

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. S. 73.—The following Bills were read a first time at a meeting of the Council held on the 9th March, 1938:—

[No. 29:—9.12.37.—2.]

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to make provision for the periodical examination of Gasholders.

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

Short title. **1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Gasholders Examination Ordinance, 1938.

Power of the Governor in Council to make regulations. **2.**—(1) The Governor in Council may make regulations for the periodical examination of gasholders.

Schedule. (2) The regulations in the Schedule shall be deemed to have been made under this Ordinance and shall be in force, except so far as they may be rescinded, suspended, added to or amended by regulations made by the Governor in Council under sub-section (1).

Penalty for breach of regulations. **3.** If the proprietors of any gasholder in the Colony wilfully fail to carry out any requirement of any regulation made under this Ordinance they, and where the proprietors are a corporation every director and manager thereof, shall be severally liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Power of Governor in Council to declare a gasholder unfit for use. **4.** The Governor in Council may at any time call upon the proprietors of any gasholder in the Colony to show cause why the said gasholder should not be declared unfit for use. If on being so called upon the proprietors fail to show such cause to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, the Governor in Council may by Order declare the gasholder unfit for use; and if, whilst such order remains unrevoked, the gasholder is used to hold gas the proprietors, and where the proprietors are a corporation every director and manager thereof, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

SCHEDULE.

[s. 2 (2)].

REGULATIONS.

1. In these regulations—

“Gasholder” means a water sealed gasholder which has a storage capacity of not less than five thousand cubic feet.

2. The proprietors of every gasholder in the Colony shall cause the same to be externally examined periodically, not less often than once in every month, by a competent member of their staff, and make and keep proper records and reports of such examinations and of all work done in consequence thereof. Where actual perforation of the sheeting has taken place the examiner shall take steps to ascertain whether or not the perforation is due to general wastage.

3. One of such external examinations shall take place in or about the month of June in each year, at a date and time to be arranged between the proprietors of the gasholder and the Colonial Secretary, when the examiner shall be accompanied by an observer appointed by the Governor and the proprietors shall furnish such observer with copies of all the records and reports of the previous year made and kept in accordance with regulation No. 2.

4. Within one month after each such annual examination the proprietors shall furnish to the Colonial Secretary a report containing the particulars set out in the Appendix.

5. At least once in every seven years a thorough examination shall be made of every gasholder in the Colony, which has been installed for more than fifteen years, with a view to ascertaining the condition of the internal surfaces of the sheeting at a date and time to be arranged between the proprietors of the gasholder and the Colonial Secretary when the examiner shall be accompanied by an observer appointed by the Governor. Such examination shall be made by cutting samples from the crown and sides of the holder or by other sufficient means, and all samples so cut and a report on every such examination signed by the person making it shall be kept available for inspection.

Appendix.

[reg. 4.]

ANNUAL GASHOLDER INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE
RECORD.

Name of Proprietors: _____
Gasholder number: _____
Situation: _____
Built in (date): _____ by: _____
Type (*i.e.*, Column, Spiral or Rope Guided): _____
Capacity: _____
Lifts—Diameter and Depth of, and Pressure thrown by, each
Lift: _____
Guide Framing:—Construction _____
Crown—Rise: _____
Sheets—Thickness of Crown Sheets:—
—Thickness of Side Sheets:—
Cups and Grips—Size and Construction: _____
Material used for construction of—
(a) Gasholder: _____
(b) Tank: _____
Date of Inspection: _____
Inspection made by: _____
Government Observer: _____

1. Framing :

Condition of:—

- (a) Columns.
- (b) Girders.
- (c) Junction of girders and columns.
- (d) Wind bracing.
- (e) Ladders.

2. Lifts :

(a) Top Lift :

- i. External condition of crown sheets.
- ii. Number of patches on crown sheets.
- iii. Condition of handrail.
- iv. Condition of carriages and rollers.
- v. State of roller lubrication.
- vi. Condition of crown painting.
- vii. External condition of side sheets.
- viii. Number of patches on side sheets.
- ix. Condition of side painting.

(b) Second Lift :

- i. External condition of side sheets.
- ii. Number of patches.
- iii. Condition of ladder.
- iv. External Condition of cup and grip.
- v. Cup deposits and leakage.
- vi. Condition of carriages and rollers.
- vii. State of roller lubrication.
- viii. Condition of painting.

(c) Third Lift :

- i. External condition of side sheets.
- ii. Number of patches.
- iii. Condition of ladder.
- iv. External condition of cup and grip.
- v. Cup deposits and leakage.
- vi. Condition of carriages and rollers.
- vii. State of roller lubrication.
- viii. Condition of paintwork.

(d) Bottom Lift.

