

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 567.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

Thursday, 7th July, 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).

,, 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. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.

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

,, Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.

,, Dr. LI SHU-FAN.

,, Mr. ANDREW LUSK SHIELDS.

Mr. THOMAS MEGARRY, (Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

The Honourable Mr. LO MAN-KAM.

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

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

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st June, 1938, were confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. The Clerk of Councils recited the Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the Realm amending Article XVI of the Letters Patent of the 14th of February, 1917, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies.

His Excellency the Governor proclaimed the said Letters Patent.

PAPERS.

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

Notice to Airmen No. 3 of the year 1938, dated 27th May, 1938.

Declaration under section 18 of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 7 of 1936, dated 29th May, 1938.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1922, Ordinance No. 5 of 1922, for the prevention of cholera, dated 29th May, 1938.

Declaration made by the Urban Council, with the approval of the Governor in Council, under By-law 11 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Prevention of Disease By-laws in Schedule A to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, dated 26th May, 1938.

Amendment 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 8th June, 1938.

Declaration under section 18 of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 7 of 1936, dated 20th June, 1938.

Amendment made by the Governor in Council under section 10 (6) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, to Table C in the Schedule to that Ordinance, dated 21st June, 1938.

Declaration under section 18 of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 7 of 1936, dated 27th June, 1938.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Pensions Ordinance, 1932, Ordinance No. 21 of 1932, regarding the payment of pension to Mr. P. L. Collisson, O.B.E., dated 27th June, 1938.

Amendment made by the Governor in Council under section 17 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1932, Ordinance No. 38 of 1932, to the Prison Rules, dated 27th June, 1938.

Administration Reports, 1937 :—

Part I.—General Administration :—

Report on the Finances.

Part III.—Public Health :—

Report of the Chairman, Urban Council.

Report of the Botanical and Forestry Department.

Part IV.—Education :—

Report of the Director of Education.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 5), dated 16th June, 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 resolutions :—

(1) That this Council approves, under section 3 (2) of the Hong Kong Dollar Loan Ordinance, No. 11 of 1934, of the following transfers in the schedule :—

Item 2.—Shing Mun Valley Water Scheme to be increased from \$10,132,877.98 to \$10,212,877.98.

Item 6.—Airport to be reduced from \$1,007,485.92 to \$907,485.92.

Item 8.—Other Public Works to be increased from \$889,000 to \$909,000.

- (2) That this Council sanctions the expenditure on Loan Works authorized under Ordinance No. 11 of 1934, of the total net sums as enumerated below and the meeting of such sums by advances from the surplus balances of the Colony pending the issue of the remainder of the Loan authorized under the said Ordinance.

SCHEDULE.

	<i>During the financial year 1936.</i>	<i>During the financial year 1937.</i>
Head 2 (b) (3).		
Shing Mun Valley Water Scheme.		
2nd Section.		
Gorge Dam.....	\$ 2,239,103.69	\$ 388,223.77
Head 6 (b).		
Airport.		
Airport and Seaplane Slipway	170,254.67	—

- (3) That this Council approves of the expenditure during the financial year 1938 on the various items of loan works authorized under Ordinance No. 11 of 1934 as specified below of a sum of \$915,577.21 which sum shall be met by advances from the surplus balances of the Colony pending the issue of the remainder of the loan authorized under the said Ordinance.

Item 2.—Shing Mun Valley Water Schemes.		
(b) Second section.		
(3) Gorge Dam	\$	80,000.00
Item 4.—New Gaol at Stanley.....		60,000.00
Item 6.—Airport :—		
(b) Airport and Seaplane Slipway		17,000.00
(c) Wireless Telegraph Station		55,727.21
Item 8.—Other Public Works :—		
(a) Central Market		689,000.00
(b) Wholesale Market		13,850.00
	Total.....\$	<u>915,577.21</u>

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

7. (1937 Supplementary) Appropriation Bill.—The Financial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary sum of seven hundred and seventy-four thousand three hundred and twenty-one dollars and forty-four cents to defray the Charges of the year 1937.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Merchandise Marks Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Merchandise Marks Ordinance, 1890.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Bankruptcy Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1931.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Dentistry Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

11. *Registration of Persons Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1934.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

12. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

G. A. S. NORTHCOTE,
Governor.

Confirmed this 28th day of July, 1938.

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

No. 568.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the KING, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 7 of 1938.—An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary sum of seven hundred and seventy-four thousand three hundred and twenty-one dollars and forty-four cents to defray the Charges of the year 1937.

Ordinance No. 8 of 1938.—An Ordinance to amend the Merchandise Marks Ordinance, 1890.

Ordinance No. 9 of 1938.—An Ordinance to amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1931.

Ordinance No. 10 of 1938.—An Ordinance to amend the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914.

Ordinance No. 11 of 1938.—An Ordinance to amend the Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1934.