11, 12, 16, 17, 20, 21, 25, 28, 32, 33, 34, 39, 40, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50.

Council adjourned in Committee till 9 a.m., Friday, 9th July, 1920.

TWENTY SEVENTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 9th July, 1920.

The Council assembled at 9 a.m., on the 9th July, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S' H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.

Absent:—

THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.

INCOME TAX BILL, 1920.

In Committee.

Council resumed discussion in Committee of the above Bill.

Alterations and amendments were made to Clauses 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, 65, 66, and 67.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported and that certain of the proposed amendments be re-drafted by the Law Officer.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF LANDS moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of Land Tax and Land Transfer Tax."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

LAND TAX AND LAND TRANSFER TAX BILL.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF LANDS moved that the words "and Land Transfer Tax" be deleted from Clause 2. The principle involved was fully debated and the motion for deletion was subsequently carried by 15 votes to 12.

Amendments and alterations were made to Clauses 3 and 5.

Council adjourned in Committee till 9 a.m., Saturday, 10th July, 1920.

TWENTY EIGHTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 10th July, 1920.

The Council assembled at 9 a.m., on the 10th July, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.

Absent:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1920.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that progress be reported to Council.
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.
 The question was put and carried.

Council resumed its Sitting.

HIS EXCELLENCY said that he thought it advisable before pursuing their labour on the Bill in Committee that they should see how they were going to stand with regard to the future of the Railway, which, as Hon. Members knew, had of recent years been used, and wrongly used, as the main source of general revenue. From the time he first came to the country he had heard constant complaints about the Railway being badly run, that the freights and rates were much too high and so on, and he had come to the conclusion that what there was to be said for these complaints was largely due to the bad system. It happened that in his recent visit home Sir Robert Coryndon was also at home, and naturally he took the same view, as Uganda was at the top of the line and whenever East Africa increased the freights Uganda without having a say in the matter was taxed accordingly. The results of the interviews they had had with the Secretary of State had been that Lord Milner had come to a definite decision as to what was the ordinary intention of the use of the Uganda Railway, and how he wished them to use it in the future.

The notes he had made with regard to the subject were as follows:—

RAILWAY POLICY.

During the recent visit of the two Governors to England the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies took the opportunity to review the whole question of Railway organisation and administration in the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates.

Lord Milner considers that the development of industries in both Protectorates depends to a very great extent on the provision of cheap transport; with this view both Governors are in complete accordance. It has become increasingly evident that, so long as the Uganda Railway is conducted for the purposes of producing revenue for the East Africa Protectorate, the interest of the two Protectorates in Railway Policy must be widely divergent, and it is obvious that great hardship has devolved on Uganda by the high rates which have been imposed on Railway traffic.

It has been decided that after the current financial year the East Africa Protectorate must meet its financial obligations without having recourse to the Uganda Railway for general revenue.

The first charge on railway revenue, after working expenditure and loan charges have been met, must be for its upkeep and betterment, and it is desirable that more liberal provision should be made with this object in the future. For this purpose adequate annual provision should be set aside so as to create an equalization fund out of which the cost of renewals can be met when required.

The next charge on railway revenue must be the payment of charges on loans raised for further railway development, and, in particular, the charges for the Uasin Gishu Railway Loan will be borne from railway revenue. This arrangement may be regarded as adverse to the interests of Uganda, which derives no advantage from the construction of the Uasin Gishu or any other branch railways in the Protectorate, but it should be observed that the Government of Uganda will be relieved to the extent of its own loan charges on the Busoga Railway and the Kampala-Port Bell Railway which will in the same way be borne from railway revenue.

In these circumstances it is desirable that neither Protectorates should look to the railways for any assistance to its revenues. But if it should prove necessary for any part of the railway surplus to be devoted to ordinary Protectorate purposes, it will be understood that Uganda is entitled to share with the East Africa Protectorate in any money so withdrawn from the railways. The proportions in which such money would be shared between the two Protectorates will be decided hereafter. It will, in Lord Milner's opinion be far more to the interests of both Protectorates if any surplus of railway revenue is avoided by a suitable reduction of rates.

Lord Milner deemed it essential that a railway expert of acknowledged standing should visit East Africa immediately to enquire into and report on these subjects. The Crown Agents have been instructed to select a suitable candidate for this duty. The idea is that this temporary Commissioner, and a permanent one later, should be a man of such wide experience that they should be paid a salary of four or five thousand pounds a year.

