
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 199.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 14.

Wednesday, 22nd December, 1937, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR**

(Sir GEOFFRY ALEXANDER STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, K.C.M.G.).

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. NORMAN LOCKHART SMITH, C.M.G.).

,, the Attorney General, (Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, O.B.E., K.C.).

,, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH).

,, the Financial Secretary and Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. SYDNEY CAINE).

,, Mr. RICHARD McNEIL HENDERSON, (Director of Public Works).

,, Commander JOSEPH BERNARD NEWILL, D.S.O., R.N. (Retired), (Acting Harbour Master).

,, Dr. DOUGLAS JAMES VALENTINE, M.C., (Acting Director of Medical Services).

,, Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.

,, Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.

,, Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.

,, Mr. LO MAN-KAM.

,, Mr. LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Junior.

,, Dr. LI SHU-FAN.

,, Mr. MARCUS THEODORE JOHNSON.

,, Mr. EDGAR DAVIDSON.

Mr. BRIAN CHARLES KEITH HAWKINS, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

The Honourable Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Inspector General of Police).

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th December, 1937, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Notice to Aircraft Owners and Ground Engineers—No. 16 of the year 1937, dated 6th December, 1937.

Resolution of the Legislative Council under section 6 (1) of the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 40 of 1931, as amended by the Betting Duty Amendment Ordinance, 1934, Ordinance No. 26 of 1934, dated 15th December, 1937,

Amendment made by the Urban Council under section 4 (xv) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, to the by-laws under the heading 'Scavenging' contained in Schedule A to that Ordinance, dated 9th November, 1937.

Amendments made by the Midwives Board under section 4 of the Midwives Ordinance, 1910, Ordinance No. 22 of 1910, to the Regulations, dated 8th December, 1937.

Notice to Aircraft Owners and Ground Engineers—No. 17 of the year 1937, dated 14th December, 1937.

Administration Reports, 1936 :—

Part IV.—Education :—

Report of the Director of Education.

QUESTIONS.

4. The Hon. Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

With reference to the report of the Prisons Committee (published as Sessional Paper No. 7 of 1937) will the Government state—

- (1) On what date was that report sent in by that Committee to the Government?
- (2) Is the Government, in regard to the supply of food to prisoners during the year 1938, following the recommendations of that Committee? If not will the Government state in what respects it is not following the recommendations of that Committee and for what reasons?
- (3) What Officer of the Gaol is responsible for recommending to the Tender Board the acceptance of a particular tender for the supply of food to prisoners?
- (4) Who is the proprietor of or who are the partners in the Hop Kee which is referred to in that part of the said Committee's report which relates to food? Are not the Hop Kee also the present contractors for the supply of food to the Queen Mary Hospital?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows :—

1. On 3rd November, 1937.
2. The existing contract does not expire until 31st January, 1938, and it may be necessary to extend it on a month to month basis thereafter pending the outcome of current investigations. None of the Committee's recommendations in regard to the prisoners' food supply have been rejected by the Government and all are under examination.
3. In accordance with General Orders all tenders are sent to the Head of the Department concerned who then submits his recommendation to the Tender Board.
4. The Manager of the Hop Kee firm is named Wong Kam Fun. The names of the partners are not known. This firm holds the current tender for the supply of food to the Queen Mary Hospital.

MOTIONS.

5. *Sterling Salaries Conversion Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to fix the rate at which the sterling salaries of public officers shall be paid in this Colony.”

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.

6. *Public Officers (Changes of Style) Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for changes in the style of public officers, offices and departments.”

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.

7. *Interpretation Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation 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 with an immaterial 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.

8. *Law Revision Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance for promoting the revision of the Ordinances of Hong Kong.”

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 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.

9. *Irish Province of the Order of Franciscans Minor Incorporation Bill.*—The Hon. Mr. LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Junior, moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Irish Province of the Order of Franciscans Minor."

The Hon. Mr. LO MAN-KAM seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Hon. Mr. LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Junior, reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment, and moved that it be read a third time.

The Hon. Mr. LO MAN-KAM seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

10. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

G. A. S. NORTHCOTE,
Governor.

Confirmed this 9th day of March, 1938.

B. C. K. HAWKINS,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

No. 200.

Resolved that the approval of the Governor in Council of permission to the Hong Kong Tramways, Limited, to construct a new single tramway track leading from the double tramway track in King's Road to Inland Lots Nos. 4955 and 3546 as shown in Enclosure (94)² in C.S.O. 9365/04 and to maintain a tramcar shed on the said Inland Lots in connexion therewith be confirmed.

B. C. K. HAWKINS,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
9th March, 1938.