

Hong Kong.

No. 52.

Order made by the Governor in Council on the 28th day of January, 1932, under Regulation No. 25 of the Emergency Regulations published in the Government Gazette of the 2nd October, 1931, by Government Notification No. 621.

The Governor in Council orders the suppression, for the period of four weeks, of the printing and publication of the newspaper TUNG FONG YAT PO.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
28th January, 1932.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 53.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. No. 16.

Thursday, 17th December, 1931, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (Mr. WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHOORN, C.M.G.).
 „ the Attorney General, (Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, K.C., O.B.E.).
 „ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. EDWIN RICHARD HALIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E.).
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. EDWIN TAYLOR).
 „ Mr. HAROLD THOMAS CREASY, C.B.E., (Director of Public Works).
 „ Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, C.M.G., (Inspector General of Police).
 „ Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).
 „ SIR HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.
 „ Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON.
 „ Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.
 „ Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA.
 „ Mr. TS'O SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.
 „ Mr. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE.
 „ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.
 „ Mr. CHIAU TSUN-NIN.
 „ Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT :

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

The Honourable Dr. WILLIAM BROWNLOW ASHE MOORE, (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th December, 1931, were confirmed.

QUESTIONS.

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

With reference to the remark made by the Hon. Colonial Secretary at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd October, 1931, that the Government would give serious consideration to my suggestion that a committee be appointed to consider the general education policy of the Government, will the Government state—

- (1) Whether such a committee will be appointed; and
- (2) If not, what step does the Government propose to take to give effect to the object in view?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows :—

1. The Government does not consider that the appointment of such a committee is called for as there already exists, in the Board of Education, a body which is competent to advise on matters connected with education in the Colony.
2. In October, 1930, the Board was invited to review the existing system of education and to make recommendations in respect of future policy. Several of its recommendations have already been put into operation and others will be adopted shortly.

The recommendations deal with such matters as the distribution of funds provided for educational purposes, syllabuses English and Chinese, the possibility of improving the opportunities of the children in private schools, the school medical service, the difficult question of the extent to which public funds should be made available for other than Vernacular education, the University Local Examinations and the training of teachers, and, in fact, constitute just such an overhaul of the existing system as appears to be contemplated by the Honourable Member.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 13), dated the 10th December, 1931, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

5. The Attorney General moved :—

That the rule dated 27th day of October, 1931, made by the Registrar of Patents under section 11 of the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance, 1925, be approved.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

6. *Liquors Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to intoxicating liquors.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

In Clause 2 (13) after the word “liquors” the following words were added:—

“and shall include a warehouse conditionally appointed for the storing of the dutiable liquors of any specified person or firm”.

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

7. *Public Revenue Protection Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927.”

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. *Registration of United Kingdom Patents Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance, 1925.”

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. *Tobacco Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the taxation of tobacco.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

In the First Schedule. Regulation 2 page 16 the word "Steamship" was deleted after the words "China Navigation" in the fifth line.

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

10. *Betting Duty Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make provision for the taxation of bets on authorised totalisators or pari-mutuels and on contributions or subscriptions towards authorised cash-sweeps."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

In section 4 (1) the following words were added :—

" Provided that the Inspector General of Police may permit any club to issue lists of numbers against which the names of the subscribers shall be entered."

After Clause 9 the following new clause was added :—

10. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the first Commencement day of January, 1932.

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

11. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

W. PEEL,
Governor.

Confirmed this 28th day of January, 1932.

R. A. C. NORTH,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

No. 54.—His Majesty the KING has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances :—

Ordinance No. 22 of 1931.—An Ordinance to amend the Official Signatures Fees Ordinance, 1888.

Ordinance No. 23 of 1931.—An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900.

R. A. C. NORTH,
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