
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 309.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 2.

Wednesday, 13th April, 1938, 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. JOHN ALEXANDER FRASER, M.C., *Acting*).
„ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES
NORTH).
„ the Financial Secretary, (Mr. SYDNEY CAINE).
„ Mr. RICHARD McNEIL HENDERSON, (Director of Public Works).
„ Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Commissioner of Police).
„ Dr. PERCY SELWYN SELWYN-CLARKE, M.C., (Director of Medical
Services).
„ Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., LL.D.
„ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.
„ Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN, C.B.E.
„ Mr. LO MAN-KAM.
„ Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.
„ Mr. LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Junior.
Mr. BRIAN CHARLES KEITH HAWKINS, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

The Honourable Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).
„ Dr. LI SHU-FAN.
„ Mr. MARCUS THEODORE JOHNSON.

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th March, 1938, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Resolution adopted by the Legislative Council on 9th March, 1938, for the Hong Kong Tramways, Limited, to construct a new single tramway track in King's Road.

Amendments made by the Midwives Board under section 4 of the Midwives Ordinance, 1910, Ordinance No. 22 of 1910, to the Regulations, dated 3rd March, 1938.

Alteration made by the Governor in Council under sections 33 (5) and 88 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 36 of 1931, to Form 9, Chinese Restaurant Licence, in the First Schedule to that Ordinance, dated 14th March, 1938.

Amendments made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, to the Post Office Regulations, dated 16th March, 1938.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 8 (1) of the Jury Ordinance, 1887, Ordinance No. 6 of 1887, relating to the Jury Lists for 1938, dated 16th March, 1938.

New Stanley Cemetery authorized by the Governor in Council under section 73 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, as a place to be used as a cemetery, dated 2nd April, 1938.

Proclamation No. 2.—Appointing Commissioners to inquire into the prevalent charges for rent in Victoria and Kowloon.

Sessional Papers, 1938:—

No. 3.—Jurors List for 1938.

No. 4.—Water Finances. Memorandum by Financial Secretary.

No. 5.—Report of the Commission appointed by His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong

A. to inquire into and report upon

(1) the prevalent charges for rent in the towns of Victoria and Kowloon, having regard to their rise and fall during the last ten years,

and

(2) the extent to which and the manners in which tenants and landlords have been and are affected by the sudden growth of the population of Hong Kong since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities last year:

B. to receive oral and written evidence upon the foregoing issues:

C. to make such relevant recommendations as may commend themselves to members.

No. 6.—Report of Committee on Rentals for Government Quarters.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 2), dated 9th March, 1938, and moved its adoption.

The Financial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

5. The Attorney General moved :--

That the by-laws under the heading "Reconstituted Milk and Reconstituted Cream" made by the Urban Council under sections 5 and 6 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, on the 29th day of March, 1938, be approved.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

6. *Protection of Women and Girls 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 protection of Women and Girls."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

7. *Vaccination Amendment Bill.*—Before moving the First reading of a Bill to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923, the Attorney General requested the President's permission under Standing Order 13 (2) for the prescribed period of notice to be reduced in order that the notice of motion given in respect of that Bill be valid for this meeting of the Council.

The President *nemine dissidente*, gave the required permission.

The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Gasholders Examination Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make provision for the periodical examination of Gasholders."

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. *Asiatic Emigration Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915."

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. *Empire Preference Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second 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 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 Wednesday, the 20th day of April, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.

G. A. S. NORTHCOTE,
Governor.

Confirmed this 20th day of April, 1938.

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

No. 310.—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. 4 of 1938.—An Ordinance to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923.