

Ordinance, 1900, (hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance), and this Ordinance and the said Ordinance may be cited together as the Arms and Ammunition Ordinances, 1900-1914.

Amendment of section 28 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1900.

2. Section 28 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended as follows :—

- (a.) by the deletion of the figures "250" in the 6th line thereof and by the substitution of the figures "1,000" therefor ;
- (b.) by the deletion of the figure "3" in the 7th line thereof and by the substitution of the figures "12" therefor.

Objects and Reasons.

The existing penalties with regard to the contravention of the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900, relative to smuggling of arms and ammunition appear unfortunately to have little, if any, deterrent effect.

It has been observed with regret that the illicit introduction of weapons and cartridges continues rife, and the object of this Ordinance is to increase the penalty in order to endeavour to check in some measure this dangerous traffic.

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No. S. 18.—The following Bill, which will be read a first time at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, is published for general information.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
22nd January, 1914.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend the Foreign Silver and Nickel Coin Ordinance, 1913.

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

Short title.
No. 15 of 1913.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Foreign Silver and Nickel Coin (Amendment) Ordinance, 1914, and shall be read and construed as one with the Foreign Silver and Nickel Coin Ordinance, 1913, (hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance), and this Ordinance and the said Ordinance may be cited together as the Foreign Silver and Nickel Coin Ordinances, 1913 and 1914.

Power to Governor-in-Council to suspend operation of sections 4 and 6 of Principal Ordinance.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to order by notification published in the *Gazette* that the whole or any part of the provisions of sections 4 and 6 of the Principal Ordinance shall be suspended for such period and in such parts of the Colony as may in the opinion of the Governor-in-Council be desirable.

Objects and Reasons.

The object of this Bill is to give power to the Governor-in-Council to suspend temporarily any of the provisions of sections 4 and 6 of the Foreign Silver and Nickel Coin Ordinance, 1913.

Section 4 of that Ordinance refers to the importation into the Colony of Foreign Silver or Nickel Coin and section 6 relates to the being in possession of such coinage.

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