It has been decided that an Inter-Protectorate Railway Council should be created for the general direction of Railway Policy, to consist of two representatives (one official and one unofficial) of each of the two Protectorates, the members being nominated for a year, and, in the event of any member being unable to attend a meeting of the Council, power being given to send a substitute. A permanent Commissioner of Railways will be appointed who will be the Chairman of the Council with a casting vote. The expenses of the Commissioner and the Council will be included in the working expenses of the Railway.

It is clear that the expert sent out temporarily as Commissioner of Railways will have no leisure to preside at meetings of the Council, and the formal creation of the Council must, therefore, await the appointment of a permanent Commissioner. There is, however, no reason why its composition should not be decided upon at once.

In order to avoid any difficulties as to discipline and pension, etc., the whole system of railway and marine services in the two Protectorates will be placed, for financial and administrative purposes, under the Government of the East Africa Protectorate. This arrangement will, of course, in no way detract from the authority of the Inter-Protectorate Council on all questions of railway policy, such as the fixing of rates, etc.

It is very much to be regretted that any general relief in respect of freights must be postponed until next financial year, by which time it is hoped that the Treaties which regulate our Customs Tariff will have been altered in such a manner as to enable us to apply a more equitable form of taxation.

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY laid on the table the Economic Report of the Uasin Gishu Railway.

The following resolutions by the Hon. the Chief Secretary were carried unanimously.

"That in the opinion of this Honourable Council the first railway extension to be undertaken in the East Africa Protectorate should be a branch line from the vicinity of Mau Summit to Soy on the Uasin Gishu Plateau."

"That in the opinion of this Honourable Council the second railway extension to be undertaken in this Protectorate should be a branch line from Nakuru to the Lower Molo Valley."

The following resolution by the Hon. R. C. Cole was then put and carried unanimously.

"That this Honourable Council agrees to the principle that the Nyeri Railway be next on the list and pushed forward as far as funds permit and that the Railway Survey Estimates be undertaken immediately for the whole route."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

Council adjourned till 9 a.m., Monday, 12th July, 1920.

TWENTY NINTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 12th July, 1920.

The Council assembled at 9 a.m., on July 12th, 1920, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1920.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY proposed the question of Railway Rates for discussion. THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE moved. "That this Council admits the necessity of raising the amount of Railway revenue required in the Budget, but proposes that a Committee this Council be appointed to consider and report the best method of raising this revenue through the Railway."

This was put and carried unanimously.

The following Committee was then appointed:—

THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, (CHAIRMAN).
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN.
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.

The following Revenue items of the Estimates were then considered and passed:—

1. Customs.
2. Port, Harbour, Wharf and Lighthouse dues.
3. Licences (in this Head item 22, Land Transfer Tax was deleted).
4. Fees of Court or Office, etc.
5. Re-imbursments by other Governments.
6. Posts and Telegraphs.
7. Railways.
8. Rents of Government Property.
9. Interests.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Sale of Government Property.
12. Land Sales.

The question of Civil Service salaries was then discussed when the Hon. Sir Northrup MacMillan moved the following resolution:—

“That the emoluments of Civil Servants should be expressed in terms of sterling and should be based on a local value of the posts held by them without any deductions being made.”

This was carried by a unanimous vote of the Hon. Elected Members—the Official Members refraining from voting.

Further discussion of the matter was agreed to be postponed until further advices from the Colonial Office had been received.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that progress be reported.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF LANDS moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee further to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance relating to the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of Land Tax.”

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

In Committee.

Discussion took place on Clause 5 of the Bill. By a unanimous vote it was ultimately decided that the clause as amended by the recommendations of the Special Committee stand part of the Bill.

Council adjourned in Committee till 9 a.m., Tuesday, 13th July, 1920.

THIRTIETH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 13th July, 1920.

Council assembled at 9 a.m., on 13th July, 1920, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR-MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.

Absent:—

THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that progress be reported to Council.
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.
 The question was put and carried.

MOTIONS.

THE HON. C. M. DALAL proposed the following motion.

"That this Honourable Council is of the opinion that the 'Ordinance to restrict the increase of rent of small dwelling houses during the present war' being Ordinance No. 1 of 1918 be extended for a period of another three years, that the amount of the Standard Rent be increased to Rs. 1,500/- and that if a Landlord has obtained a decree for ejection on the ground that he requires the premises for his own occupation or for some other person in his employ and if he thereafter hires it out he should be made liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months."

