

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. S. 385.—The following Bills were read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 3rd December, 1914:—

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend the Defences (Sketching Prevention) Ordinance, 1895.

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 Defences (Sketching Prevention) Amendment Ordinance, 1914, and shall be read and construed as one with the Defences (Sketching Prevention) Ordinance, 1895, (hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance), and this Ordinance and the said Ordinance may be cited together as the Defences (Sketching Prevention) Ordinances, 1895-1914.

Amendment of Ordinance 1 of 1895, s. 1. (a). 2. Section 1 (a) of the Principal Ordinance is amended as follows:—

(a.) by the insertion of the word “negative”, between the words “photograph” and “picture” in the second line thereof;

(b.) by the substitution of a semi-colon for the full stop at the end thereof, and by the addition of the following words thereto:—

“and ‘naval or military premises or anchorages’ shall include every place, whether on land or on water, which is reserved, either wholly or in part and whether at intervals or continuously, for naval or military operations or purposes.”

Amendment of Ordinance 1 of 1895, s. 2. 3. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is amended as follows:—

(a.) by the insertion of the words “or attempt to make” between the words “make” and “or” in the second line of sub-section (1);

(b.) by the insertion of words “or of any naval or military premises or anchorages, or of any part thereof, or of anything therein, or of any of His Majesty’s ships”, between the words “battery” and “without” in the third line of sub-section (1).

Amendment of Ordinance 1 of 1895, s. 4. 4. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by the insertion of the words “or of any naval or military premises or anchorages, or of any of His Majesty’s ships” after the word “battery” in the first line thereof.

Objects and Reasons.

The object of this Bill is to supplement and render more effective the Defences (Sketching Prevention) Ordinance, 1895.

In order to avoid any question as to the meaning of the word photograph, the definition of the word sketch is amended so as to include the negative of a photograph.

Attempts to make sketches are made criminal.

The application of the Principal Ordinance is somewhat limited and does not include, for example, any naval anchorage, nor does it apply to His Majesty’s ships. The Bill enlarges the scope of the Principal Ordinance in these two respects.

J. H. KEMP,
Attorney General.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend the Recreation Grounds Ordinance, 1909.

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Recreation Grounds (Amendment) Ordinance, 1914, and shall be read and construed as one with the Recreation Grounds Ordinance, 1909, and this Ordinance and the said Ordinance may be cited together as the Recreation Grounds Ordinances, 1909 and 1914. Short title.

2. Section 2 (1) of the Recreation Grounds Ordinance, 1909, is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "Chinese Recreation Ground" in the third line thereof after the words "West End Park". Amendment of section 2 (1) of Ordinance No. 35 of 1909.

3. The following section shall be added to the Principal Ordinance :— Addition of new section to Ordinance No. 35 of 1909.

"4. The Governor shall have power to appoint a Committee who shall have power, subject to any regulations relating to the said Chinese Recreation Ground for the time being in force under the Public Places Regulation Ordinance, 1870, and subject to the approval of the Governor in any matter not dealt with in any such regulations, to manage the said Chinese Recreation Ground and to expend for the benefit of the said Chinese Recreation Ground all revenue derived or to be derived therefrom." Power to appoint Committee.

Objects and Reasons.

The Chinese Recreation Ground, which is situated at Possession Point near the western end of Hollywood Road and which has been set apart as an open space for the benefit of Chinese of the poorer class for over 30 years, is managed by a Committee consisting of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council. The powers of this Committee are vague and ill-defined, and the tenure of the ground and its appropriation as an open space are not on a satisfactory basis. The object of this Bill is to provide that this open space shall be declared to be an open space for the purpose of public recreation within the meaning of the Recreation Grounds Ordinance, 1909, and to regularize and regulate the management of the ground by the Committee.

J. H. KEMP,
Attorney General.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 386.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted by Hongkong.

Disease.	Port or Place.	Restrictions in Force.	Authority.
Cholera.	Wuchow.	Medical examination ; quarantine at the discretion of the Health Officer.	Proclamation No. 22 dated 24th November, 1914.