
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Hong Kong.

No. 492.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 (1) (b) of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1916, Ordinance No. 10 of 1916, on the 6th day of August, 1930.

The rates of drawback set out in regulation 1 of the Drawback Regulations published as Government Notification No. 75 of 1929, amended as appears in Government Notification No. 352 of 1930, are hereby further amended by the substitution for item (c) of the following item,--

- (c) On tobacco manufactured in Chinese fashion :--
- (i) Without the addition of oil
at the rate of 87 cents per lb.
 - (ii) With the addition of not more than 17 per cent. of oil
at the rate of 78 cents per lb.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
6th August, 1930.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 493.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. No. 5.

Thursday, 31st July, 1930, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(Sir WILLIAM PEEL, K.B.E., C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops. (Major-General JAMES WALTER SANDILANDS, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary. (Mr. EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E.).
" the Attorney General. (Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, K.C., O.B.E.).

" the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. (Mr. ALAN EUSTACE WOOD).

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

" Mr. HAROLD THOMAS CREASY, C.B.E., (Director of Public Works).

- The Honourable Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, C.M.G., (Inspector General of Police).
- „ Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).
- „ Dr. ARTHUR ROBARTES WELLINGTON, (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).
- „ Sir SHOUSON CHOW, Kt.
- „ Mr. JOHN OWEN HUGHES.
- „ Mr. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE.
- „ Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.
- „ Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA.
- „ Mr. TS'ò SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.
- „ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.
- „ Mr. PAUL LAUDER.
- „ Mr. NORMAN LOCKHART SMITH, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th June, 1930, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

- Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Industrial Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Ordinance, 1922, on 23rd June, 1930.
- Order made by the Governor in Council under Regulation No. 4 of the Emergency Regulations (Newspapers, etc.), on 24th June, 1930.
- Notification under section 90 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on 27th June, 1930.
- Notification under section 90 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on 27th June, 1930.
- Rescission of the Order made by the Governor in Council under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on 5th July, 1930.
- Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Licensing Ordinance, 1887, on 12th July, 1930.
- Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 12 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845, on 12th July, 1930.
- Regulation and direction made by the Governor in Council under section 13 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845, on 12th July, 1930.
- Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 5 of the Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 1888, on 12th July, 1930.
- Rule made by the Governor in Council under section 18 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1899, on 13th July, 1930.
- Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 16th July, 1930.
- Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, on 24th July, 1930.
- Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 25th July, 1930.
- Notification under section 90 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on 25th July, 1930.

Sessional Papers, 1930 :—

No. 5.—Water Shortage Emergency—June-August, 1929.

No. 6.—Motor Taxation.

No. 7.—Report of Currency Committee, 1930.

QUESTIONS.

4. The Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D., pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

In view of the prevailing high cost of living, will the Government review the scale of fares prescribed in clause 84 of the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance 1912 in respect of public chairs and jinrickshas with the view to making a reasonable increase in such scale ?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows : -

The Government sees no reason at present to consider the question of a revision of the scale of the fares in question which, after remaining unchanged for many years, were raised to the present level in 1924. It is pointed out that the licence fee for public jinrickshas has, so far as the Island of Hong Kong is concerned, only recently been reduced by paragraph 3 (d) of Government Notification 376 of 17th June, 1930.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 8), dated the 26th June, 1930, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

6. The Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution :—

Whereas application has been made by the Sanitary Board to the Governor under section 167 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for the erection of a Public Latrine on the east of Ladder Street at its junction with Lower Lascar Row.

And whereas such application having been duly approved by the Governor and a notification of the intention to erect a Public Latrine at such site having been duly published in three successive numbers of the Gazette a certain owner and occupier of the property in the vicinity has objected to such erection ;

And whereas such objection has been duly considered ;

It is hereby resolved by this Council that the above mentioned site and the erection thereon of a Public Latrine be and the same are hereby approved.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

7. The Colonial Secretary moved :—

That the By-laws made by the Sanitary Board under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on the 27th day of May, 1930, be adopted.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

8. *Telephone Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Telephone Ordinance, 1925.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Holidays Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Sailors Home and Missions to Seamen Incorporation Bill.*—The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. MACKIE addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Sailors Home and Missions to Seamen.”

The Hon. Mr. J. OWEN HUGHES seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

11. *Supplementary Appropriation Bill.*—The Colonial Secretary moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Three hundred and four thousand five hundred and thirty-eight Dollars and eighty-three Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1929.”

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

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

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

12. *New Territories Regulation Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910.”

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.

ADJOURNMENT.

13. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 7th day of August, 1930.

W. PEEL,
Governor.

Confirmed this 7th day of August, 1930.

N. L. SMITH,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.