

19. Clause 14 provides that every mui tsai of or over the age of 12 years and under the age of 18 years shall, as hitherto, have the right to apply to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and that upon any such application the Secretary for Chinese Affairs may make any order which he may think fit regarding the custody, control, employment and conditions of employment of the mui tsai.

20. Clause 15 provides that every mui tsai of or over the age of 10 years shall be entitled to such wages as shall be prescribed. Regulation 7 of the draft regulations published with the bill provides that every mui tsai over the age of 10 years and under the age of 15 years shall be entitled to wages at the rate of at least \$1 a month and that every mui tsai of or over the age of 15 years shall be entitled to the wages at the rate of at least \$1.50 a month. These wages may seem low by English standards, but they must be judged by local conditions, and it must not be forgotten that the girls are treated as members of the family, though not of course always as daughters would be treated. In many cases therefore the so-called wages might perhaps be better described as pocket money.

21. Clause 17 is the usual penalty clause.

22. Clause 18 provides that no prosecution under the Ordinance is to be commenced without the consent of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

23. Clause 19 saves the rights and powers conferred on the Secretary for Chinese Affairs by the protection of the Women and Girls' Ordinance, 1897.

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No. S. 405.—The following draft of regulations proposed to be introduced when Part III of the Female Domestic Service Ordinance is brought into operation are published for general information.

REGULATIONS.

Registration.

1. Registration may be effected at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs or at any police station.

2. The particulars required on registration shall be those specified in the Appendix.

3. The registration form, when filled up, shall be read by or to the employer, or shall be interpreted to him if he is unable to read or understand English sufficiently well, and shall be signed by the employer.

4. As soon as may be after registration, identification tickets for the purpose of facilitating future reference shall be issued to the employer and to the mui tsai, and the said tickets shall be carefully preserved by them and shall be produced by them on the occasion of any subsequent application or supplementary report.

5.—(1.) The employer shall make a supplementary report upon :—

- (a) the death of the mui tsai ;
- (b) the disappearance of the mui tsai ;
- (c) any intended removal of the mui tsai from the Colony whether temporarily or permanently ;
- (d) any change of address of the mui tsai or of the employer.

(2.) Any such supplementary report may be made at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs or at any police station, provided that if no identification ticket is produced any such supplementary report must be made at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Change in actual employer, owing to death, etc.

6. Any report as to the change in the actual employer of a mui tsai, by reason of the death of the former employer or for any other reason, may be made at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs or at any police station, provided that if no identification ticket is produced any such report must be made at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Remuneration of mui tsai.

7. Every mui tsai of or over the age of 10 years and under the age of 15 years shall be entitled to wages at the rate of one dollar a month, and every mui tsai of or over the age of 15 years shall be entitled to wages at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents a month.

APPENDIX.

REGISTER.

(The Female Domestic Service Ordinance, 1923.)

- Serial number (1.)
- Date of registration.
- Name of mui tsai (in English and Chinese).
- Address of mui tsai.
- Age of mui tsai (2).
- Name of employer (in English and Chinese).
- Address of employer (3).
- Occupation of employer.
- When mui tsai first employed by present employer.

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Signature of employer.

Interpreted by

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- (1.) To be filled up in the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
- (2.) The date of birth must be given if known. If only the age is given it should be stated whether it is given according to Chinese or English reckoning.
- (3.) To be given only if different from the address of the mui tsai.