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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**


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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 5.**


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 Wednesday, 1st June, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.
 

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**PRESENT:**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
 (Sir GEOFFREY ALEXANDER STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, K.C.M.G.).  
 The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (Mr. NORMAN LOCKHART SMITH, C.M.G.).  
 „ the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Colonel GEOFFREY CATHCART  
 GOWLLAND).  
 „ 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. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.  
 „ Mr. LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Junior.  
 „ Mr. ANDREW LUSK SHIELDS.  
 Mr. THOMAS MEGARRY, (Clerk of Councils).

**ABSENT:**

The Honourable Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.  
 „ Mr. LO MAN-KAM.  
 „ Dr. LI SHU-FAN.

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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 12th May, 1938, were confirmed.

## OATH.

3. The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Colonel GEOFFREY CATHCART GOWLLAND) took the Oath of Allegiance and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

## PAPERS.

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

Resolution made and passed by the Legislative Council under the Public Officers (Changes of Style) Ordinance, 1937, Ordinance No. 25 of 1937, on the 12th May, 1938.

By-laws made by the Urban Council under sections 5 and 6 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 13 of 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."

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1932, Ordinance No. 38 of 1932, discontinuing the use of "The Prison Ward" in the Kowloon Hospital and the Queen Mary Hospital for the purposes of a prison, dated 13th May, 1938.

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

Amendments made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Adulterated Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 8 of 1935, to the regulations, dated 13th May, 1938.

Declaration under section 18 of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 7 of 1936, dated 19th May, 1938.

Administration Reports, 1937 :—

Part I.—General Administration :—

Report of the Director of the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong.

Part II.—Law and Order :—

Report of the Official Receiver and Registrar of Trade Marks and Patents.

Report of the Land Officer and Registrar of Marriages.

Report of the Superintendent of Prisons.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 4), dated 12th May, 1938, and moved its adoption.

The Financial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

## MOTIONS.

6. The Financial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the following resolution :—

It is hereby resolved that the resolution of this Council adopted on the 2nd August, 1902, requiring that pensions paid in England from the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund be paid at the rate of 3/- to the dollar shall not apply to any pension granted on or after the 1st June, 1938.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

7. *Prevention of Eviction Bill.*—Before moving the First reading of a Bill intituled “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”, the Attorney General requested the President’s permission under Standing Order No. 15 to dispense with notice other than that given and the Council’s agreement to allow suspension of Standing Order No. 29(2) to enable the Bill to pass through all its stages at one meeting.

The President gave the required permission.

Council gave unanimous approval to the suspension of Standing Order No. 29(2).

The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of the Prevention of Eviction Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Hon. Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., LL.D. addressed the Council.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill.

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 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.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

8 The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

G. A. S. NORTHCOTE,  
*Governor.*

Confirmed this 7th day of July, 1938.

T. MEGARRY,  
*Clerk of Councils.*