

PARCEL POST RATES,—*Continued.*

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.	ROUTE.	RATES OF POSTAGE ON PARCELS NOT EXCEEDING					Limit up to which insur- ance may be effected. (Francs 300 = £12 = \$120).
		2 lb.	3 lb.	7 lb.	11 lb.	22 lb.	
Luxemburg	London.	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.15	\$ 2.85	\$ 5.10	£ 120
Madeira	„	—	1.60	2.75	3.60	—	20
Do.	France.	2.20	2.65	2.85	3.05	—	40
Newfoundland (Including Labrador).....	London.	—	1.90	3.35	4.65	8.70	—
Nicaragua	„	—	1.90	2.90	3.90	8.25	—
Portugal	„	—	1.60	2.60	3.15	—	20
Portuguese East Africa	India.	1.15	1.55	1.95	2.40	—	20
Sierra Leone	London.	—	1.90	2.90	4.05	6.90	60
United States of America	„	—	1.60	3.05	4.20	7.20	—

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th October, 1927.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 616.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 9.

Thursday, 13th October, 1927, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT :

- His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General CHARLES CAMAC LUARD, C.B., C.M.G.).
- The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (Mr. EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E.).
- „ the Attorney General, (Sir JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, Kt., K.C., C.B.E.).
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).
- „ Mr. HENRY THOMAS JACKMAN, (Director of Public Works).
- „ Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, (Captain Superintendent of Police).
- „ Sir SHOUSON CHOW, Kt.
- „ Mr. ROBERT HOERMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.
- „ Mr. ARTHUR CECIL HYNES.
- „ Mr. JOHN OWEN HUGHES.
- „ Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON.
- „ Mr. ERIC WILLIAM HAMILTON, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Honourable Mr. WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHOORN, C.M.G.)
 The Honourable Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).
 „ Mr. DALLAS GERALD MERCER BERNARD.

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops occupied the Chair.

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th September, 1927, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Administration Reports, 1926:—

Part I.—General Administration:—

Report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Sessional Papers, 1927:—

No. 9.—Bias Bay Piracies (Supplement to Sessional Paper No. 7 of 1927).

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under the Public Places Regulation Ordinance, 1870, on 15th September, 1927.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 7 of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, on 15th September, 1927.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under sections 25 (4), and 33 (2) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on 21st September, 1927.

Rule made by the Governor in Council under section 18 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1899, on 28th September, 1927.

Rescission of the Orders made by the Governor in Council under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on 29th September, 1927.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 (1) of the Opium Ordinance, 1923, on 29th September, 1927.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Asylums Ordinance, 1906, on 4th October, 1927.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 47 of the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897, on 4th October, 1927.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 11), dated 12th September 1927, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

QUESTIONS.

5. The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. SHENTON, pursuant to notice, asked:—

Are the Government prepared to deal with motor cars plying for public hire in the public streets of the Colony by—

(a) Fixing a scale of fares, or

(b) Insisting that each motor car so plying carries with it a meter registering an approved scale of charges.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows :—

As at present advised the Government does not propose to deal with motor-cars plying for public hire in the public streets of the Colony by—(a) fixing a scale of fares, or (b) insisting on each car so plying being provided with a taximeter. The varying classes, types, makes and sizes of cars plying for public hire preclude the fixing of a general rate for all public cars. Uniformity of design of car is essential for the use of taximeters and the variety of public hire cars makes a general taximeter scheme impracticable. It is, however, hoped that the proposals now before the Government for a new Taxicab Service will mature shortly and that the Companies concerned will be in a position to start the service early in the New Year.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. SHENTON—Arising out of the answer to my question, is it a fact that two concerns have recently applied for licences to run taxis in this Colony?

The Colonial Secretary—There are negotiations proceeding with the Government for private licences in the Colony.

6. The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. SHENTON also asked :—

Have any of the appointments, referred to in the Honourable Colonial Secretary's Budget Speech of the 1st September, for the purpose of dealing with Malaria, yet been made?

If yes, have the officers commenced their duties?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows :—

The answer is in the negative. The recommendations must first receive the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and in any case funds will not be available until January 1st, 1928. If the recommendations are approved by the Secretary of State the appointments will be made as soon as possible after January 1st next.

MOTIONS.

7. The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution :—

That whereas by the provisions of section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, it is provided that subject to the approval of the Governor in Council after timely and adequate notification by public advertisement or otherwise of the intention of the Company referred to in the said Ordinance to apply for such approval, and after such approval has been confirmed by a resolution of the Legislative Council, the company may construct and maintain, subject to the provisions of the said Ordinance, and in accordance with plans previously deposited in the office of the Director of Public Works, all such lines, crossings, passing places, sidings, junctions, turn-tables and other works in addition to or as extensions of those particularly specified in and authorized by the said Ordinance as may be approved of by the Governor in Council, and may work and use the same :

And Whereas, timely and adequate notification having been give by public advertisement of the intention of the company to apply for the approval of the Governor in Council to the construction and maintenance, in accordance with plans to be deposited in the office of the Director of Public Works, of a double tramway line, in place of the then existing single line, on the sections of the tramway from Causeway Bay to Shaukiwan described in section 3 of the said Ordinance as sections Nos. 6 and 7 of the tramway, the Company duly applied for the approval of the Governor in Council to the construction and maintenance of the said double line :

And Whereas the Governor in Council did on the 19th day of June, 1924, approve of the construction and maintenance of the said double line :

Now it is hereby resolved that the approval of the Governor in Council so given as aforesaid is hereby confirmed.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

8. *Chinese Extradition Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1889.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Suppression of Piracy Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the suppression of piracy.

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 with the addition of the following clause :—

“This Ordinance shall come into operation on such date as may be fixed by the order of the Governor in Council.”

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.

10. *Liquors Amendment Bill.*—The Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, was not proceeded with at this Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

11. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

W. T. SOUTHORN,
Officer Administering the Government.

Confirmed this 27th day of October, 1927.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Deputy Clerk of Councils

No. 617.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government 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. 16 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

Ordinance No. 17 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1889.