

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*Thursday, 17th August, 1933.*

The Council met pursuant to adjournment His Excellency the Governor, SIR EDWARD DENHAM, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., President, in the Chair.

## PRESENT.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Mr. T. Millard, C.M.G. (Acting).

The Hon. the Attorney General, Mr. Hector Josephs, K.C., B.A., LL.M. (Cantab.), LL.B. (Lond.).

The Hon. T. T. Smellie, O.B.E. (Nominated Unofficial Member).

The Hon. F. Dias, O.B.E. (Nominated Unofficial Member).

Major the Hon. W. Bain Gray, M.A., Ph.D. (Edin.), B. Litt. (Oxon), Director of Education.

The Hon. J. S. Dash, B.S.A., Director of Agriculture.

The Hon. R. E. Brassington (Western Essequibo).

Major the Hon. J. C. Craig, D.S.O., M.E.I.C., Director of Public Works.

The Hon. J. A. Henderson, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc. (P.H.) (Edin.), D.T.M. & H. (Edin.), Surgeon-General.

The Hon. F. Birkitt, Postmaster-General.

The Hon. E. F. McDavid, M.B.E., Colonial Treasurer (Acting).

The Hon. P. W. King, Official Receiver.

The Hon. H. P. Christiani, Commissioner of Lands and Mines (Acting).

The Hon. N. Cannon (Georgetown North).

The Hon. Percy C. Wight, O.B.E. (Georgetown Central).

## MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 16th August, 1933, as and printed circulated, were confirmed.

## PAPER LAID.

The following document was laid on the table:—

Rules of Court made by the Chief Justice of British Guiana and a Puisne Judge in pursuance and execution of the powers given by the Supreme Court of Judicature Ordinance, Chapter 10; and the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1930 (No. 25) and of all other powers and authorities enabling them in that behalf, dated 19th July, 1933.

## PETITION.

Mr. CANNON laid on the table a petition from the British Guiana Labour Union praying for improvement of labour conditions and rates of pay, and a reduction of rents.

## ORDER OF THE DAY.

## BRITISH EMPIRE DEFINITION BILL.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Mr. Millard): I move that "A Bill further to amend the Customs Duties Ordinance, Chapter 34, by inserting therein a definition of the term "The British Empire" be read a third time.

Mr. SMELLIE seconded.

Question "That this Bill be now read a third time and passed" put, and agreed to.

Bill read the third time.

## PENSIONS BILL.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL (Mr. Hector Josephs): I move that "A Bill for regulating pensions, gratuities and other allowances to be granted in respect of service in offices held by Civil Servants in this Colony," be now read a third time.

Mr. DIA seconded.

Question "That this Bill be now read a third time and passed" put, and agreed to.

Bill read the third time.

## SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. Mc DAVID (Colonial Treasurer): I move that "A Bill to allow and confirm certain additional expenditure incurred in

the year ended thirty-first day of December, 1932," be now read a third time.

Mr. CHRISTIANI seconded.

Question "That this Bill be now read a third time and passed" put, and agreed to.

Bill read the third time.

OPTICIANS BILL.

Mr. CANNON: Your Excellency, before taking Order IV.—(A Bill to make provision for the registration of Opticians, to regulate the practice of sight-testing and for purposes incidental thereto).—I have been asked by my hon. colleague the Member for Georgetown South to ask that this matter be allowed to stand down to the next sitting of the Council, which I understand will be next week.

THE PRESIDENT: Will it be helpful if the hon. Surgeon-General states what Government's proposals are, or will it be better to wait?

Mr. CANNON: Speaking for myself I

have no objection, but it will be best to wait until next week.

THE PRESIDENT: Government is quite willing to postpone it. The agenda is very short for to-day as we have left the rice question for next week. There is no difficulty in taking it next week. I think in the circumstances we will take it next week. Perhaps you (Mr. Cannon) will get into touch with the hon. Member who has asked for the postponement and let him know what is proposed, so as to save time in the debate.

Mr. CANNON: I understand it is the hon. Member for Berbice River who asked his colleague on his left (who is ill) and in turn asked the hon. Member for Georgetown South, and that is how I have come into it.

THE PRESIDENT: See the hon. Member who asked you and let him pass it on. (Laughter).

The Council adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd August, at 11 o'clock.