

Issue and reissue of notes limited to 10 years from date of Ordinance.

7. The powers granted by this Ordinance to the Company to make, issue, reissue and circulate notes shall be limited for a period of ten years from the date of coming into force of this Ordinance; after the lapse of such period the Company shall cease to issue or reissue notes but shall redeem any notes which it has previously issued or reissued.

Provided however that if the Company shall fail to comply with the demand of the Colonial Treasurer referred to in section 5 (2) hereof or shall fail to comply with any of the other provisions of this Ordinance the power of the Company to make, issue, reissue and circulate notes shall immediately cease.

Saving as to existing and future laws restricting note issue.

8. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall exempt the Company from the operation of any existing or future law restricting or regulating the issue of notes in the Colony.

Objects and Reasons.

This Bill provides for the issue by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, of Bills and Notes payable to Bearer on demand. Such notes are not to be issued for any other sum than the sum of five dollars or some multiple of such sum, and except in cases of temporary emergency the total amount of such notes in circulation is not at any time to exceed the paid-up capital of the Company. In addition the Company is compelled to provide a special fund exclusively available for the redemption of the notes to the full value in case of cash deposits and with a margin of 5 per cent. against the Bank where the deposit consists of securities.

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No. S. 377.—The following Bill, as amended in Committee of the Legislative Council on the 21st instant, is published for general information:—

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance relating to Public Health and Buildings.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, 1911.

Amends section 8 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 as amended by section 4 of Ordinance No. 14 of 1908.

2. Section 8 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 as amended by section 4 of the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance 1908 is hereby further amended by the deletion of the words "such persons as are included in the special and common Jury Lists, and also by such persons as are exempt from serving on juries on account of their professional avocations or on account of their being Members of Council or on account of infirmity or of their being over the age of sixty years" and by the substitution therefor of the words "such persons as are included in either of the Jurors Lists referred to in section 7 (3) of the Jury Ordinance 1887 and also by the following persons exempted from serving as jurors, that is to say, unofficial members of the Executive or of the Legislative Council; barristers and solicitors on the roll of

the Supreme Court; duly qualified medical practitioners; dentists in actual practice in the Colony; persons registered under the Pharmacy Ordinance 1908; clergymen of the Church of England, Roman Catholic priests, ministers of any congregation of Protestant dissenters or of Jews functioning in the Colony; the masters of any school other than a vernacular school in the Colony; the professors, lecturers and other academic officers of the University of Hongkong; the editors, sub-editors and reporters of any daily newspaper published in the Colony; pilots licensed under the Pilots Ordinance 1904; and persons of sound mind who have previously been included in either of the said Jurors Lists but have been removed therefrom on account of age or infirmity".

3. Section 42 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 is hereby amended by the addition after the word "establish" in line 2 thereof of the words "or carry on" and also by the addition at the end thereof of the words "Provided always that any permission given by the Board under either part of this section shall be revocable at any time by the Board."

Amends section 42 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903.

4. Sub-section (2) of section 153 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 as amended by section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance 1909 is hereby further amended by the deletion of the words "of a suitable area" at the end thereof and by the substitution thereof of the words "each of which shall contain an area not exceeding one hundred square feet and of which the least dimension shall not be less than seven feet".

Amends sub-section (2) of section 153 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 as amended by Ordinance No. 11 of 1909.

5. Section 188 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 as amended by section 57 of the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance 1908 is hereby further amended as follows:—

Amends section 188 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 as amended by Ordinance No. 14 of 1908.

(a.) in sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) thereof by the deletion of the word "fronts" and by the substitution thereof of the word "abuts".

(b.) in sub-section (4) thereof by the deletion of the word "on" in the last line thereof and by the substitution thereof of the word "upon" and further by the deletion of the word "fronts" and by the substitution thereof of the word "abuts".

(c.) by renumbering sub-section (5) thereof as sub-section (6).

(d.) by inserting after sub-section (4) thereof the following new sub-section:—

"(5.) No building which does not fall within the provisions of sub-sections (1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section shall be erected or re-erected or raised to a height exceeding such height as the Building Authority may authorise."

(e.) by inserting after the sub-section so renumbered as sub-section (6) thereof the following proviso:—

"Provided that

(a.) In the event of any building being hereafter erected or re-erected on a corner site so as to abut upon more than one street, or in the event of any building on a corner site being increased in height, the height of such building shall be regulated by the widest or wider of the streets upon which it abuts so far as it abuts or will abut upon a such widest or wider street and also so far as it abuts or will abut upon the narrower streets or street to a distance of forty feet from the widest or wider street.

Height of buildings on corner sites.