- i. External condition of side sheets.
- ii. Number of patches.
- iii. Condition of ladder.
- iv. External condition of cup and grip.
- v. Cup deposits and leakage.
- vi. Condition of carriages and rollers.
- vii. State of roller lubrication.
- viii. Condition of bottom curb.
- ix. Condition of bottom carriages and rollers.
- x. Condition of paintwork.

3. Tank :

- (a) External condition of side plates.
- (b) Condition of water level.
- (c) Condition of ground level.
- (d) Level of water-overflow.
- (e) Leakage.
- (f) Condition of carriages and rollers.
- (g) State of roller lubrication.
- (h) Condition of paintwork.

4. Measurements:

(a) Horizontal measurements from Lift to Lift at:

North point at Top Cup:
South „ „ „ „
East „ „ „ „
West „ „ „ „
North „ „ Second Cup:
South „ „ „ „
East „ „ „ „
West „ „ „ „
North point at Third Cup
South „ „ „ „
East „ „ „ „
West „ „ „ „
North „ „ Tank Top
South „ „ „ „
East „ „ „ „
West „ „ „ „

(b) Vertical measurements from top of Grip to water level at

North point at Top Cup:
South „ „ „ „
East „ „ „ „
West „ „ „ „
North „ „ Second Cup:
South „ „ „ „
East „ „ „ „
West „ „ „ „
North „ „ Third „ „
South „ „ „ „
East „ „ „ „
West „ „ „ „
North „ „ Tank Top
South „ „ „ „
East „ „ „ „
West „ „ „ „

(c) Positions of Rollers relative to Guides on each Lift.

5. Pressure:

Unusual variations in pressure records:

6. Repairs and Paintwork carried out since last Annual Inspection:

7. General observations:

Objects and Reasons.

1. The Object of this Bill is to enable the Governor in Council to make regulations for the inspection of gasholders.

2. It results from a petition and other representations which have been made to the Government after a gasholder explosion which occurred at West Point, Hong Kong, on the 14th May, 1934.

3. The regulations in the Schedule place the obligation of carrying out periodical inspections on the proprietors of the gasholder; but provide that in the case of the annual examinations, to ascertain the external condition of all gasholders, and of the septennial examination, to ascertain the internal condition of gasholders more than fifteen years old, the proprietor's examiner shall be accompanied by a Government observer.

4. The regulations also provide for the making, keeping and furnishing of records and reports of the examinations and of all work done in consequence thereof.

C. G. ALABASTER,
Attorney General.

September, 1937.

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to amend the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915.

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Asiatic Emigration Amendment Ordinance, 1938. Short title.

2. The Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, is amended by the repeal of the words "shall be included" and the substitution therefor of the words "shall not be included" in the third line of paragraph (7) of regulation 4 in each of the Fourth and Sixth Schedules thereto respectively. Amendment of Ordinance No. 30 of 1915, 4th and 6th Schedules, r. 4 (7).

3. This Ordinance shall not come into operation until His Majesty's confirmation of the same shall have been proclaimed in Hong Kong by the Governor. Suspending clause.

Objects and Reasons.

1. The object of this amending Bill is to exclude the sick bay or hospital of emigrant ships licensed under the provisions of the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, from the passenger deck space required to be measured for the purpose of determining the number of emigrants to be carried in such ships.

2. The amendment is necessary in order to allow for the proper segregation of sick emigrants, particularly those suffering from infectious or contagious disease, and to prevent the overcrowding which necessarily results under the existing law from such segregation.

3. Clause 2 of the Bill effects the amendment by substituting the words "shall not be included" for the words "shall be included" in the third line of regulation 4 (7) in the Fourth Schedule and the corresponding regulation in the Sixth Schedule to the principal Ordinance.

4. Clause 3 of the Bill is the suspending clause necessitated by the proviso to section 2 of the Chinese Passengers Act, 1855 (18 & 19 Vict., c. 104).

J. A. FRASER,
Attorney General.

March, 1938

[No. 1:—1.3.38.—1.]

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to amend the Empire Preference Ordinance, 1932.

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

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Empire Preference Amendment Ordinance, 1938.

Amendment
of Ordinance
No. 32 of
1932, s. 2 as
amended by
Ordinance
No. 31 of
1934, s. 2.

2. Section 2 of the Empire Preference Ordinance, 1932, as amended by the Empire Preference Amendment Ordinance, 1934, is further amended by the insertion, in the second line of the definition of "The British Empire" in the first paragraph thereof, of the word "Burma," immediately after the word "India,".

Objects and Reasons.

As Burma has now been separated from India, the former country is no longer covered by the definition of "The British Empire" contained in section 2 of the principal Ordinance, as amended by the Empire Preference Amendment Ordinance, 1934.

Clause 2 of this Bill inserts the word "Burma," immediately after the word "India;" in that definition, in pursuance of instructions given by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in his circular despatch of 23rd December, 1937.

J. A. FRASER,
Attorney General.

March, 1938.