

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Fourth Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana at its Fourth Session, 1951, held at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

FRIDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1951,

AT 2 P. .

PRESENT:

The President,	His Excellency the Governor, Sir Charles Campbell Woolley, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C.
The Honourable	the Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. Gutch, O.B.E.
"	" the Acting Attorney General, Mr. A.C. Brazao
"	" the Acting Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W.O. Fraser
"	" Dr. J.B. Singh O.B.E. (Demerara - Essequibo)
"	" Dr. J.A. Nicholson (Georgetown North)
"	" T. Lee (Essequibo River)
"	" V. Roth, O.B.E. (Nominated)
"	" T.T. Thompson (Nominated)
"	" G.I.C. Farnum O.B.E. (Nominated)
"	" J.P. Coghlan (Demerara River)
"	" J. Fernandes (Georgetown Central)
"	" Dr. G.M. Gonsalves (Eastern Berbice)
"	" A.T. Peters (Eastern Berbice)
"	" W.A. Phang (North Western District)
"	" G.H. Smellie (Nominated)
"	" L.A. Luckhoo (Nominated).

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, the 1st of November, 1951, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following:-

- (a) The Report of the Registrar of Trade Unions for the year ended 31st December, 1950. (M.P. 56/4/1).
- (b) The Report of the Post Office Savings Bank for the year ended 31st December, 1950. (M.P. 94/19/4 III).
- ✓ (c) The Report on Meteorology for the year 1950. (M.P. 2/38/2 V).

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

The Attorney General gave notice of the following motion :-

WHEREAS the Medical Practitioners (Temporary Registration) Ordinance, 1947 (No. 24) came into operation on the 26th of July, 1947;

AND WHEREAS section 5 of the said Ordinance provides that the Ordinance shall continue in force up to and including the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, but that the Legislative Council may, prior to the expiration of this Ordinance by resolution (which resolution shall be published in the Gazette) declare that it shall continue in force for a further period of one year from the date of expiration;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the said Ordinance should continue in operation for a further period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Medical Practitioners (Temporary Registration) Ordinance shall continue in force for a further period of one year from the 1st of January, 1952.
(M.P. C. 71/60/1).

UNOFFICIAL NOTICES

✓ Mr. Coghlan gave notice of the following motion:-

WHEREAS in the interests of the economic development of the Colony and its social and cultural advancement it is essential that a bridge should be constructed over the Demerara River;

AND WHEREAS as a result of bridging the river it is estimated that great economies would be effected in the transportation of passengers and goods and that there would be a considerable increase in the volume of traffic both passenger and goods between Georgetown and West Demerara, and an outlet provided for the rapidly increasing population of Georgetown;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Council recommends to Government that immediate steps be taken to have preliminary surveys carried out for the purpose of obtaining subsoil borings so as to determine the value of the strata on which the bridge piers could be founded together with an accurate survey of the proposed site, and that on receipt of the report a Select Committee be appointed by His Excellency the Governor to decide on the finalisation of the design of the bridge to be constructed over the Demerara River;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purpose of carrying out this project of constructing a bridge this Council recommend that Government advertise for tenders and on Government's selection of a firm to carry out the work a loan for the required amount be floated in the Colony if possible.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ANTIBIOTICS BILL - Motion for the Second Reading.

Council resumed the debate on the motion for the second reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE IMPORTATION, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, SALE AND USE OF ANTIBIOTICS.

Dr. Gonsalves, Mr. Luckhoo, Dr. Nicholson and the Colonial Secretary spoke to the motion. Thereafter, with Council's consent Dr. H.P. Fernandes, Health Officer, Tuberculosis, addressed the Council on the use and effects of antibiotics.

The motion for the second reading was then adopted and the Bill was read the second time.

Council resumed.

ANJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 3.30 p.m. to enable Finance Committee to consider the rehabilitation programme of the steamer and railway services.

The President adjourned Council to 2 p.m. on Thursday, the 8th of November, 1951.

Confirmed,



President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Public Buildings,
British Guiana.
8th November, 1951.