
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 422.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 5.

 Thursday, 17th May, 1934, at 2.30 p.m.

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'ò SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.
- „ Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.
- „ Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.
- „ Mr. JOHN OWEN-HUGHES.
- „ 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 10th May, 1934, were confirmed.

OATH.

3. The Honourable Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL took the Oath of Allegiance and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and expressed sympathy with the victims of the Gasworks disaster at West Point. He also paid a warm tribute to all who had rendered help and stated that the Government would be prepared, if found necessary, to augment from public funds the subscriptions at present being collected.

The Honourable Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt., spoke on behalf of the unofficial members.

The Honourable Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D., spoke on behalf of the Chinese Community.

PAPERS.

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

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 40 of 1912, dated 4th May, 1934.

Proclamation No. 1.—Registration of Persons Ordinance, No. 3 of 1934, to come into operation on the 1st June, 1934.

Administration Reports, 1933 :—

Part I.—General Administration :—

Financial Returns.

Part II.—Law and Order :—

Report on the New Territories.

QUESTIONS.

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

1. Will the Honourable the Inspector General of Police state whether any application has been received for the screening in Hong Kong of the film "Back to Nature", sponsored by Miss Jan Gay, and based on her book "On Going Naked"?
2. If such application has been received, will the Honourable Member define the attitude of his Department and/or of the Film Censor Board towards the proposal to screen the film in question?
3. Will the Inspector General of Police take effective steps to ban the film in Hong Kong?

The Hon. Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, Acting Inspector General of Police replied as follows :—

1. The answer is in the negative.
2. Does not arise.
3. Should any application for screening this film in Hong Kong be received the Inspector General of Police will take all possible steps to ensure that it is not released for exhibition to the public, unless it has passed the Hong Kong censorship in accordance with Regulation 57 of the Regulations under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance, 1919.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

7. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 5), dated 10th May, 1934, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

8. *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.

In clause 2, the words ‘or any part thereof’ in lines two and three of 15 (1) (d) were deleted. In 15 (2) (c) the words ‘or any part thereof’ were inserted after the word ‘place’ in the third line. The words ‘the nearest’ in the sixth line were deleted and the word ‘any’ was substituted therefore. The words after the word ‘tenancy’ in the seventh line to the end of the subsection were deleted.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without material amendments 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.

9. *Immigration and Passports Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the 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 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.

10. *Miscellaneous Licences Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance, 1933.”

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.

11. *The China Fleet Club Incorporation Bill.*—The Hon. Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt., moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Trustees of the China Fleet Club.”

The Hon. Mr. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Hon. Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt., reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment and moved that it be read a third time.

The Hon. Mr. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

12. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

W. PEEL,
Governor.

Confirmed this 31st day of May, 1934.

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

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 423.—It is hereby notified that the Honourable Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, C.M.G., resumed duty as Inspector General of Police and Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, on the 28th May, 1934.

31st May, 1934.

No. 424.—It is hereby notified that Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, resumed duty as Deputy Inspector General of Police, on the 28th May, 1934.

31st May, 1934.

No. 425.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH to be Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils in addition to his other duties during the absence on leave of Mr. DAVID WILLIAM TRATMAN, C.M.G., or until further notice, with effect from the 1st June, 1934.

1st June, 1934.