

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 189.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. I.

FRIDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1927.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(Sir CECIL CLEMENTI, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General CHARLES CAMAC LUARD, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHORN).

„ the Attorney General, (Sir JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, Kt., K.C., C.B.E.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).

„ Mr. EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E., (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

„ Mr. HAROLD THOMAS CREASY, (Director of Public Works).

„ Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, (Captain Superintendent of Police).

„ Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.

„ Sir SHOUSON CHOW, Kt.

„ Mr. ARCHIBALD ORR LANG.

„ Mr. HERBERT WILLIAM BIRD.

„ Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.

„ Mr. DALLAS GERALD MERCER BERNARD.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

CONGRATULATIONS.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council with reference to the honour His Majesty the King had conferred on two members of the Council, *viz.*, the Order of Knight Bachelor on Sir JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, K.C., C.B.E., and Companion of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George on Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, LL.D.

Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK and Sir SHOUSON CHOW addressed the Council.

Sir JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP and Dr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL replied.

MINUTES.—The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 31st December, 1926, were confirmed.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE.—His Excellency the Governor appointed the following to be Members of the Standing Law Committee:—The Attorney General (Chairman), the Colonial Treasurer, Sir H. E. POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., Dr. R. H. KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D., and Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following papers :—

Appointment of Members of the Court of the University of Hong Kong under Statute 4 of the Second Schedule of the University Ordinance, 1911, on 17th December, 1926.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, on 30th December, 1926.

Proclamation under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 30th December, 1926.

Rule made by the Governor in Council under section 36 of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, on 5th January, 1927.

Proclamation under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 7th January, 1927.

Two Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, on 27th January, 1927.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1926, on 28th January, 1927.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, on 4th February, 1927.

Amendment to Statute 9 of the University Ordinance, 1911, on 7th February, 1927.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, on 10th February, 1927.

Proclamation under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 10th February, 1927.

Rescission of the Order made by the Governor in Council under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on 12th February, 1927.

Rescission of two Orders made by the Governor in Council under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on 17th February, 1927.

Report on the extensive damage done to many parts of the Colony by the Torrential Rainfall and Thunderstorm of the 18th July, 1926.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 1), dated 18th February, 1927, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General the third reading of the bill was postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

PROMISSORY OATHS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General the third reading of the bill was postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

FACTORY (ACCIDENTS) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide against accidents in factories.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agree to.

Bill read a first time.

JURORS LIST FOR 1927.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary seconded by the Attorney General the Council went into Committee to consider the Jurors List for 1927 *in camera*.

The Jurors List for 1927 was considered and settled.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

C. CLEMENTI,
Governor.

Confirmed this 31st day of March, 1927.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 190.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the KING, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 1 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1927.—An Ordinance to provide against accidents in factories.