In support of his motion he reminded the House that in the year 1918 an Ordinance was passed by Council, being Ordinance No. 1 of 1918, an Ordinance to restrict the rent of small dwelling houses during the war. It followed the lines of a similar Ordinance at Home and gave relief to tenants paying small rents up to Rs. 1,200/-. One of the conditions of that Ordinance was that no order for an ejection should be given by Courts unless it could be proved that the Landlord wanted the house for his own use or anyone in his employ.

The Ordinance was passed for a period during the war and for six months after, and it was the opinion, though the Attorney General did not share it, and he was informed it was the opinion of the Acting Chief Justice, that this Ordinance would come to an end on the 10th instant. In his own opinion he thought it would be advisable to refer to the provisions to determine the date of the termination of the present war. Whatever might be the opinion of the Hon. the Attorney General or legal Members, he thought that some provision should be made for the extension of the Ordinance. He believed a petition had been addressed by some residents of Mombasa to the Hon. the Chief Secretary petitioning the Legislative Council to extend the date of the Ordinance. It was advisable that Council should pass the motion he put before them.

In England a Committee had been appointed and that Committee had made recommendations similar to the motion now brought before the Council. His motion might appear to some Members to go further than the recommendations made at Home or than the provisions of the Ordinance of 1918. He was referring to the last part of his motion. He put this provision in because he himself had known where a Landlord had obtained an ejectment order on the grounds that he wanted the house for a relative and after a short period he rented it again at a higher rent.

THE HON. K. H. RODWELL seconded the motion. Speaking of Mombasa principally, he had seen letters from tenants who had been threatened with eviction by their Landlord. They appeared to be clerks in Government and private employ mainly. It seemed only fair that something should be introduced to protect these persons.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL said he understood the motion of the Hon. Mr. C. M. Dalal was to prolong the existing measure with some modification. He had been asked a few days earlier by the Hon. Mr. C. M. Dalal whether in his opinion this Ordinance was still in force and he had given it as his opinion that it was still in force. The Ordinance extended for a period of six months after the cessation of war and as they were still at war with Turkey it was still in force.

As regards his own views on the question of passing this legislation he must say that he was entirely in accord with the Hon. Mr. C. M. Dalal. During the past few months people had asked him for advice on this point.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER supported the motion and thought that until more building land was put on the market there would be very little relief especially in the case of the poorer class tenants. Until this could be done he thought it was very necessary indeed to extend the provision. With regard to the second part of the motion it was quite obvious that people were evading it unless considerable penalties were attached to the provision suggested by the Hon. Mr. C. M. Dalal.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE opposed the motion. He said the Hon. Mr. C. M. Dalal had read out that rent in England had been fixed at the rent of 1914 plus 20%. Salaries were being fixed higher than they ever were and there was no particular reason that one should fix the rent that one man charged and allow salaries to go up. If this motion was adopted Government would have to move in the matter. As far as he could understand the Government had held up land on the Island and it had been impossible to build houses. Nobody had shown that there was any particular shortage in this country so far. He had not heard anything in favour of the principle except that Government was not in a position to give out land to enable houses to be built. It seemed to him that until these laws were done away with the position would never right itself.

THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN opposed the motion. He contended that legislation should not penalise one section of the community. The Landlord was dependent for a living on his rents and living had gone up greatly and he did not think the Landlord should be penalised by having his rents regulated. He was opposed to any form of profiteering.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY quoted the report of the late Attorney General which stated that the cause of high rents was lack of building material. He submitted that if they were going to carry the Bill any further when it was introduced in 1918, they had got to have ample proof that the position still remained. Furthermore, it seemed to him that by keeping down rents on these houses they were defeating the very object in view and they were discouraging further building operations. The Attorney General had said relief did exist until six months after the ratification of the Treaty with Turkey. The Profiteering Commission would go into the question of house rents and if they recommended that a special law be introduced to regulate house rents then it was time enough to do something.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD said he was in favour of the motion. He understood they were told that the shortage of houses was due mainly to the fact that there was no land to build on. That was not so. It might be the case in Mombasa to some extent. It was due to the fact that people could not afford to build. As he understood the Bill it did not prevent a man who built a house to-day getting a reasonable rent on it. It only referred to old rents on old houses built at pre-war prices and on pre-war value of land. Personally he had never thought of raising his rent. He referred to the proposal to increase the standard rent to Rs. 1,500/- instead of leaving it at Rs. 1,200. His object in supporting the motion was that he looked upon it as one segment of the vicious circle. The whole idea was to keep rentals lower for the working population. He submitted that if rents went up salaries must go up

as well. They had to raise wages because the employees could not get housing accommodation at reasonable rents, and having raised their salaries they had to increase the prices of commodities to cover overhead charges and as a result they were accused of profiteering.

