

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 729.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 13.

Thursday, 13th September, 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 SOUTHOORN, 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 DUNLEY 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. Ts'ò SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.

„ Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.

„ Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.

„ Mr. JOHN OWEN-HUGHES.

„ Mr. HENRY ROBERT BUTTERS, (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 23rd August, 1934, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Amendment to Regulation 16 in Table V made by the Governor in Council under section 29 (4) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, dated 16th August, 1934.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 25 (4) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, relating to vessels moored alongside ships at buoys in the Harbour, dated 24th August, 1934.

Order under section 92 (8) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for removal of all graves in the Tung Wah Hospital Cemetery at Kai Lung Wan in which bodies were buried during the year 1925.

Order under section 92 (8) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for removal of all graves in those portions of Sections B and C in Kowloon Cemetery No. 2 (Ho Man Tin Cemetery) in which bodies were buried during the year 1925, and in Section A and Trenches in which bodies were buried during the year 1927.

Order under section 92 (8) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for removal of all graves in those portions of Sections A, B and C in Chai Wan Cemetery in which bodies were buried during the year 1925, and of all graves in this cemetery between the numbers 7000 to 7354 inclusive which have not previously been exhumed.

Order under section 92 (8) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for removal of all graves in those portions of Section A and Trenches in Kai Lung Wan East Cemetery in which bodies were buried during the year 1927, and those portions of Sections B and C in which bodies were buried during the year 1926 and of all graves in Section B between the numbers 656 to 950, in which bodies were buried during the years 1916 to 1921 and which have not previously been exhumed.

Order under section 92 (8) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for removal of all graves in that portion of Section A in New Kowloon Cemetery No. 4 (Sai Yu Shek Cemetery) in which bodies were buried during the year 1927 and in that portion of Section C in which bodies were buried during the year 1926.

Order under section 92 (8) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for removal of all graves in those portions of Sections B and C in Mount Caroline Cemetery in which bodies were buried during the year 1926 and in that portion of Section A in which bodies were buried during 1927.

Administration Reports, 1933 :—

Part I.—General Administration :—

Report to the Director of Colonial Audit on the Audit of the Accounts of Hong Kong 1933.

Sessional Papers, 1934 :—

No. 4.—Abstract showing the differences between the approved Estimates of Expenditure for 1934 and the Estimates of Expenditure for 1935.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 11), dated the 23rd August, 1934, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

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

WHEREAS under section 6 (1) of the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, as amended by the Betting Duty Amendment Ordinance, 1934, it is provid-

ed that on every bet made on any totalisator or pari-mutuel authorised by the said Ordinance there shall be charged a duty on a scale to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Legislative Council and WHEREAS it is expedient that such a scale should now be determined, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in the case of bets made on any totalisator or pari-mutuel authorised by the said Ordinance there shall be paid a duty according to the following scale:—

Where in any year ending on the 31st day of March the total gross receipts from the sale of tickets at such totalisator or pari-mutuel

do not exceed \$3,000,000.....	1 per cent of such total;
exceed \$3,000,000 but do not exceed \$4,000,000	1½ per cent of such total;
exceed \$4,000,000 but do not exceed \$5,000,000	2 per cent of such total;
exceed \$5,000,000 but do not exceed \$6,000,000	2½ per cent of such total;
exceed \$6,000,000	3 per cent of such total.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

6. The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the following:—

That the Order dated 3rd day of August, 1934, made by the Chief Justice under section 114 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 10 of 1931, be approved.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

7. *Appropriation Bill for 1935.*—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Twenty-six million three hundred and twenty-four thousand two hundred and nineteen Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1935.”

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Government House and City Development Scheme Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to make provision for financing and carrying out a scheme for a new Government House and for the development of a portion of the City of Victoria.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Printers and Publishers Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Printers and Publishers Ordinance, 1927."

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.

11. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 27th day of September, 1934, at 2.30 p.m.

W. PEEL,
Governor.

Confirmed this 27th day of September, 1934.

H. R. BUTTERS,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

No. 730.—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. 29 of 1934.—An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Twenty-six million four hundred and four thousand two hundred and nineteen Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1935.

Ordinance No. 30 of 1934.—An Ordinance to make provision for financing and carrying out a scheme for a new Government House and for the development of a portion of the City of Victoria.

Ordinance No. 31 of 1934.—An Ordinance to amend the Empire Preference Ordinance, 1932.