

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 414.

Hong Kong.

ORDINANCE No. 12 of 1923. (VACCINATION).

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923, the Governor in Council makes the undermentioned amendments of the forms set forth in the Second Schedule to the said Ordinance.

Amendments.

In the foot-notes to forms Nos. 4, 5 and 6 in the Second Schedule the words "Registrar of Births and Deaths" are substituted for the words "Head of the Sanitary Department."

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th June, 1932.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 415.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 9.

Thursday, 23rd June, 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(Hon. Mr. WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHORN, 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 ROBERTS WELLINGTON, (Director of Medical and Sanitary
Services).

- The Honourable 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. 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 9th June, 1932, were confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. The Honourable Mr. H. T. CREASY, C.B.E., (Director of Public Works) addressed the Council on the Shing Mun Scheme and the water supply.

PAPERS.

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

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Passports Ordinance, 1923, Ordinance No. 35 of 1923, dated 2nd June, 1932.

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

Substitution of the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, on 28th May, 1932.

Amendment of the regulations made under section 4 of the Nurses Registration Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 1 of 1931, dated 15th June, 1932.

Cancellation of Proclamation No. 3 of the 27th September, 1931, under section 6 of the Peace Preservation Ordinance, 1886.

Order made by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government under section 12 (4) of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920, Ordinance No. 2 of 1920, dated 17th June, 1932.

Administrative Reports, 1931 :—

Part I.—General Administration :—

Report of the Harbour Master and Director of Air Services.

Part II.—Law and Order :—

Report of the Inspector General of Police.

Report of the Official Receiver and Registrar of Trade Marks and Letters Patent.

Part III.—Public Health :—

Report of the Botanical and Forestry Department.

Part IV.—Education :—

Report of the Director of Education.

Part VII.—Undertakings of Government :—

Report of the General Post Office.

QUESTIONS.

5. The Hon. Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

1. What measures do you recommend should be adopted by the Government for the prevention of the spread of cholera from Canton to Hong Kong ?
2. Is there a sufficiency, in this Colony, of
 - (i) Anti-cholera serum,
 - (ii) Other anti-cholera remedies and medicines ?

If not, what steps do you recommend should be taken by the Government for remedying such deficiencies, if any ?

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services replied as follows :—

The Government does not consider that the situation as it stands at present calls for the drastic interference with the daily life of the Colony which must result from the formal declaration of Canton as an infected port and the imposition of full quarantine. Instead, it will endeavour to secure a reasonable degree of protection against the introduction of the disease into the Colony by the following means :—

(a) The owners of steamers plying between Canton and Hong Kong will be notified that they should warn their ships officers and staff to keep a careful watch against the embarkation of sick persons and if a case of cholera or suspected cholera occurs during the voyage to take the ship to the quarantine anchorage and hoist the yellow flag instead of proceeding to the wharf and generally to assist the Health Authorities by all means in their power.

The owners will also be asked to endeavour to place a doctor on each ship during the continuance of the epidemic.

(b) The Medical Department will have the Canton steamers met on arrival and the Police will receive special instructions to regulate the debarkation of passengers in such a way as to permit inspection by the officers of the medical department.

(c) The Medical Department will also take steps to ensure that the passenger decks, kitchens and lavatories of the ships are thoroughly cleansed after the passengers have landed.

(d) In addition I have been instructed to proceed to Canton and get into touch with the Chinese Health authorities there with a view to investigating any other methods by which infected persons and merchandise may be excluded from vessels sailing for Hongkong.

If these steps fail to prevent or at least keep within reasonable bounds the introduction of the disease into Hongkong the Government will have to take more drastic measures.

For preventing the dissemination of the disease within the Colony the following measures will be taken :—

(e) The dormant by-laws for the Prevention and Mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic, Contagious or Infectious disease made by the Sanitary Board on the 14th December, 1926, and approved by the Legislative Council on the following 31st, December, will be brought into force by declaration of the Governor in Council. These by-laws are as follows :—

(1) The Governor in Council may at any time, and from time to time declare an occasion to exist in any district or districts, which, for the prevention

as far as possible, or mitigation of any epidemic, endemic, contagious or infectious disease, necessitates the coming into force of the following by-laws, and thereupon and on the application of such declaration in the Gazette, and so long as any such declaration shall subsist, the said by-laws shall be in force in the district or districts to which the same are or may be applied. Subject as aforesaid, the said by-laws shall be in abeyance.

- (2) No person shall sell or offer for sale any fresh fruit, unless the same is whole, that is to say, uncut and unpeeled.
- (3) No person shall sell or offer for sale ice cream or any frozen or chilled preparation commonly known as "ice-cream" unless the seller holds a permit in writing in that behalf signed by the head of the Sanitary Department and by the Medical Officer of Health.
 - (f) The Sanitary Board has already issued a notice in the Press advising the public to avoid uncooked fruit and vegetables. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs will consult with the District Watch Committee with a view to advising the Sanitary Board as to the desirability of including other articles, such as cooling drinks, lettuce etc., under these by-laws *i.e.* prohibiting their sale either totally or without a permit from the head of the Sanitary Department and the Medical Officer of Health.

With regard to anti-cholera serum, this is not now a recognised remedy. With regard to anti-cholera vaccine there is a sufficiency of this material in the Colony to meet immediate needs and more is being prepared.

Concerning anti-cholera remedies and medicines, there is sufficient stock in the Colony to meet all requirements.

MOTIONS.

6. *Merchant Shipping Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

7. *Crown Solicitors Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend further the Crown Solicitors Ordinance, 1912."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *City Hall Resumption Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled "An Ordinance for the resumption of the City Hall."

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. *Liquors Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Ordinance, 1931.”

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.

10. *Pensions Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and stated that an amendment had been suggested to clause 19. Under Standing Order 28 (2) the bill could be re-committed after the third reading had been moved and seconded. He then moved the third reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., moved that the Bill be re-committed for consideration of an amendment to clause 19.

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

Council in Committee on the Bill.

In Clause 19 after the word “thereunder” in the tenth line the following words were inserted “, or the rights and obligations conferred or imposed by sections 3 and 3A of the Pensions Ordinance, 1862, on or in respect of any judge or other public officer in the service of this Colony at the commencement of this Ordinance.”

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with an amendment, which the President ruled to be immaterial. He then moved the third reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

11. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 30th day of June, 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

W. T. SOUTHORN,
Officer Administering the Government.

Confirmed this 30th day of June, 1932.

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

No. 416.—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. 23 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.

Ordinance No. 24 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend further the Crown Solicitors Ordinance, 1912.