THE HON. V. V. PHADKE also supported the motion. He did not think that there could be any difference of opinion that the old Ordinance had been evaded to the great detriment of the tenants. He suggested one slight alteration to the last few lines where the last line the words "without the consent of the previous lessees" should be added.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH opposed the last portion of the motion. It seemed to him that it was a most drastic thing that because the Landlord raised the rent he should be penalised in this way. In many cases he knew of he did not know of one in which a man could let a decent house in Nairobi at Rs. 1,500 a year, and he thought that the mover of the motion should consider the effect on all sections of the community.

THE HON. C. M. DALAL said he understood that if the motion went through there would have to be an amending Ordinance and all further objections could be considered at that time. Some of the objections that had been raised would be met by one of the recommendations of the Committee of Lord Salisbury. The Hon. the Chief Secretary in opposing the motion said that the Profiteering Commission would have an opportunity of considering the increase of rents. He had seen the wording of the Profiteering Commission and it did not include this particular case of the raising of rents. With regard to the legal aspects of the case he had nothing more to add to what the Hon. the Acting Attorney General had said.

The motion was then put to the vote and carried.

LAND TAX ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of Land Tax and Land Transfer Tax."

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Amendments were made to Clauses 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF LANDS moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF LANDS moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide Roads of Public Travel and Access to Public Roads."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

In Committee.

The Bill was read clause by clause and amendments were made to Clauses 2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF LANDS moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

Council adjourned in Committee till 9 a.m., Wednesday, 14th July, 1920.

THIRTY FIRST DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 14th July, 1920.

The Council assembled at 9 a.m., on the 14th July, 1920, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. Q. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

HIS EXCELLENCY read a telegram received from the Administrator of Tanganyika Territory regarding labour recruitment from Tanganyika.

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

THE PRESIDENT invited discussion on the question of the Kilindini Deep Water Pier a memorandum on the subject having been in the hands of Hon. Members for some days.

The following resolution was proposed by the Hon. K. H. Rodwell.

"That in the opinion of this Honourable Council the Government Deep Water Pier be proceeded with at once and that no encouragement be given to the Mbaraki Scheme."

After the matter had been fully debated the motion was put and carried, the Right Hon. Lord Delamere being the only dissentient.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee further to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to Impose a Tax on Income."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

In Committee.

Clause 28 of the Bill was considered and amended.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE moved that Council resolve itself into Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the Cleansing of Cattle."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

In Committee.

Amendments were made to Clause 3 of the Bill.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

Council adjourned till 9 a.m., Thursday, 15th July, 1920.

THIRTY SECOND DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 15th July, 1920.

The Council assembled at 9 a.m., on the 15th July, 1920, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

THE CATTLE CLEANSING ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE moved that Council resolve itself in a Committee to consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the Cleansing of Cattle."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Amendments were made to Clauses 6 and 7 of the Bill.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE moved that the Bill as amended be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE gave notice that he would move the third reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the Cleansing of Cattle," at a later stage of the Session.

APPROPRIATION BILL, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

THE PRESIDENT invited discussion on the question of the Civil Service salaries. The subject was fully debated and the following resolution carried, viz:—

Proposed by the Hon. the Chief Secretary.

"That subject to any reductions which in the opinion of this Honourable Council should be made in the case of any special individual salaries, the scale approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies be introduced forthwith with retrospective effect to April 1st, 1920, and that a Special Committee of this Honourable Council be appointed to make recommendations for the revision of the scale in such cases where increases appear to be necessary."

This was carried by 14 against 13 votes.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD thereupon proposed the following resolution.

"That in the opinion of this Honourable Council any system of re-adjustment of salaries is incomplete unless accompanied by a re-adjustment of the existing leave system, which is, in the light of extended experience of local climatic conditions excessively liberal, and which if continued on the present scale will prove at no distant date to be a burden which the industries of this country will be unable to bear."

