

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.

HONG KONG.

No. 1 OF 1927.

I assent.

L.S.

C. CLEMENTI,
Governor.

1st April, 1927.

An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation
Ordinance, 1911.

[1st April, 1927.]

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 Interpretation Amendment Ordinance, 1927. Short title.

2. Section 25 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, Amendment of Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, s. 25. is amended by the insertion of the words “or privilege” between the word “power” and the word “may” in the third line of sub-section (2), and by the addition of the following sub-section at the end thereof:—

(4) Where any Ordinance gives power to make an appointment to any office, it shall not be necessary in any such appointment to name any particular individual and the appointment may be of the holder of any other office in the name of that office, in which case the person who is from time to time for the time being performing the duties of the office last above referred to shall be deemed to have been appointed to the office first above referred to.

3. Section 37 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, Amendment of Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, s. 37. is amended by the substitution of the figures “1889” for the figures “1899” in the fourth line thereof.

4. Group A of section 39 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, is amended by the addition of the following paragraph at the end thereof:— Amendment of Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, s. 39 A.

Clerk of Councils.

(14) “Clerk of Councils” means the person appointed by the Governor to be Clerk to the Executive Council and the Legislative Council, and includes any person appointed by the Governor to be Deputy Clerk of Councils.

Amendment of Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, s. 3. B (7). 5. Paragraph (7) of Group B of section 39 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, is repealed and the following paragraph is substituted therefor :—

Harbour. (7) "Harbour" means the harbour of Victoria and includes the waters of the Colony within the following boundaries :—

On the east—A straight line drawn from the westernmost extremity of Siu Chau Wan Point to the westernmost extremity of A Kung Ngam Point (sometimes known as Kung Am).

On the west—A straight line drawn from the westernmost point of the Island of Hong Kong to the westernmost point of Green Island, thence a straight line drawn from the westernmost point of Green Island to the westernmost point of Stonecutters Island, and thence a straight line drawn true north from the westernmost extremity of Stonecutters Island to the mainland.

Amendment of Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, s. 40. 6. Section 40 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, is amended by the deletion of the word "orders" in the third line of sub-section (2), and by the repeal of sub-section (4).

Amendment of Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, s. 47. 7. Section 47 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, is amended by the deletion of the word "not" in the ninth line thereof.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, this 31st day of March, 1927.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

HONG KONG.

No. 2 OF 1927.

I assent.

L.S.

C. CLEMENTI,
Governor.

1st April, 1927.

An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths
Ordinance, 1869.

[1st April, 1927.]

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 Promissory Oaths Amendment Ordinance, 1927. Short title.
2. Sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869, is amended as follows :— Amendment of Ordinance No. 1 of 1869, s. 9 (1).
 - (a) The following words are inserted between the word "Councils" and the word "shall" in the first line thereof :—
"and the Deputy Clerk of Councils".
 - (b) The following words and signs are inserted between the word "Councils" and the word "in" in the third line thereof :—
"(or Deputy Clerk of Councils)."
3. Part II of the Schedule to the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869, is amended by the substitution of "The Marine Magistrates" for "The Marine Magistrate". Amendment of Ordinance No. 1 of 1869, Schedule, Part II.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, this
31st day of March, 1927.D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

HONG KONG.

No. 3 OF 1927.

I assent.

C. CLEMENTI,
Governor.

1st April, 1927.

An Ordinance to provide against accidents in
factories.

[1st April, 1927.]

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

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| Short title. | 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Factory (Accidents) Ordinance, 1927. |
| Interpretation. | 2. In this Ordinance,
(a) "Factory" means any premises in which any machinery, other than machinery worked entirely by hand power, is used in any commercial undertaking.
(b) "Proprietor" includes a body corporate and a firm. |
| Inspectors and their powers. | 3.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of Factories. |
| 1 Edw. 7, c. 22, s. 119. | (2) Every Inspector and Assistant Inspector of Factories shall have the following powers :—
(a) power to enter, inspect and examine at all reasonable times, by day and night, any factory, and to enter by day any place which he has reasonable cause to believe may be a factory ;
(b) power to take with him in any such case any person whom he may reasonably need in order to assist him in carrying out his duties under this Ordinance ;
(c) power to require the production of any register or other document required to be kept under this Ordinance, and to inspect, examine and copy the same ;
(d) power to make such examination and enquiry as may be necessary to ascertain whether the requirements of this Ordinance are being complied with ;
(e) power to examine, either alone or in the presence of any other person, as he thinks fit, with respect to matters under this Ordinance, every person whom he finds in any factory to which the regulations made under this Ordinance |

nance for the time being apply, or whom he has reasonable cause to believe to have been within the preceding two months employed in any such factory, and to require every such person to be so examined and to sign a declaration of the truth of the matters respecting which he has been so examined ;

(f) any other powers which may be conferred by any regulation made under this Ordinance and any other powers which may be necessary for carrying this Ordinance into effect.

(3) Every person who obstructs or delays any Inspector or Assistant Inspector of Factories in the exercise of any of the above powers shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

4.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to make such regulations as he may think desirable, for the purpose of preventing accidents in factories, of relieving persons suffering from the effects of accidents, and of requiring notifications to be made in relation to accidents occurring in factories. Regulations.

(2) All regulations made under this Ordinance shall be laid on the table of the Legislative Council at the first meeting thereof held after the publication in the Gazette of the making of such regulations, and if a resolution be passed at the first meeting of the Legislative Council held after such regulations have been laid on the table of the said Council resolving that any such regulations shall be rescinded or amended in any manner whatsoever, the said regulation shall, without prejudice to anything done thereunder, be deemed to be rescinded or amended as the case may be, as from the date of publication in the Gazette of the passing of such resolution.

5.—(1) Upon proof before a magistrate of any contravention of any regulation made under this Ordinance the proprietor of the business carried on in the factory in question shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, whether personal knowledge on his part, or (in the case of a firm) on the part of any of the partners, or (in the case of a company) on the part of any of the directors or officers of the company, be proved or not. Liability and penalty.

(2) Where such contravention was in fact due to the act or omission of some person other than the proprietor, such other person, upon proof of that fact before a magistrate, shall also, without prejudice to the liability of the proprietor, be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

6.—(1) Any summons relating to any alleged contravention of any regulation made under this Ordinance may be served by leaving a copy thereof with some adult on the premises of the factory in question. Procedure.

(2) Any such summons may be addressed to the proprietor of the business carried on in the factory in question, without specifying the name of the proprietor, and if on the hearing of such summons the alleged contravention is proved to the satisfaction of the magistrate, it shall be lawful for the magistrate to order that any fine imposed, if not paid, shall be recovered by distress and sale of the machinery, goods and chattels found on the premises of the factory in question. For the purpose of such distress and sale it shall be lawful for the magistrate to adapt the forms contained in the First Schedule to the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890. Ordinance No. 3 of 1890.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, this 31st day of March, 1927.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.