

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 208.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

Thursday, 17th March, 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

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. WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHORN, C.M.G.).

„ the Attorney General, (Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, K.C.,
O.B.E.).

„ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX,
C.M.G., C.B.E.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. EDWIN TAYLOR).

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

„ Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).

„ Dr. ARTHUR ROBERTS WELLINGTON, (Director of Medical and Sanitary
Services).

„ Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Acting Inspector General of Police).

„ 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'ò SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.

„ Mr. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE.

„ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.

„ Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.

„ Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (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 25th February, 1932, were confirmed.

OATH.

3. The Hon. Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Acting Inspector General of Police), took the Oath of Allegiance and his seat as a Member of the Council.

PAPERS.

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

Notification under section 6A (2) (a) of the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910, Ordinance No. 34 of 1910, respecting the Tai O Cemetery, dated 28th December, 1931.

Notification under section 6A (2) (b) of the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1910, Ordinance No. 34 of 1910, No person to bury or deposit any human remains in or upon any part of Tai O outside the Tai O Cemetery, dated 28th December, 1931.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 12 of the Rope Company's Tramway Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 21 of 1901, on 4th January, 1932.

Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, dated 8th January, 1932.

Notification under section 4 of the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1896, Ordinance No. 7 of 1896, dated 8th January, 1932.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under sections 3 (1) and 4 (1) of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 39 of 1931, on 11th January, 1932.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 88 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 36 of 1931, on 12th January, 1932.

The Air Navigation Directions (Hong Kong), 1932, (No. 1).

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915, Ordinance No. 32 of 1915, on 19th January, 1932.

Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, dated 22nd January, 1932.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 40 of 1912, on 12th January, 1932.

Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, dated 27th January, 1932.

Order made by the Governor in Council under Regulation No. 25 of the Emergency Regulations, on 28th January, 1932.

Sessional Papers, 1932 :—

No. 1.—Jurors List for 1932.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 2), dated the 25th February, 1932, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

6. The Colonial Secretary addressed Council and asked that the motion regarding the Kai Tack aerodrome might be postponed.

Consent was given and the motion was accordingly postponed.

7. The Colonial Treasurer moved the following resolution:—

Resolved under section 39 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, that the Resolution of the 22nd day of October, 1931, assessing the duty to be paid on spirituous liquors other than intoxicating liquors be rescinded and that duty be assessed and paid on such spirituous liquors in accordance with the following table:—

TABLE.

	<i>per gallon.</i>
On perfumed spirits and toilet preparations other than spirituous liquors classified by the Superintendent as Medicated Spirits	\$ 10.00
On Medicated Spirits classified by the Superintendent as such:—	
(a) containing more than 10% by weight of pure alcohol but less than 21%	\$ 2.50
(b) containing 21% by weight of pure alcohol but less than 38%	\$ 5.00
(c) containing 38% by weight of pure alcohol but less than 63%	\$ 7.50
(d) containing not less than 63% by weight of pure alcohol	\$ 10.00

Provided that the dollars and decimals thereof stated in the Table shall be conventional dollars reckoned as the equivalent of one shilling and eightpence sterling; and consequently to arrive at the actual amount payable in Hong Kong currency the conventional dollar stated in the Table shall be multiplied by 20 and divided by a figure settled by the Colonial Treasurer from time to time representing the average opening selling rates for the previous month of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for demand drafts on London and until so settled the figure shall be 17.24.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

8. *Opium Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intitled “An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to opium.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Industrial and Reformatory Schools Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for and regulate Industrial and Reformatory Schools.”

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.

10. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 7th day of April, 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

W. PEEL,
Governor.

Confirmed this 7th day of April, 1932.

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

No. 209.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the KING, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council :—

Ordinance No. 7 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to opium.