(b.) In the event of any building being hereafter erected or re-erected so as to abut upon more than one street although not on a corner site, or in the event of any such building being increased in height, the height of the several parts of such building shall be regulated by the widths of the streets upon which they respectively abut."

Height of buildings on sites abutting on more than one street although not on corner sites.

Amends section 189 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903.

6. Section 189 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 is hereby repealed, and there shall be substituted therefor the following section :—

Method of determination of height of buildings.

- “(1.) Wherever it is possible to do so the height of any building shall be determined by measuring on the line of the wall abutting upon the street which regulates the height, from the level of such street, the full vertical height allowed by the foregoing section. Such full vertical height shall also be measured from the level of such street on the line of the nearest main wall opposite to the wall abutting on the street, except where such opposite wall abuts upon another street. From the points thus determined on the two walls lines shall be drawn at angles of thirty degrees with the horizontal, and any part of the building (except any chimney or party wall, or any ornamental tower, turret, or other architectural feature or decoration, or any parapet not exceeding three feet in height) falling outside such lines shall be deemed illegal. Provided always that in the case of any existing building which exceeds in height one and a half times the width of the street upon which it abuts, the structure of the roof, or any part thereof, shall not be so altered or added to that any portion of such structure will fall outside lines drawn at angles of thirty degrees with the horizontal from points determined by measuring a full vertical height equal to one and a half times the width of such street on the lines of the main walls in the manner described in this sub-section.
- (2.) In the event of the street on which a building abuts not being level throughout the extent of such building, the height shall be measured from the central point of the external face of the wall abutting on such street.
- (3.) In any case which does not fall within the foregoing provisions the height of the building shall be determined in such manner as the Building Authority may direct.”

Amends section 204 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 as amended by Ordinance No. 14 of 1908.

7. Section 204 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 as amended by section 66 of the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance 1908 is hereby further amended :—

- (a.) by the substitution of the word “certified” for the word “reported” in the third line of sub-section (1) and by the deletion of all the words at the end of the said sub-section which follow the words “certificate that” and by the substitution therefor of the words “such building may be occupied”.
- (b.) by the addition after sub-section (2) thereof and before the proviso of the following sub-section, to be numbered (3) :—
- “(3.) If, after having received such certificate from an authorized architect, the Building Authority or any officer deputed by him shall discover that in certain respects such building does not comply with the provisions of this Ordinance and of all Byelaws and Regulations made thereunder, the Building Authority may require the authorized architect who signed such certificate to pay a fee of twenty-five dollars for a further inspection, and no certificate that such building may be occupied shall be issued by the Building Authority until he shall have received a further certificate as aforesaid signed by an authorized architect.”
- (c.) by the deletion of the word “report” in the second line of the proviso and by the substitution therefor of the word “certificate”.

8. Sub-section (8) of section 222 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 as amended by the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance 1908 is hereby further amended by the addition at the end thereof of the following words:—

Amends sub-section (8) of section 222 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 as amended by Ordinance No. 14 of 1908.

“ Further the Building Authority may, (until the “ the person by whom or on whose behalf “ the notice or plans revoked were given “ or submitted, or his duly authorized “ agent, shall have paid into the Colonial “ Treasury a fee or two hundred and fifty “ dollars), refuse to receive any such “ further notice or plans in respect of the “ premises to which the plans revoked “ relate, if such further notice or plans “ are signed by any authorized architect “ other than the authorized architect who “ signed the notice or plans revoked.”

Objects and Reasons.

Clause 2 is introduced in order more effectually to carry out the intention of the Legislature which was to confine the electors of the two elected members of the Sanitary Board to those who are special or common jurors and to those who would be jurors but for the nature of their avocations or for age or infirmity. In the clause as now drafted this intention is carried out save that persons holding offices of emolument under the Crown and Military officers are omitted as they and their views are amply represented by the official and appointed members of the Board.

Clause 3 substitutes a definite for an indefinite area in section 153 (2).

Clauses 4 and 5 are intended to remove doubts which have arisen in consequence of the use of the word “fronts” in section 188 and of the word “abuts” in section 189 and also to make it clear how the height of a corner building abutting on streets of different widths is to be determined.

Clause 6 transfers certain duties from the Building Authority, who has not a sufficient staff for the purpose, to authorised architects.

It has been found that changes of architects involving substantial alterations in plans submitted throws a great deal of extra work upon the staff of the Building Authority. The amendment introduced by clause 7 will it is anticipated check these changes somewhat.

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NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 378.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted by Hongkong.

Disease.	Port or Place.	Restrictions in Force.	Authority.
Cholera and Small-pox.	Bangkok.	Medical examination; quarantine at the discretion of the Health Officer.	Proclamation No. 1 dated 6th May, 1910.
Cholera.	Singapore.	Do.	Proclamation No. 8 dated 1st November, 1911.