

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 380.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Thursday, 16th June, 1927, at 2.30 p.m.

## 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, C.M.G.).

„ 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. HENRY THOMAS JACKMAN, (Acting Director of Public Works).

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

„ Sir SHOUSON CHOW, Kt.

„ Mr. DALLAS GERALD MERCER BERNARD.

„ Mr. ARTHUR CECIL HYNES.

„ Mr. JOHN OWEN HUGHES.

„ Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON.

## ABSENT:

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

1. The Council met pursuant to notice. His Excellency the Governor occupied the Chair.

## MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 31st March, 1927, were confirmed.

## OATHS.

3. The Hon. Mr. ARTHUR CECIL HYNES took the oath of allegiance on taking his seat as a Member of Council.

The Hon. Mr. JOHN OWEN HUGHES took the oath of allegiance on taking his seat as a Member of Council.

The Hon. Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON took the oath of allegiance on taking his seat as a Member of Council.

## PAPERS.

4. The following papers were laid on the table:—

Administration Reports, 1926:—

Part I.—General Administration:—

Report of the Harbour Master.

Report of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports:

Report of the Director of the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong.

## Part II.—Law and Order :—

- Report of the Police Magistrates.
- Report of the Land Officer.
- Report on the General Post Office.
- Report of the Superintendent of Prisons.

## Sessional Paper, 1927 :—

## No. 3.—Report of the “Sunning” Piracy Commission.

- Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, on 31st March, 1927.
- Rule made by the Governor in Council under section 16 of the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901, on 31st March, 1927.
- Order made by the Governor in Council on the 31st March, 1927, under the Regulations relating to the Prevention of Disorder which were published in the Gazette of the 28th January, 1927, as Notification No. 39.
- Notification under section 6 of the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901, on 31st March, 1927.
- Rescission of the Order made by the Governor in Council under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on 7th April, 1927.
- Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 7th April, 1927.
- Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, on 7th April, 1927.
- The Judicial Committee Rules, 1925.
- Regulations made by the Governor in Council under the Factory (Accidents) Ordinance, 1927, on 14th April, 1927.
- Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, on 28th April, 1927.
- Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 4th May, 1927.
- Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 10th May, 1927.
- Rules made by the Governor in Council under section 6 of the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910, on 12th May, 1927.
- Notification under section 90 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on 20th May, 1927.
- Order made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Societies Ordinance, 1920, on 26th May, 1927.
- Notification *re* Appointment of the Registrar of British Ships on 26th May, 1927.
- List of Members of the Hong Kong Police Reserve.
- Extract from the Victoria Government Gazette declaring Hong Kong a reciprocating State within the meaning of the Judgments (Reciprocity) Acts.
- Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, on 30th May, 1927.
- Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, on 2nd June, 1927.
- Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 23 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, on 1st June, 1927.

## QUESTIONS.

5. The Hon. Mr. SHENTON formally asked the following questions which were submitted by the Hon. Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, pursuant to notice:—

1. With reference to the inclosed Article, headed "Taiwan Bay Thing", from the Hong Kong Telegraph of Wednesday last, the 4th May, will the Government state whether they are taking any, and if so what, steps to remedy the matters connecte with Public Bathing in Taiwan Bay, which are referred to in that Article, and when such steps will be completed?
2. With reference to the Report of the Bathing Beaches Committee of the 17th July last, will the Government state, for the information of the Public, what steps are being taken to carry out the recommendations of that Committee, and when such steps will be completed?

The Colonial Secretary replied.

## REPORTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

6. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Reports of the Finance Committee (Nos. 2 to 5), dated 28th March, 30th March, 26th April and 12th May, 1927, respectively, and moved their adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

## BILLS.

7. *University Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

8. *Basel Evangelical Missionary Society Incorporation Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the President in Hong Kong of the Basel Evangelical Missionary Society.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

9. *Public Health and Buildings Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Japanese Residents Association Bill.*—Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for incorporation of the Directors of the Japanese Residents Association of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Nipponjin Kwai 香港日本人會).

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

11. *Supplementary Appropriation Bill.*—The First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of One million and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and ninety-two Dollars and forty-two Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1926, was postponed to the next meeting of Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

12. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, 23rd June, 1927.

C. CLEMENTI,  
*Governor.*

Confirmed this 23rd day of June, 1927.

E. W. HAMILTON,  
*Deputy Clerk of Councils.*

**No. 381.**—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. 6 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

Ordinance No. 7 of 1927.—An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Directors of the Japanese Residents Association of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Nipponjin Kwai 香港日本人會).