This was carried by 14 votes against 13.

THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE moved that a Cadet Class be established in the Police on the same lines as that in the Administration.

This was put and carried.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION moved that a lower grade as Cadets be established in the Education Department.

This was put and carried unanimously.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that progress be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

Council adjourned till 9 a.m., Friday, 16th July, 1920.

THIRTY THIRD DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 16th July, 1920.

The Council assembled at 9 a.m., on the 16th July, 1920, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

Absent:—

THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.

QUESTIONS.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH asked the following question.

"What was the area of land alienated by the Crown to Nyali Limited and other Companies and individuals at or near English Point and at what price?"

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER replied as follows.

"That following land has been alienated by the Crown at English Point:—

(a) Nyali Sisal Estates, Limited—110.23 acres—Yearly rental Rs. 508/-.

This grant is held on a licence for one year from the 1st January, 1920, and is liable to be determined at the end of the first year or at any subsequent period by either party giving to the other three calendar months' notice.

(b) Nyali Sisal Estates, Limited—50 ft. x 60 ft. and 60 ft. x 15 ft.— Yearly rental Rs. 36/-

This land was granted under a yearly rental agreement in 1913 for the erection of two warehouses which should not exceed the above dimensions.

2. The Nyali Sisal Estates also hold an area of 2392 acres on a Certificate of Title "estate in fee," dated 17th June, 1918. This land was purchased by the Company from natives and not from the Crown. The title was not disputed by Government by order of His Excellency Sir H. C. Belfield, on grounds of extensive development by the Company.

3. I am unable to trace the alienation by the Crown of other land in the area referred to."

THE HON. C. M. DALAL asked the following question.

"Is it true that the Uganda Railway Authorities have instructions not to allow any Indians in Railway Waiting Rooms and Dak Bungalows which are part of the Railway system and constructed for the comfort and convenience of all passengers? If so, will Government be pleased to cancel such instructions in view of the fact that considerable inconvenience and hardship are caused to Indians travelling on the Railways."

THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY replied as follows.

"Instructions have been issued that Waiting Rooms may only be used by Europeans. With regard to Dak Bungalows, although no definite instructions have been issued prohibiting the use of the bedrooms by non-Europeans they have in practice been held for the use of Europeans only. An exception to this has been made on occasions for the Kisumu Dak Bungalow."

THE HON. C. M. DALAL asked, arising out of the reply, what Indians were to do who required the use of the Waiting Rooms. He had been told that at Kijabe it was necessary that the Indians should make use of the Waiting Rooms there. They had been put to great inconvenience by not being allowed to use the rooms.

HIS EXCELLENCY said that this matter, with all others, was the subject of recommendations at Home and under considerations by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and until these matters were settled he could give no further answer.

MOTIONS

THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN proposed the following motion.

"That this Honourable Council approves the granting of a subsidy or grant of £300 a year as part of the remuneration of a Doctor for the Thika District and that the Government erect a suitable hospital for the care of the native labour in that district."

In support he said that Thika had for some time been considering a scheme by which they might get some sort of medical service. The Thika District was a very large and settled area and was growing rapidly and they had put forward a scheme by which all Settlers in the district pay so much per head on their labour and this sum would guarantee sufficient remuneration for a Doctor in the district. Negotiations were going on with a very good medical man for the filling of the post. They would have to put up a house for the Doctor and their funds would not be too great for the affair and they asked the Government might grant a subsidy of £300 which would make it worth while for a good man to take on the job. The Doctor would also be allowed to take on European practice. He would have a fixed scale of visiting fees for outlying districts where native labour needed medical attention, or if they were too far out they could be sent in on fixed days or if sufficiently well to travel they could be sent in to the proposed native hospital at Thika. They asked the Government to put up a rough structure of some sort which would be good enough to house natives.

THE HON. R. B. COLE seconded the motion.

THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER said he considered the appointment of a District Surgeon at a salary of £250 would be a distinct advantage. The want of a medical man to watch the labour on the Fort Hall route had been wanted for some considerable time. This of course would mean the creation of a new post. He considered the reply to the Hon. Member's motion that the necessary adjunct to the appointment of a District Surgeon would be a Hospital and a Dispensary. The money required might be found from the building loan.

HIS EXCELLENCY asked if the £300 could not be found out of the savings of the Medical vote.

THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER said it could.

THE HON. THE TREASURER asked the Principal Medical Officer if this item took precedence over any other items which the Hon. the Principal Medical Officer might consider necessary out of his vote. There were many requirements which had been asked and many others which had crept up and which they could not meet and he asked the Hon. the Principal Medical Officer if this motion was in the interests of the natives in particular rather than the Europeans, and if so, whether he did not consider that such an item might properly be met out of the sum which was to be discussed later for work in Native Reserves.

He said Thika was a place where a Medical Officer was less required than at other places. In this case he would point out that there were no Government Officials stationed at Thika and he did not think that a Resident Surgeon was required for the attendance on Officials at that place. He could not vote for the motion.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY said the position was that under the new administration it was proposed to establish a station at Thika under a Resident Magistrate and he thought the details should be deferred until that subject had been discussed. A hospital, etc., would be built when the station had been established.

THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER said it was not quite clear whether the Hon. Member proposed that this institution should deal with labour from the Estates? If this was the case he would point out that it was the duty of Masters to provide medical attendance for their labour under the Master and Servants Ordinance.

THE HON. THE TREASURER asked the Hon. Member who he suggested would stand the expense.

THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS gave his support to the scheme put forward by the Hon. Member. Personally he considered that it was the plain duty of Government to lend its assistance to all *bona fide* institutions such as this which would benefit the health of the natives in the Native Reserves.

If there had been a Government scheme in existence which already provided hospitals or dispensaries for the natives in sufficient quantities and numbers at small distances throughout the Native Reserves and settled areas there would be less reason to press for such a scheme as this and even the new Government scheme only provided for a very limited number of dispensaries and Medical Officers in the Native Reserves and he would point out to Members of Council that it was the intention of Government under the new scheme to take advantage of such institutions as exist and are in a position to doctor the natives themselves, that is the Missions who have their own medical men. It was the intention of Government to help these institutions with a grant and they had in this new institution a similar institution to those which Government proposed to help. On establishment of this Hospital Government would save money because when the hospital was established they would not need to put up their own Government Hospital and they would not need their own Government medical man in that district. With reference to the suggestion made by the Hon. the Chief Secretary that the scheme should be held up for the present. He thought any scheme such as this one ought to be pushed forward without delay. It was a matter of the utmost importance. With regard to the question of natives being able to be put on to the train to be sent to Nairobi for treatment, it was a very long way to send natives. It was much better to have an institution on the spot and to have the natives treated without delay. He sincerely hoped that Hon. Members would see the vital importance of the suggestion and it was a good *bona fide* suggestion and that Government would fully approve of the principle to establish a Native Hospital in the Reserve and the cost of which would only have to be partly borne by Government.

THE HON. R. B. COLE said he supported the principle. He thought if the people of the district were prepared to put up so much money to build the houses, etc., that Government should help them.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER said unless the representative of any other district was given the right to prior claims of his district he supported the motion.

THE HON. A. C. HOYE said he would like to support the motion but like the Hon. the Treasurer he would like to be enlightened on one or two points. If the hospital was built, would the hospital be opened for all classes or would it be opened only for the employees? Also would it be made a public or private hospital?

THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER said it would be a public hospital.

HIS EXCELLENCY pointed out that it was a matter of proportion as to whether this money should be spent in this particular place. He had heard no arguments brought forward that it was required elsewhere.

THE HON. E. A. PHELPS said he certainly thought that the need of the natives of Kisumu were more pressing than those set forth in the motion. There was a very large official community at Kisumu and although he knew that a lot of money was required in connection with the Kisumu Hospital nothing had as yet been settled.

THE HON. K. H. RODWELL supported the principle but did not support the motion. He asked if the Hon. the Principal Medical Officer was going to find the necessary money for the Mombasa Hospital.

THE HON. C. M. DALAL spoke on the same lines as the Hon. Mr. Rodwell and supported the principle.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH supported the motion and said where a community tried to assist the Government and guarantee to a certain extent a medical man's expenses it was better that Government took advantage of such a proposition. The Thika side of the country was the loading on and loading off place for natives coming from the various districts. He himself had seen natives round the station who were in a pitiable state and should be put into hospital. They had said it was their duty to help the native both in and out of the Reserve and what better place could they have than a place which was situated at the side of a very large Reserve. He thought the case put forward was a very good one indeed.

