

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 432.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

Thursday, 12th May, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

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

The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Brigadier FREDERIC WILLIAM LYON BISSETT, D.S.O., M.C.).

,, 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).

,, Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).

,, 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. CHAU TSUN-NIN, C.B.E.

,, Mr. LO MAN-KAM.

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

,, Mr. ANDREW LUSK SHIELDS.

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

ABSENT:

The Honourable Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.

,, Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.

,, Dr. LI SHU-FAN.

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th April, 1938, were confirmed.

OATHS.

3. The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Brigadier FREDERIC WILLIAM LYON BISSETT, D.S.O., M.C.), and the Honourable Mr. ANDREW LUSK SHIELDS took the Oath of Allegiance and assumed their seats as Members of the Council.

PAPERS.

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

The French Convent St. Teresa's Hospital exempted by the Governor in Council under section 8 of the Nursing and Maternity Homes Registration Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 48 of 1936, from the operation of the said Ordinance, dated 14th April, 1938.

Amendment made by the Governor in Council under sections 25 (4) and 42 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, to Table M in the Schedule to the said Ordinance, dated 21st April, 1938.

Notice to Airmen No. 1 of the year 1938, dated 22nd April, 1938.

Amendment made by the Governor in Council under section 56 of the Trade Marks Ordinance, 1909, Ordinance No. 40 of 1909, to the Trade Marks Rules, dated 22nd April, 1938.

Declaration under section 18 of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 7 of 1936, dated 6th May, 1938.

Notice to Airmen No. 2 of the year 1938, dated 4th May, 1938.

Proclamation No. 3.—The Geneva Convention Act, 1937 (Colonies) Order in Council, 1937, to come into operation on the 29th April, 1938.

The Code of Vernacular School Subsidies.

Sessional Papers, 1938 :—

- No. 7.—Report by the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Carrie) of the Shanghai Refugees Committee.

MOTIONS.

5. The Attorney General moved the following resolution :—

Resolved that the style of the office of "Assistant Attorney General" be changed to that of "Crown Counsel" for all purposes and that the following addition be made to the Schedule to the Public Officers (Changes of Style) Ordinance, 1937 :—

<i>Old style of officer, office or department.</i>	<i>New style of officer, office or department.</i>
Assistant Attorney General.	Crown Counsel.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

That the by-laws made by the Urban Council under sections 5 and 6 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, on the 26th day of April, 1938, amending the by-laws in the Schedule to that Ordinance under the heading "Dairies and Milk Shops", be approved.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

7. *Protection of Women and Girls Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “ An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the protection of women and girls.”

The Honourable Mr. Lo MAN-KAM addressed the Council supporting the Bill.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Various amendments to Clauses 2, 3(1), 5, 6, 10, 17(3), 19, 21(3), 22, 26, 30(2), 31, 32, 33, 34, 35(1), 36, 37, 39(1), 40, the Schedule and Appendix A, were adopted.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without material 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.

8. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

G. A. S. NORTHCOTE,
Governor.

Confirmed this 1st day of June, 1938.

T. MEGARRY,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 433.—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. 6 of 1938.—An Ordinance to prevent unreasonable eviction of tenants, and to make provision as to the rent and recovery of possession of premises in certain cases, and for purposes in connexion therewith.