No. 496.

The Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1889, Table L, Quarantine Regulations.

It is hereby declared by order of His Excellency the Governor in Council that Shanghai is a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

D. W. TRATMAN, Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER.

1st September, 1927.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 497.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

Thursday, 7th July, 1927, at 2.30 p.m.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Colonel N. B. Sergison-Brooke, C.M.G., D.S.O.).

- the Colonial Secretary, (Mr. Wilfrid Thomas Southorn, C.M.G.).
- the Attorney General, (Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, Kt., K.C., C.B.E.).
- the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. 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. Robert Hormus Kotewall, C.M.G., I.L.D.
- " Mr. Dallas Gerald Mercer Bernard.
- ". Mr. ARTHUR CECIL HYNES.
- " Mr. John Owen Hughes.
- .. Mr. William Edward Leonard Shenton.
- 1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the Governor cocupied the Chair.

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th June, 1927, were confirmed.

OATH.

3. The Hon. Colonel N. B. Sergison-Brooke took the oath of allegiance on taking his seat as a Member of Council.

PAPERS.

1. The following paper was laid on the table: --

Rules made by the Governor in Council under section 16 (1) of the Peak Tramway Ordinance, 1883, on 30th June, 1927.

Motions.

5. Illegal Strikes and Lock-outs Bill.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to declare and amend the law relating to illegal strikes and lock-outs, to amend the law relating to intimidation and to breaches of contracts of service in certain special cases, to promote the independence of trade unions established within the Colony, and for purposes connected with the aforesaid purposes.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

In the first line of sub-section (3) of clause 3 the words "this section" were substituted for the words "sub-section (1)."

In the third line of sub-section (1) of clause 6 the words "an agreement for service under" were substituted for the words "a contract of service with."

The following sub-section was added as sub-section (2) immediately after sub-section (1) of clause 6.

- "(2) For the purpose of sub-section (1), and without prejudice to the interpretation of any express term of the agreement other than a term relating to notice, a person who is employed in the service of the Crown shall be deemed to break his agreement for service under the Crown if he absents himself from duty without leave and without having given to the head of his department one month's notice in writing terminating with the last day of a calendar month, or if he wilfully refuses duty, or if he wilfully omits to perform his duty, provided that the provisions of this sub-section relating to notice shall not apply to any person who is engaged by the day or who is paid daily."
- Sub-sections (2) and (3) of clause 6, following this addition, were re-numbered sub-sections (3) and (4).
- In sub-section (3), re-numbered sub-section (4), of clause 6, the words "water or" in the 13th line of the sub-section were deleted.
- In clause 7 the words "with the consent" were substituted for the words "under and in accordance with the permission."
- The following sub-section (2) was added immediately after sub-section (1) of clause 7.
 - "(2) Any consent of the Governor in Council under the provisions of sub-section (1) may be made retrospective in effect to such date as the Governor in Council shall think fit."
- The original sub-sections (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) were then re-numbered (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7).
- In the original sub-sections (5) and (6), now re-numbered as (6) and (7), the words "Subject to the provisions of sub-section (8)," were added before the words "no 1 erson" in the first lines of those sub-sections.

The following new sub-section (8) was added to clause 7:—

"(8) The provisions of sub-sections (6) and (7) shall not apply to any direction or notice issued or given on behalf of or in the name of any trade union which is established outside the Colony to the members of any trade union which is established within the Colony if the trade union which is established within the Colony is with the consent of the Governor in Council affiliated or connected with the trade union which is established outside the Colony."

The original sub-section (7) was re-numbered sub-section (9).

A new clause No. 11 was added as follows:-

Sanction of "11. No prosecution for any offence under section 3, 6, 7 or 8 shall be commenced without the sanction of the Attorney General."

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with amendments 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.

ADJOURNMENT.

7. The Council then adjourned sine die.

C. CLEMENTI, Governor.

Confirmed this 1st day of September, 1927.

E. W. Hamilton,

Deputy Clerk of Councils.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 498.—His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Honourable Mr. John Öwen Hughes to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, vice Mr. Herbert William Bird, resigned, with effect from 18th May, 1927.

30th August, 1927.

No. 499.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. George Harold Thomas, M.D., B.Sc., to be Assistant Superintendent of Police (Reserve) and be in command of the Motor Cyclist Section, Hong Kong Police Reserve.

2nd	Septem	ber,	1927.
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NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.

No. 500.—It is hereby notified that the name of The Radio Communication Company (Orient), Limited, has been struck off the Register.

Hugh A. Nisbet, Registrar of Companies.

2nd September, 1927.