
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 314.

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has given directions for the rescission of the Order of the 2nd February, 1932, as Government Notification No. 73 declaring Saigon to be a place at which an infectious or contagious disease, namely, small-pox, prevailed, and the same is hereby rescinded.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
20th May, 1932.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 315.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

Thursday, 19th May, 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(Hon. Mr. WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHOORN, 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. EDWIN TAYLOR).

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

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

„ Dr. ARTHUR ROBARTES 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.

The Honourable 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. CHAU TSUN-NIN.
 „ Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.
 „ Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government occupied the Chair.

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th April, 1932, were confirmed.

OATH.

3. The Hon. the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. ALAN EUSTACE WOOD), took the Oath of Allegiance and his seat as a Member of the Council.

PAPERS.

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

Additional conditions in respect of Licences for the sale of articles of food under section 78 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

Rescission of the Order made by the Governor in Council under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, dated 5th April, 1932.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 5 of the Cremation Ordinance, 1914, Ordinance No. 5 of 1914, dated 5th April, 1932.

Additional by-laws under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for the regulation of Aerated Water Manufactories.

Additional by-laws under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for the regulation of Laundries.

Additional by-laws under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for the regulation of Bakehouses.

Additional by-laws under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for the regulation of Food Preserving Establishments.

Additional by-laws under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for the regulation of Dairies.

Addition to the List of Authorized Architects.

Additions to Part I of the List of Authorised Auditors published under the Companies Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, dated 12th April, 1932.

Notification under section 2 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 4 of 1899, dated 18th April, 1932.

Additional Direction to the Air Navigation Directions (Hong Kong), 1932.

Sessional Papers, 1932 :—

No. 3.—Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the whole question of Government Launches.

Administrative Reports, 1931 :—

Part I.—General Administration :—

Report of the Director of the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong.

Part VII.—Undertakings of Government :—

Report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section).

REPORTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Reports of the Finance Committee (Nos. 4 and 5), dated 7th April and 28th April, 1932, respectively, and moved their adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

QUESTIONS.

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

1. In view of the great hardship which residents of the rider-main districts are suffering in having to obtain their water supply from the street fountains in this hot weather, will the Government, as an experiment, restore the supply to the houses in these districts on the same restriction in respect of hours of supply, so as to give the people an opportunity to prove that, in the present acute state of the water situation, they are able to keep down consumption of water obtained through such direct supply, to the same level as that through the street supply; on the understanding that every effort is made by the three Chinese members of the Legislative Council to impress upon the people the imperative necessity for conserving every drop of water, and that the street supply will be reverted to, should it be found that the consumption of a direct house supply appreciably exceeds that of a street supply.
2. Will the Government state whether any houses in the rider-main districts have been disconnected from the rider-mains and, if so, will it give the reasons for its action, in view of the statement made by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, in this Council on the 23rd September, 1929, (Hansard 1929, p. 232), namely :

“It will, of course, be impossible to discard the rider-main system until there is an assured supply of water available both on the island and on the mainland throughout the year; and the Government will certainly give this Council an opportunity to debate the matter before the rider-mains are abolished.”

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows :—

1. The Government does not feel justified in reopening the rider-mains. The Director of Public Works has a scheme under consideration by which a longer period of supply can be given from street fountains, while a shorter supply will be made available for those on metered supplies. It is hoped that this scheme will be ready for operation in the course of the next few days. It is not considered safe to allow unmetered supplies in houses until the position improves.
2. In February last it was decided in Executive Council that universal meterage should be introduced as soon as possible, and that in the rider-main districts the cost of transferring existing house-services from the rider-mains to principal mains should be borne by public funds. Considerable progress has been made with this scheme, and a large number of meters have been fixed within the rider-main areas. The Government will give this Council an opportunity to discuss the proposal for the abolition of the rider-main system generally before the filling of the reservoirs makes the reintroduction of the rider-main system a practical possibility.

MOTIONS.

7. The Attorney General moved :—

That the By-laws made by the Sanitary Board under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on the 12th day of April, 1932, relating to Dairies, be approved.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

8. The Hon. Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., moved the following :—

That the Unofficial Members of this Council, in view of the present serious recurrent water shortage, respectfully urge the Hong Kong Government to press the Home Authorities immediately to sanction the commencement of the second section of the Shing Mun Water Scheme.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D. seconded.

The Colonial Secretary, the Director of Public Works and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

9. *Vaccination Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Employers and Servants Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Employers and Servants Ordinance, 1902.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

11. *Military Stores (Exportation) Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance, 1862.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

12. *Births and Deaths Registraticn Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Registration of Births and Deaths.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

13. *Employment of Young Persons and Children at Sea Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to regulate the employment of Young Persons and Children at Sea.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

14. *Importation and Exportation Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

15. *United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Ordinance, 1928.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

16. *Chinese Young Men's Christian Association Bill.*—The Hon. Mr. S. W. Ts'o addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Directors of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong.”

The Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D. seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

17. *St. Stephen's College Incorporation Bill.*—The Hon. Mr. S. W. Ts'o addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of St. Stephen's College.”

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. SHENTON seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

18. *Medical Registration Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884.”

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.

19. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 26th day of May, 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

W. T. SOUTHORN,
Officer Administering the Government.

Confirmed this 26th day of May, 1932.

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

No. 316.—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. 9 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923.
- Ordinance No. 10 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the Employers and Servants Ordinance, 1902.
- Ordinance No. 11 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance, 1862.
- Ordinance No. 12 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Registration of Births and Deaths.
- Ordinance No. 13 of 1932.—An Ordinance to regulate the employment of Young Persons and Children at sea.
- Ordinance No. 14 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915.
- Ordinance No. 15 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Ordinance, 1928.
- Ordinance No. 16 of 1932.—An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Directors of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong.
- Ordinance No. 17 of 1932.—An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of St. Stephen's College.