

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 945.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 15.

Tuesday, 24th November, 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, (Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, *Acting*).
" the Attorney General, (Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, O.B.E., K.C.).
" the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. WILLIAM JAMES CARRIE, *Acting*).
" the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. EDWIN TAYLOR, C.M.G.).
" 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, (Inspector General of Police).
" Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.
" Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.
" Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, O.B.E.
" Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.
" Mr. MARCUS THEODORE JOHNSON.
" Mr. ARTHUR WILLIAM HUGHES.
" Mr. DAVID MERCER MacDOUGALL, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

- The Honourable Mr. Ts'ò SEEN-WAN, C.B.E., LL.D.
" Mr. LO MAN-KAM.

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th October, 1936, were confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

3. His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council expressing the deep loss which the Colony and its Government sustained by the retirement of Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL. It was unanimously agreed that the Deputy Clerk of Councils should be instructed to send to Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL a copy of these proceedings with Members' warmest remembrances and gratitude.

Hon. Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON addressed the Council and said that the Unofficial Members would like to associate themselves with all that His Excellency had said.

4. His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council regarding the dysentery epidemic expressing sorrow for the deaths of eight children and sympathy with the parents who had suffered such inconsolable loss.

Hon. Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL addressed the Council and said the matter was a grave concern to his Board and himself and that the Dairy Farm welcomed the fullest enquiry and would co-operate with the Government in every possible way.

Hon. Dr. ARTHUR ROBARTES WELLINGTON addressed the Council.

His Excellency the Governor again addressed the Council.

PAPERS.

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

Amendment made under section 39 (18) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, relating to the prohibition of vessels from mooring between the Dust boat station opposite Wilmer Street and the Eastern boundary of the Stone steps situated opposite Eastern Street, dated 24th September, 1936.

Additional by-law made by the Urban Council under section 3 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, under the heading "Dangerous and Offensive Trades" set forth in Schedule A to that Ordinance, dated 18th August, 1936.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 7 of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, Ordinance No. 6 of 1901, relating to the general valuation of the Colony for 1937-1938, dated 8th October, 1936.

Amendment made by the Governor in Council under sections 25 (4) and 42 (1) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, to Table M in the Schedule to that Ordinance, dated 9th October, 1936.

Amendment made by the Governor in Council under section 39 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, to Table T in the Schedule to that Ordinance, dated 10th October, 1936.

Amendment to the Prison Rules made by the Governor in Council under section 17 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1932, Ordinance No. 38 of 1932, rescinding Rule 311, dated 14th October, 1936.

Amendments to 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, as enacted by section 4 of the Pensions Amendment Ordinance, 1934, Ordinance No. 12 of 1934, and with the sanction of the Secretary of State, dated 23rd October, 1936.

Amendment made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Midwives Ordinance, 1910, Ordinance No. 22 of 1910, dated 24th October, 1936.

Amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Regulations, 1935, made by the Governor in Council under section 10 (6) and section 13 (1) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, as amended by the Merchant Shipping Amendment Ordinance, 1935; and of all other powers thereunto enabling, dated 31st October, 1936.

Amendment to Regulation 30 of the Post Office Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, regarding air mail postage rates to China, dated 4th November, 1936.

Amendment made by the Governor in Council under paragraphs (f) and (g) of sub-section (1) of section 32 of the Telecommunication Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 18 of 1936, to the Radiocommunication Regulations in the Schedule to that Ordinance, dated 11th November, 1936.

Amendment made by the Governor in Council under section 32 of the Telecommunication Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 18 of 1936, to the Radiocommunication Regulations in the Schedule to that Ordinance, dated 11th November, 1936.

Amendments made by the General Officer Commanding the Troops, with the approval of the Governor after consultation with the Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, to the Schedules and Appendices to that Ordinance, dated 7th November, 1936.

Report on an epidemic of dysentery caused by the *Shiga Bacillus*, by the Director of Medical Services.

REPORTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

6. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Reports of the Finance Committee (Nos. 8 and 9), dated 7th October, 1936, and 9th November, 1936, respectively, and moved their adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

7. The Attorney General moved :—

That the rules dated the 4th day of November, 1936, made by the Chief Justice under section 32 of the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1873, Ordinance No. 3 of 1873, be approved.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

8. The Colonial Treasurer moved the following resolutions :—

1. Resolved pursuant to section 2 (4) of the Hong Kong Government Service (Levy on Salaries) Ordinance, 1936, that after deduction of the levy, if any, and of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Contribution, if any, or of either, the remainder of the salaries of all public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service, which are expressed in terms of sterling, whatever their amount, shall be converted at the rate of one shilling and three pence three farthings to the dollar for the months of October, November and December, 1936.

2. Resolved pursuant to section 6 of the Hong Kong Government Service (Levy on Salaries) Ordinance, 1936, that with effect from the 1st day of September, 1936, the salary of JOHN WILLIAMS WALKDEN, Temporary Gymnastic Instructor, shall be exempt from the operation of section 3 of the said Ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

9. *Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Change of Name) Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to give effect to the change in name and style of the offices heretofore known as those of Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.”
The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a first time.
10. *Merchant Shipping Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.”
The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a first time.
11. *Nursing and Maternity Homes Registration Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for the registration and inspection of nursing homes and maternity homes and for purposes connected therewith.”
The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a first time.
12. *Midwives (No. 2) Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Midwives Ordinance, 1910.”
The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a first time.
13. *Defences (Firing Areas) Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Defences (Firing Areas) Ordinance, 1936.”
The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a first time.
14. *Ordinances and Regulations of Hong Kong (1937 edition) Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for a revised edition of the Ordinances, and for a revised edition of the Regulations, of the Colony.”
The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a first time.
15. *Coinage Offences (No. 2) Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further 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. *Currency Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Currency 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.

17. *Stamp Duties Management Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Duties Management Ordinance, 1911.”

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.

18. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

A. CALDECOTT,
Governor.

Confirmed this 2nd day of December, 1936.

D. M. MACDOUGALL,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.