

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 653.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 14.

Thursday, 6th October, 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).
- The Honourable 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).  
„ Mr. RICHARD McNEIL HENDERSON, (Acting Director of Public Works).  
„ 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. CHAU TSUN-NIN.  
„ Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.  
„ Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

The Honourable Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.

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 22nd September, 1932, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Amendments of the regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 40 of 1912, dated 20th September, 1932.

Two Notifications made by the Governor in Council under section 90 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, dated 21st September, 1932.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 7 of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, dated 25th September, 1932.

Rescission of the Order made by the Governor in Council under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, dated 26th September, 1932.

Administration Reports, 1931 :—

Part I.—General Administration :—

Financial Returns.

Report of the Director of Colonial Audit on the Audit of the Accounts of Hong Kong.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 10), dated the 22nd September, 1932, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

5. *Waterworks Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

6. *Dangerous Drugs Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to dangerous drugs.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

7. *Appropriation Bill for 1933.*—The Colonial Secretary moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven million five hundred and eighty-five thousand one hundred and forty-two Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1933.”

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

The Hon. Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., Hon. Mr. W. E. L. SHENTON, Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTFEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D., Hon. Mr. J. P. BRAGA, Hon. Mr. S. W. Ts'ò, O.B.E., LL.D., Hon. Mr. T. N. CHAU, Hon. Mr. W. H. BELL, Hon. Commander G. F. HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master), Hon. Mr. R. M. HENDERSON, (Acting Director of Public Works), the Colonial Treasurer, the Colonial Secretary and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

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.

8. The Colonial Secretary moved :—

That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$66,398 on the Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme (First Section) during the financial year 1933, which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

9. The Colonial Secretary moved:—

That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$263,000 on the Aberdeen Valley Water Scheme during the financial year 1933, which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

10. The Colonial Secretary moved:—

That this Council approves the expenditure of \$50,000 on the Shing Mun Valley Scheme (Second Section) Preliminary Works, of which \$30,399.17 was expended in 1931, \$9,600.83 in 1932, and the balance \$10,000 is to be expended in 1933, which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

11. The Colonial Secretary moved:—

That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$1,525,000 on the Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme (Second Section), Gorge Dam, during the financial year 1933, which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

12. The Colonial Secretary moved:—

That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$170,000 on the Vehicular Ferry during the financial year 1933, which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

13. The Colonial Secretary moved:—

That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$500,000 on the New Gaol at Wong Ma Kok during the financial year 1933, which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

14. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 20th day of October, 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

W. T. SOUTHORN,

*Officer Administering the Government.*

Confirmed this 20th day of October, 1932.

R. A. C. NORTH,

*Deputy Clerk of Councils.*

**No. 654.**—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. 30 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903.

Ordinance No. 31 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Dangerous Drugs.