
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 606.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

Thursday, 26th July, 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'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).

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th July, 1934, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 36 of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, Ordinance No. 10 of 1902, relating to stopping places for trams, dated 11th July, 1934.

Administration Reports, 1933 :—

Part II.—Law and Order :—

Report of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Police Magistrates' Courts.

Report of the Inspector General of Police.

Proclamation No. 2.—Appointment of a Commission to enquire into the causes and effects of the present trade depression in Hong Kong.

QUESTIONS.

4. The Hon. Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D., pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

1. How many public crematoria are there in the Colony, and where are they situated?
2. Is it proposed to have more public crematoria established, and, if so, at what places?
3. What is the scale of charges for the cremation of dead bodies sent by private individuals?
4. Do the Government have dead bodies cremated free of charge, and, if so, in what circumstances is this done?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows :—

1. The Government has erected a Crematorium near Kai Lung Wan Cemetery on the Pokfulam Road, which it is proposed to use in the first instance for the cremation of unclaimed bodies of unidentified children under six years of age. It has not yet been brought into use pending consideration of certain difficulties which have arisen in connection with administration and legal procedure.
2. It is not proposed to provide further facilities for cremation at present.
3. and 4. No decision has yet been reached on the question of extending the use of the Crematorium for the cremation of dead bodies sent by private individuals. No scale of charges has therefore been prepared.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 9), dated 12th July, 1934, 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 the recommendations made by the Director of Public Works and laid before Council and resolves that a sum of \$772,000 distributed as follows:—

Head 32.—Public Works Department	\$ 20,000
Head 34.—Public Works Extraordinary	752,000
		\$ 772,000
		\$ 772,000

be charged upon the Revenue and other funds of the Colony in addition to the sums already provided in the Estimates for 1934 for the purpose of carrying out these recommendations.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

7. *Births and Deaths Registration Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the registration of births and deaths.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Trustee Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Trustees.”

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.

9. *Crown Counsel's Fees Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Crown Counsel's Fees Ordinance, 1903.”

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. *Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic Incorporation Bill.*—The Hon. Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt., moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for the Incorporation of the Regional Superior in Hong Kong of the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic commonly known as Maryknoll Sisters.”

The Hon. Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D. 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. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D. seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

11. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 9th day of August, 1934, at 2.30 p.m.

W. PEEL,
Governor.

Confirmed this 9th day of August, 1934

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

No. 607.—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. 21 of 1934.—An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the registration of births and deaths.