

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 593.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 9.

Thursday, 3rd August, 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. DAVID WILLIAM TRATMAN, 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. MICHAEL JAMES BREEN).
- „ Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, C.M.G., (Inspector General of Police).
- „ Dr. ARTHUR ROBARTES 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. Ts'ò SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.
- „ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.
- „ Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.
- „ Mr. PAUL LAUDER.
- „ Mr. ALEXANDER WILLIAM GEORGE HERDER GRANTHAM, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT :

The Honourable Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA.

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd June, 1933, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 5 of the Ferries Ordinance, 1917, Ordinance No. 28 of 1917, relating to the exclusion of certain ferries from the operation of that Ordinance, dated 16th June, 1933.

Notification under section 210 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, dated 16th June, 1933.

Rescission of the Order made by the Governor in Council under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, dated 22nd June, 1933.

Amendments of the Regulations made by Governor in Council under section 4 the Nurses Registration Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 1 of 1931, relating to registration and retention fees, dated 23rd June, 1933.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, New Stanley Cemetery, dated 15th July, 1933.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 90 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, for the closing of Stanley Cemetery and the Christian Chinese Cemetery, Stanley, dated 15th July, 1933.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 15 of the Wild Birds Ordinance, 1922, Ordinance No. 15 of 1922, relating to the close season, dated 25th July, 1933.

Administration Reports, 1932 :—

Part I.—General Administration :—

Report on the Assessment for the year 1933-1934.

Report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

QUESTION.

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

In view of the complaints received that water does not reach the third and higher floors of many houses on account of insufficient pressure whenever restrictions are imposed, will the Government grant permission to such property-owners as may apply for it, to have the water-pipes laid first to the topmost floors and thence downwards, instead of from the ground floors and upwards as at present? If not, what are the Government's reasons?

The Director of Public Works replied as follows :—

There is no departmental objection to the proposal, and ordinarily the Water Authority would not refuse connexion to services of the design referred to, subject to the materials and fittings being of approved quality. The lay out of the inside service is a matter which chiefly concerns the landlord.

The alteration would, however, not provide a satisfactory solution of the difficulty. With the pipes installed as suggested, the supply of water to the top floor might, because of the height of the building, be in some cases curtailed from lack of pressure, with the result that very much less water would reach the whole house than with the usual type of service, providing draw-off points on the up-going pipe.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 6), dated the 22nd June, 1933, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

6. The Colonial Treasurer addressed the Council and moved the following resolution :—

That this Council approves of the additional expenditure of \$58,487.20 on the Aberdeen Valley Water Scheme 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.

The Hon. Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., and the Director of Public Works addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

7. *Betting Duty Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute Incorporation Bill.*—The Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D. addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute.”

The Hon. Mr. TS’O SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D. seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Opium Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Opium.”

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.

10. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

W. PEEL,  
Governor.

Confirmed this 31st day of August, 1933.

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

NO. 594.—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. 17 of 1933.—An Ordinance to amend the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931.

Ordinance No. 18 of 1933.—An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute.