

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 387.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

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Thursday, 10th May, 1934, at 2.30 p.m.

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PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
(Sir WILLIAM PEEL, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.).

The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Brigadier GAWAINE BASIL ROWAN-HAMILTON, D.S.O., M.C.).

- ” the Colonial Secretary, (Sir THOMAS SOUTHORN, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
- ” the Attorney General, (Mr. ROGER EDWARD LINDSELL).
- ” the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. NORMAN LOCKHART SMITH).
- ” the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. EDWIN TAYLOR).
- ” Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).
- ” Dr. ARTHUR ROBERTS WELLINGTON, C.M.G., (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).
- ” Mr. RICHARD McNEIL HENDERSON, (Director of Public Works).
- ” Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Acting Inspector General of Police).
- ” Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt.
- ” 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. CHAU TSUN-NIN.
- ” Mr. JOHN OWEN-HUGHES.
- ” Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT :

The Honourable Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.

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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 5th April, 1934, were confirmed.

## OATHS.

3. The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Brigadier GAWAINE BASIL ROWAN-HAMILTON, D.S.O., M.C.), the Honourable the Attorney General, (Mr. ROGER EDWARD LINDSELL), the Honourable Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Acting Inspector General of Police), and the Honourable Mr. JOHN OWEN-HUGHES took the Oath of Allegiance and assumed their seats as Members of the Council.

## PAPERS.

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

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 19 of the Merchandise Marks Ordinance, 1890, Ordinance No. 4 of 1890, dated 8th March, 1934.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens (Fees) Ordinance, 1915, Ordinance No. 23 of 1915, amending the Schedule to the Ordinance, dated 4th April, 1934.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under sections 3 and 5 of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 39 of 1931, relating to Drawbacks in the 1st Schedule to the said Ordinance, dated 11th April, 1934.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 23 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 16 of 1903, relating to charges for excess water consumption, dated 11th April, 1934.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, relating to the posting of insured boxes to Great Britain, etc., dated 11th April, 1934.

Rescission of the Order made by the Governor in Council on the 16th January, 1934, under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, dated 13th April, 1934.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 210 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, relating to additional hours for blasting, dated 17th April, 1934.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance, 1933, Ordinance No. 25 of 1933, relating to hawkers on board ships, dated 17th April, 1934.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 23 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 16 of 1903, dated 1st May, 1934.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 36 (12) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, dated 1st May, 1934.

Order made by the Governor in Council under the third subsection of section 30 of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 39 of 1931, dated 2nd May, 1934.

## Administration Reports, 1933:—

## Part II.—Law and Order:—

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

Report of the Land Officer.

## Part III.—Public Health:—

Report of the Botanical and Forestry Department.

## Part VII.—Undertakings of Government:—

Report of the General Post Office.

Report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section).

## Sessional Papers, 1934:—

No. 3.—Report on the Organization, Operation, Cost, and Equipment of the Trade Schools, etc., of Malaya with reference to the Institution of a Trade School in Hong Kong.

## QUESTIONS.

5. The Hon. Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

In view of the widespread interest which exists in the Colony to see the New Territories made more productive in raising foodstuffs, will the Government undertake to consider this matter with the object of—

- 1—allocating a sum of money in the Draft Estimates for 1935 for the purpose of assisting the attainment of this desirable object;
- 2—apportioning any such vote that may be budgetted for the specific purpose of establishing and maintaining an Experimental Farm for agriculture and live-stock;
- 3—associating such proposed Experimental Farm in some way with the University of Hong Kong;
- 4—adopting any other measures which in the opinion of the Government might be conducive to increasing the agricultural production of the New Territories and particularly in the direction of pig-breeding and poultry farming.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

The Botanical and Forestry Department maintains an Experimental Garden at Sheung Shui where advice and assistance are available for agriculturists.

Intensive vegetable and fruit cultivation in the New Territories has spread steadily and successfully during recent years and further extension by Government of its Experimental Station is not considered necessary at present.

Government has considered from time to time during past years the question of establishing an Experimental Farm for live-stock but regretfully came to the conclusion that the results to be obtained therefrom would not justify the very large expenditure which would have to be incurred. It proposes however to explore the matter further.

The Government is at all times prepared to give consideration to practical suggestions for the improvement of New Territories production.

## MOTIONS.

6. *Opium Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Opium."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

7. *Immigration and Passports Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to regulate the entry and departure of persons into and out of the Colony, to prohibit the entry of undesirable immigrants and to confer various powers in connection therewith.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Miscellaneous Licences Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance, 1933.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *The China Fleet Club Incorporation Bill*.—The Hon. Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt. addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Trustees of the China Fleet Club.”

The Hon. Mr. C. G. S. MACKIE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

10. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 17th day of May, 1934, at 2.30 p.m.

W. PEEL,  
*Governor.*

Confirmed this 17th day of May, 1934.

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

NO. 388.—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. 7 of 1934.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Opium.

Ordinance No. 8 of 1934.—An Ordinance to regulate the entry and departure of persons into and out of the Colony, to prohibit the entry of undesirable immigrants and to confer various powers in connection therewith.

Ordinance No. 9 of 1934.—An Ordinance to amend the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance, 1933.

Ordinance No. 10 of 1934.—An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Trustees of the China Fleet Club.