

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 267.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

Thursday, 30th January, 1936 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

- HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(Sir ANDREW CALDECOTT, Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E.).
- His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General ARTHUR WOLLASTON BARTHOLOMEW, 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., LL.D.).
- „ the Attorney General, (Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, O.B.E., K.C.).
- „ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. NORMAN LOCKHART SMITH).
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. EDWIN TAYLOR).
- „ Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).
- „ Mr. RICHARD McNEIL HENDERSON, (Director of Public Works).
- „ Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Inspector General of Police).
- „ Dr. WILLIAM BROWNLOW ASHE MOORE, O.B.E., (Acting Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).
- „ Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., LL.D.
- „ Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt.
- „ Mr. Ts'o SEEN-WAN, C.B.E., LL.D.
- „ Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.
- „ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.
- „ Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.
- „ Mr. LO MAN-KAM.
- „ Mr. HENRY ROBERT BUTTERS, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

- The Honourable Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, O.B.E.

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 16th and 22nd January, 1936, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Amendments to the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 44 (1) of the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, Ordinance No. 30 of 1915, and section 3 of the Boarding-House Ordinance, 1917, Ordinance No. 23 of 1917, dated 12th January, 1936.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 52 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 36 of 1931, appointing Nos. 3, 5, 5A, 7 and 9, Duddell Street, to be a warehouse for the storing of dutiable liquors of Messrs. Ruttonjee & Son, dated 12th January, 1936.

Amendments to the Statutes of the University of Hong Kong made under section 14 of the University Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 10 of 1911, dated 14th January, 1936.

Valuation made in 1935 of the tenements in those parts of the New Territories comprised in the urban areas of Tai Po Market and Yuen Long wholly adopted by the Governor in Council under section 8 (2) of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, dated 15th January, 1936.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 75 (8) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, for the removal of six urns situated approximately 300 yards southwest of the sexton's quarters, Tung Wah Hospital Cemetery at Chai Wan, dated 7th January, 1936.

Amendment to the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 47 of the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897, Ordinance No. 4 of 1897, relating to places of refuge, dated 17th January, 1936.

Amendments to the Pension Regulations A and B made by the Governor in Council under section 3 (1) of the Pensions Ordinance, 1932, Ordinance No. 21 of 1932, relating to the deletion of Malta from regulation 29 and its inclusion in the Schedule to the Regulations, dated 20th January, 1936.

Amendments to the Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 40 of 1912, dated 21st January, 1936.

Proclamation No. 1.—Accession of His Majesty King Edward VIII.

List of statements and abstracts of reports of the following Companies which have been deposited with the Registrar of Companies under the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance, 1907, during the year 1935 :—

Statements under Section 12.

The China Hong Nin Life Insurance Company, Limited.

The Sincere Life Assurance Company, Limited.

The Wing On Life Assurance Company, Limited.

The West Coast Life Assurance Company.

The Luk Hoi Tung Life Assurance Company, Limited.

The Oi Kwan Life Assurance Company, Limited.

Statements under Sections 14 and 15.

The Wing On Life Assurance Company, Limited.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 1), dated 16th January, 1936, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

5. His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

“We, the Members of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, assembled for the first time since the proclamation of the accession of our King Edward VIII, desire on behalf of ourselves and of the whole people of this Colony to tender our humble duty, loyal devotion and affectionate homage to His Most Gracious Majesty and pray with one heart and voice that his reign over us may be long, happy, peaceful and glorious. God save the King.”

The Honourable Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Senior Unofficial Member, seconded.

The Honourable Mr. Ts'o SEEN-WAN addressed the Council and supported the Resolution on behalf of the Chinese Community.

6. *Married Women 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 capacity, property and liabilities of married women and the liabilities of husbands.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

7. *Tortfeasors Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the law relating to proceedings against, and contribution between, tortfeasors.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Liquors 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 alcoholic liquors.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Public Reclamations Validation and Clauses Bill*.—The Second reading of this Bill was postponed.

10. *Defences (Firing Areas) Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to regulate Practice Firing from Hong Kong Defences and for clearing of certain Sea Areas 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.

11. *Police Force Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1932.”

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.

12. *Pensions Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Pensions Ordinance, 1932.”

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.

13. *Crown Rents (Apportionment) Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to make provision for the apportionment of Crown Rents.”

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.

14. *Gambling Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Gambling Ordinance, 1891.”

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.

15. *Coinage Offences Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Coinage Offences Ordinance, 1865.”

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.

16. *Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Quarantine and Prevention of Disease among human beings.”

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.

17. *Telecommunication Bill.*—The Second reading of this Bill was postponed.

18. *Magistrates Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Magistrates Ordinance, 1932.”

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.

19. *Bills of Exchange and Falsification of Documents Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, and the Falsification of Documents Ordinance, 1935.”

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.

20. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

A. CALDECOTT,
Governor.

Confirmed this 19th day of March, 1936.

H. R. BUTTERS,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

No. 268.—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. 10 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the capacity, property and liabilities of married women and the liabilities of husbands.

Ordinance No. 11 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to proceedings against, and contribution between, tortfeasors.

Ordinance No. 12 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to alcoholic liquors.