HIS EXCELLENCY said it must be remembered that if the motion was passed it definitely committed the Government to assist the proposition. He agreed entirely with the principle. He thought the proper course to take was for the Government to take notice of the recommendation and consider it with due regard to other schemes and if the executive decided it could be done to do so.

THE HON. T. A. WOOD said it was on the question of prior claims that he wished to speak. It seemed to him that it was unfair because a certain requirements which was apparently a well known one that it should be delayed to a later date, because there were other claims to be considered as well. The Thika district employers of labour and there were numerous other developments around that district and therefore he considered they had an undoubted prior claim even though some of the other claims had been submitted to the Government at an earlier date. The Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner had suggested that under the law it was the duty of every employer of labour to provide medical attendance.

He said in that connection there was a considerable shortage of medical men. It seemed to him in the interests of economy to concentrate. In the interests of labour, economy, etc., it was much better that the Thika district had medical attendance on the spot instead of having to come into Nairobi. By granting a subsidy Government was going to establish a public hospital at a large centre at very much less cost.

THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN referred to the remarks of the Hon. the Chief Secretary. He did not think them sound because if the Government was endowing this hospital at the expense of £300 per annum and erecting the hospital they would have every right to claim and expect that it would be a Government hospital. With regard to the question of Indians. There were a large number of Indians employed on the estates in the Thika district and they would certainly come under the scheme and be entitled to use the hospital as well. The Hon. the Treasurer had said that the district was still served by there being a station near Nairobi. He pointed out that many of the estates were 15 or 20 miles away from the station. The Hon. the Chief Native Commissioner had mentioned the duty of employers. He submitted that the employers of the Thika district were fulfilling their duty by guaranteeing the amount of money for the health of their employees.

The motion was then put and carried.

THE CATTLE CLEANSING ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the Cleansing of Cattle," be read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried and the Bill read and passed.

THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY proposed:—

"That the Committee of this Honourable Council to be appointed to consider the revision of salaries of the Civil Service on the lines agreed to on the 15th of July, 1920, consist of:—

THE HON. THE TREASURER OR ACTING TREASURER (CHAIRMAN).

THE HON. J. R. ORR.

THE HON. THE MEMBER FOR NAIROBI SOUTH.

THE HON. THE MEMBER FOR NAIROBI NORTH.

THE HON. THE MEMBER FOR NYANZA.

THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.

This was put and carried unanimously.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that the Bill as amended be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE TREASURER gave notice that he would move the third reading of the Bill at a later stage of the Session.

INCOME TAX ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the schedule as put forward on page 17 of the Bill might be considered.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the schedule.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that the Bill as amended be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE TREASURER gave notice that he would move the third reading of the Bill at a later stage of the Session.

The Council adjourned till 9 a.m., Monday, 26th July, 1920.

THIRTY FOURTH DAY.

Held at Nairobi on the 26th July, 1920.

The Council assembled at 9 a.m., on the 26th July, 1920, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWARD NORTHEY, K.C.M.G., C.B.), presiding.

Present:—

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY (SIR CHARLES CALVERT BOWRING, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (I. L. O. GOWER).
 THE HON. THE TREASURER (W. A. KEMPE).
 THE HON. THE CHIEF NATIVE COMMISSIONER (J. AINSWORTH, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY (S. COUPER).
 THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER (H. T. MARTIN).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (A. HOLM).
 THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL (K. J. MUIR MACKENZIE).
 THE HON. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE (LT.-COL. W. K. NOTLEY, D.S.O.).
 THE HON. THE POSTMASTER GENERAL (J. T. GOSLING).
 THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (J. R. ORR).
 THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL.
 THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE.
 THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH.
 THE HON. E. A. PHELPS.
 THE HON. T. A. WOOD, M.B.E.
 THE HON. L. COLLINGS WELLS.
 THE HON. SIR NORTHRUP MACMILLAN, K.B.

Absent:—

THE HON. THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (A. D. MILNE, C.M.G.).
 THE HON. THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (W. BLAIN).
 THE HON. THE ACTING CHIEF OF CUSTOMS (G. WALSH).
 THE HON. BRIG.-GEN. S. H. CHARRINGTON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 THE HON. R. B. COLE.
 THE HON. A. C. HOEY.
 THE HON. H. C. KIRK.
 THE HON. K. H. RODWELL.
 THE HON. SHEIKH ALI BIN SALIM, C.M.G., C.B.E.
 THE HON. V. V. PHADKE.
 THE HON. C. M. DALAL.

