LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 491.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 7.

Thursday, 14th June, 1934, 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, (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).
- ,, 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, C.M.G., (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).
- .. Mr. RICHARD McNeil Henderson, (Director of Public Works).
- " 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. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.
- " Mr. John Owen-Hughes.
 - Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).
- 1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the Governor occupied the Chair.

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 31st May, 1934, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, dated 28th May, 1934.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 37 (2) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, relating to launches, etc. leaving Hong Kong by night, dated 31st May, 1934.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 90 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, relating to New Stanley Cemetery, dated 31st May, 1934.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 39 (1) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, amending Table T, dated 1st June, 1934.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 39 (1) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, amending Table U, dated 1st June, 1934.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under sections 25 (4) and 33 (2) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, amending Table M, dated 7th June, 1934.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 5 of the Ferries Ordinance, 1917, Ordinance No. 28 of 1917, relating to the ferry operating between Tap Mun Village and Tai Po, dated 7th June, 1934.

Order under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance.

Administration Reports, 1933:—

Part I.—General Administration:—

Report on the Finances.

Part II.—Law and Order:—

Report of the Superintendent of Prisons.

Part III.—Public Health:—

Report of the Head of the Sanitary Department.

Motions.

4. The Colonial Treasurer moved the following resolution:—

Resolved pursuant to section 39 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, that the item

On beer (as defined in the Ordinance but exclusive of cider and perry) not exceeding 1055 degrees original gravity, that is to say, the specific gravity of the worts thereof before fermentation. 0.60

with the addition of one cent per gallon for every degree by which the original gravity exceeds 1045° .

The Colonial Secretary seconded. Question—put and agreed to.

5. Pensions Amendment Bill.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Pensions Ordinance, 1932."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

6. Marriage Amendment Bill.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Marriage Ordinance, 1875."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

7. 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 law relating to the protection of Women and Girls."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question-put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. Colonial (Bahamas and Leeward Island) Light Dues Bill.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for levying in Hong Kong colonial light dues in respect of certain lighthouses and a buoy on or near the coasts of the Bahamas and the Leeward Islands."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. Hong Kong Dollar Loan Bill.—The Colonial Treasurer moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make provision for a loan of twenty five million dollars for the carrying out of certain public works, for the redemption of certain inscribed stock, and for other purposes."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

- In section 5, subsection (7), the words "either at the head office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation or" were inserted between the words "payable" and "at" in the fourth line. In section 9 the words "either at the head office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation or" were inserted between the words "yearly" and "at" in the fourth line. In section 11 the words "either to the head office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation or" were inserted between the words "cancellation" and "to" in the sixth line. In section 7 of the Objects and Reasons, the words "at the head office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation or" were inserted between the words "payable" and "at" in the second line.
- On Council resuming, the Colonial Treasurer reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with immaterial 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.

ADJOURNMENT.

10. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1934, at 2.30 p.m.

W. PEEL,

Confirmed this 28th day of June, 1934.

R. A. C. NORTH,

Deputy Clerk of Councils.