

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 417.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

Thursday, 25th May, 1933, 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 OSWALD CUTHBERT BORRETT, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., 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. ALAN EUSTACE WOOD).
„ the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. EDWIN TAYLOR).
„ Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, C.M.G., (Inspector General of Police).
„ Dr. ARTHUR ROBERTS WELLINGTON, (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).
„ Commander JOSEPH BERNARD NEWILL, D.S.O., R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).
„ Mr. ARTHUR GEORGE WARNHAM TICKLE, (Director of Public Works).
„ Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.
„ Mr. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE.
„ Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.
„ Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA.
„ Mr. Ts'o SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.
„ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.
„ Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.
„ Mr. PAUL LAUDER.
„ Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

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1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the Governor occupied the Chair.

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th May, 1933, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 72 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, relating to the establishment and closure of markets, dated 2nd May, 1933.

Additions made by the Governor in Council under section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, to the List of Authorized Architects, dated 2nd May, 1933.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 12 of the Education Ordinance, 1913, Ordinance No. 26 of 1913, dated 9th May, 1933.

Rules made by the Chief Justice under section 10 of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 9 of 1899, dated 27th April, 1933.

Order under section 2 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1932, dated 9th May, 1933.

Administration Reports, 1932:—

Part I.—General Administration:—

Report of the Harbour Master and Director of Air Services.

Part VII.—Undertakings of Government:—

Report of the General Post Office.

QUESTIONS.

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

1. Is it not the fact that several complaints have been sent in recently to the Medical Officer of Health with reference to malaria at Kowloon Tong?
2. If the answer to Question 1 is in the affirmative, what steps is the Government taking or does the Government purpose to take for the purpose of removing the causes of such malaria?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. Complaints have been received by the Public Health Authorities regarding cases of malaria contracted at Kowloon Tong.
2. Investigations were carried out by the Malariologist in this area in 1932, and a drainage scheme and estimates of expenditure are being prepared by the Public Works Department. It is the intention of Government to carry out anti-malarial works in this neighbourhood as soon as circumstances permit.

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

1. What instructions, if any, and when, have been given by the Honourable the Inspector General of Police to the police officers concerned as to the exercise of their discretionary power to shoot in the streets dogs, which are found at large without muzzles?
2. Has the power to shoot dogs without muzzles been restricted to European Officers only?
3. Since the present muzzling Order came into force, how many dogs, found at large without muzzles,

(a) On Hong Kong Island,

- (b) On the mainland,
 have been shot by the Police, without warning to their owners?
 In how many of such cases were the owners of those dogs ascertainable?
4. Have any symptoms of rabies been found in any of the dogs referred to in Question 3, and, if so, in how many of those dogs?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. The Police were instructed on April 27th, 1933 to carry out the terms of Regulation 21 which states that “. any dog found abroad in the public thoroughfares or elsewhere which is neither muzzled nor on the lead may be captured and detained, or may be shot or otherwise destroyed, by any police officer or by any person authorised by the Inspector General of Police”. It is left to the discretion of the Officer to decide whether he can safely capture a dog alive or whether it must be shot.
2. Yes, except in Sha Tin and Tai Po Districts, New Territories, for a short period April and May while several rabid dogs were a large there. A case of human rabies occurred at Sha Tin, a platelayer on the Railway dying of Hydrophobia. Special Officers who are good “shots” are entrusted with the duty of dog shooting in all cases.
3. Since April 27th
 - (a) 68 dogs have been shot on the Island, and
 - (b) 116 on the mainland.

It is quite impossible for the police to ascertain the owners of unmuzzled dogs until these have been captured or shot.

Dogs are only shot when they cannot, or cannot safely, be captured.
4. The carcasses of stray dogs shot by Police Officers, are not examined for evidence of Rabies.

MOTIONS.

6. (1932 Supplementary) Appropriation Bill.—The Colonial Treasurer addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Five hundred and seventeen thousand and fifteen Dollars and thirty Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1932.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

7. Divorce Amendment Bill.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Divorce 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.

8. *Volunteer Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.”

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.

9. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 8th day of June, 1933 at 2.30 p.m.

W. PEEL,
Governor.

Confirmed this 15th day of June, 1933.

A. W. G. H. GRANTHAM,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

No. 418.—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. 11 of 1933.—An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Five hundred and seventeen thousand and fifteen Dollars and thirty Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1932.