MOTIONS.

THE HON. THE TREASURER proposed the following motion.

"That this Honourable Council approves of certain expenditure during the year 1920-21 which it has become necessary to incur and for which no provision has been made in the Estimates, as detailed in the statement of Special Warrants which is laid on the Table."

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded the motion.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to report and make recommendations on the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council, presented the report to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that Council resolves itself into a Committee to consider the amendments to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council.

THE HON. THE TREASURER seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

The Standing Orders were read and the amendments recommended by the Special Committee were adopted.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council be reported to Council as amended.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved that the Standing Orders be adopted by the Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. H. W. B. BLACKALL, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the alleged prevalence of assaults by Natives on European children, presented and read the report to Council.

THE HON. W. J. MOYNAGH asked that a copy of the report be sent to the Women's League.

HIS EXCELLENCY said that this would be done.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE proposed that the Council accept the report put forward by the Special Committee. Everybody had to admit that parents whose children suffered in this way had very strong feelings but as the Committee had shown that only four cases had been proved he did not think that the Legislative Council should take any further action in the matter. It was a great pleasure to him that cases of assault by adult natives on white women was unknown.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to consider the increase of Railway freights on the Uganda Railway, presented and read the report to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to consider the report.

THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY seconded.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that Sisal be carried at pre-war rates (Special Goods Tariff No. 22).

This was put and carried unanimously.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY thereupon moved that subject to the foregoing alteration the recommendations of the Committee be accepted and that the matter be submitted to the Uganda Authorities for approval.

This was put and carried unanimously.

THE HON. THE GENERAL MANAGER, UGANDA RAILWAY moved that the report be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY proposed the following motion.

"That subject to the adjustment of the rate for Sisal, the report of the Special Committee be adopted and that if the Government of Uganda is unable to agree to the recommendations therein contained, that the view of this Honourable Council be placed before the Secretary of State."

THE RIGHT HON. LORD DELAMERE seconded the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to Impose a Tax on Incomes," be read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE LAND TAX ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of Land Tax," be read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL seconded.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL regretted he felt constrained to move an amendment that this Bill should be withdrawn and a new Bill which would be considered by Council be reintroduced. He said Hon. Members would recollect that the Hon. the Chief Secretary had put forward a suggestion of this sort but it had been opposed and when voted upon, thrown out. He had since had an opportunity of considering the matter. He thought the Hon. the Chief Secretary had made it perfectly clear that all he wanted was that the Bill should be reprinted and be reintroduced. The present position was that they had a Bill before them which had never been introduced to Council at all. The new provisions were diametrically opposed to the principles of the Bill. He suggested that the Bill should be withdrawn and reintroduced at once. In support of his motion he quoted from Sir Erskin May's Parliamentary Practice.

HIS EXCELLENCY said the main point seemed to be that if the proposal put forward by the Hon. the Acting Attorney General was carried through, they must be quite satisfied that they were not altering the legislature and that there would be no debatable matters brought up.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY said all that would be necessary if Council agreed to the Bill being withdrawn would be for the Standing Orders to be suspended and the Bill be read a first, second, and third time at that days Sessions.

HIS EXCELLENCY said there would be no alteration in the Bill if they did what had been suggested.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of the Bill.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

The Council resumed its Sitting

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of Land Tax," might be introduced and put through its three readings at once.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER in pursuance of notice given, introduced and moved the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of Land Tax."

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Bill was read a first time.

THE LAND TAX ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of Land Tax," be read a second time.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Bill was read a second time.

THE LAND TAX ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE LAND OFFICER moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance relating to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of Land Tax," be read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, 1920.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that Council resolve itself into a Committee to further consider the provisions of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921."

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole Council, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, presiding.

In Committee.

Amendments were made to Heads XIV and XIVa of the Estimates.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that the Bill as amended be reported to Council.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The Council resumed its Sitting.

THE HON. THE TREASURER moved that a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to apply a sum of Money for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1921," be read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and carried.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE HON. THE CHIEF SECRETARY moved that Council stand adjourned till such time and date as His Excellency might fix by Proclamation.

THE HON. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and carried.

*Council adjourned till such date and time as His Excellency should
by Proclamation appoint.*