

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 776.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 18.

Thursday, 1st December, 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 SOUTHOORN, C.M.G.).
- „ 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. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, C.M.G., (Inspector General
of Police).
- „ Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).
- „ Dr. ARTHUR ROBARTES WELLINGTON, (Director of Medical and Sanitary
Services).
- „ Mr. RICHARD McNEIL HENDERSON, (Acting Director of Public Works).
- „ Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.
- „ Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON.
- „ Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA.
- „ Mr. TS'Ō 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).

ABSENT:

The Honourable Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.

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 November, 1932, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Notification under section 90 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903,—Closing of the Mount Caroline Cemetery, Section D, dated 5th November, 1932.

Order made by the Governor in Council under Regulation No. 25 of the Emergency Regulations, dated 20th October, 1932.

Rescission of the Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915, Ordinance No. 32 of 1915, dated 15th November, 1932.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 12), dated the 16th November, 1932, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

5. The Colonial Treasurer moved :—

That this Council approves the further expenditure of \$290,000 on the Vehicular Ferry during the financial year 1932 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 Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

6. The Attorney General moved :—

That the amendment to the Markets By-laws made by the Sanitary Board under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on the 8th day of November, 1932, be approved.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

7. *Magistrates Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the jurisdiction of magistrates and the procedure and practice before magistrates in relation to offences punishable on summary conviction and to indictable offences and for other purposes.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Registration of United Kingdom Patents Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Registration of United Kingdom Patents.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Protection of Women and Girls Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Summary Offences 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 Summary Offences.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

11. *Opium Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Opium Ordinance, 1932.”

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.

12. *Police Force Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the establishment and regulation of the Police Force.”

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.

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

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.

14. *Companies Bill*.—The Attorney General moved that clause 123 of the Bill be recommitted to Committee in order to insert three words which had fallen out of the marginal note.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the clause.

The words “Contents of balance” were inserted before the word “sheet” in the marginal note.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported the clause 123 had passed through Committee with an immaterial amendment and moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

15. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 8th day of December, 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

W. PEEL,
Governor.

Confirmed this 8th day of December, 1932.

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

No. 777.—His Excellency the Governor 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. 40 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Summary Offences.

Ordinance No. 41 of 1932.—An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the jurisdiction of magistrates and the procedure and practice before magistrates in relation to offences punishable on summary conviction and to indictable offences and for other purposes.

Ordinance No. 42 of 1932.—An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Registration of United Kingdom Patents.

Ordinance No. 43 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897.