

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.**Meeting of 3rd December, 1958.**

PRESENT:HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)

SIR ROBERT BROWN BLACK, K.C.M.C., O.B.E.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR EDRIC MONTAGUE BASTYAN, K.B.E., C.B.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

MR. CLAUDE BRAMALL BURGESS, C.M.G., O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MR. ARTHUR RIDEHALGH, Q.C.

THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS

MR. JOHN CRICHTON McDOUALL.

THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MR. ARTHUR GRENFELL CLARKE, C.M.G.

THE HONOURABLE PATRICK CARDINALL MASON SEDGWICK

(Commissioner of Labour).

THE HONOURABLE ALLAN INGLIS

(Director of Public Works).

DR. THE HONOURABLE DAVID JAMES MASTERTON MACKENZIE, C.M.G., O.B.E.

(Director of Medical and Health Services).

THE HONOURABLE COLIN GEORGE MERVYN MORRISON

(Director of Urban Services).

DR. THE HONOURABLE CHAU SIK NIN, C.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES EDWARD MICHAEL TERRY, O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE LO MAN WAI, C.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN, O.B.E.

DR. THE HONOURABLE ALBERTO MARIA RODRIGUES, M.B.E., E.D.

THE HONOURABLE JOHN DOUGLAS CLAGUE, C.B.E., M.C., T.D.

THE HONOURABLE HUGH DAVID MacEWEN BARTON, M.B.E.

MR. MAURICE DEREK SARGANT (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*).**ABSENT:**

THE HONOURABLE KWOK CHAN, O.B.E.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19th November, 1958, were confirmed.

ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: —I am sure honourable Members would wish me to welcome to our Council Mr. Barton who is taking his seat with us for the first time and I am very glad indeed to extend that welcome to you, Mr. Barton. (*Applause*).

PAPERS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the following papers: —

<i>Subject.</i>	<i>G.N. No.</i>
Sessional Papers, 1958: —	
No. 34—Annual Report by the Director of Civil Aviation for the year 1957/58.	
No. 35—Annual Report by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue for the year 1957/58.	
No. 36—Annual Report by the Registrar General for the year 1957/58	
No. 37—Annual Report by the Director of Audit for the year 1957/58.	

Immigration (Control and Offences) Ordinance, 1958.

Immigration (Control and Offences) Regulations, 1958 A. 73.

**FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS
(AMENDMENT) (No. 2) REGULATIONS, 1958.**

MR. P. C. M. SEDGWICK moved the following resolution: —

Resolved that the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1958, made by the Commissioner of Labour on the 28th day of November, 1958, under section 5 of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance, 1955, be approved.

He said: The Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Amendment) Regulations, 1958, empower the Commissioner of Labour to prescribe a number of registers, forms and notices which have either to be kept or posted up in factories or sent to the Labour Department in connexion with the restrictions on the hours of work of women and young persons in industry. Different forms are prescribed under different regulations. When the forms were drafted, it was found that factory proprietors could be saved a great deal of clerical work if a single form of register was adopted in place of the three different registers prescribed under Regulations 10A and 10D. The main purpose of these amending regulations is thus to simplify procedure. The Explanatory Note sets out in detail the effect of the amendments and it is unnecessary for me to add any further comment.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT)

(No. 3) BILL, 1958.

DR. D. J. M. MACKENZIE moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1957".

He said: Sir, under section 9 of the Medical Registration Ordinance it is at present necessary for a doctor, who has obtained after the 1st July, 1953 a medical qualification registrable in the Colony, to produce a certificate of experience granted by the University of Hong Kong certifying that the doctor concerned has acquired, since the date of qualifying, additional experience in the practice of medicine and surgery for a prescribed period of one year. Should that doctor have had a foreign diploma not recognized for registration by the Council and subsequent to 1st July, 1953 has obtained a qualification that is registrable in Hong Kong, despite any previous experience as a doctor it has not been possible to grant more than provisional registration until the one year's internship has been completed.

The purpose of the Bill before Council is to give the Medical Council of Hong Kong power to recognize previous experience of the practise of medicine and surgery by a doctor who has a foreign diploma but who has only recently acquired a qualification

which is registrable in Hong Kong, provided that the Council is satisfied that this experience is not less than that required in Section 9 of the principal Ordinance.

This amendment follows upon the United Kingdom Medical Act 1956 (Amendment) Act of 1958 which has only very recently become law. As Hong Kong is becoming increasingly recognized as an examination centre for medical qualifications it is essential to follow closely such changes in medical legislation within the Commonwealth if reciprocity and good standing are to be maintained.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a First time.

Objects and Reasons.

The "Objects and Reasons" for the Bill were stated as follows: —

It is proposed to add a new clause 10A to the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1957, to enable the Medical Council of Hong Kong to consider applications for registration from doctors who hold diplomas not recognized for registration and who in addition possess registrable British diplomas but who have not completed a prescribed period in a resident medical capacity in an approved hospital or institution as laid down in section 9 of the Ordinance.

SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL, 1958.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Supreme Court Ordinance. Chapter 4."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 7 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Supreme Court (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1958 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed.

FULL COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Full Court Ordinance, Chapter 2."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Full Court (Amendment) Bill, 1958 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: —Gentlemen, that concludes the business for today. When is it your pleasure that we should meet again?

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —May I suggest this day two weeks?

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: —Council stands adjourned to this day two weeks.