

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.***Tuesday, 27th June, 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).

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. W. A. D'Andrade, Comptroller of Customs.

The Hon. F. Birkitt, Postmaster-General.

The Hon. L. G. Crease, M.A. (Oxon), Director of Education (Acting).

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

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

The Hon. N. Cannon (Georgetown North).

The Hon. A. V. Crane, LL.B. (Lond.) (Demerara River).

The Hon. J. I. De Aguiar (Central Demerara).

The Hon. W. S. Jones (Nominated Unofficial Member).

The Hon. H. G. Seaford (Nominated Unofficial Member).

The Hon. E. M. Walcott (Nominated Unofficial Member).

**MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 14th June, as printed and circulated, were confirmed.

**MEMBER SWORN.**

The following Member took and subscribed to the oath:—

Dr. J. A. Henderson, Surgeon-General.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.****DUTCH GUIANA'S GOODWILL.**

THE PRESIDENT addressed the Council as follows:—

Before proceeding to the business of the day I should like to take this opportunity of expressing publicly my thanks to the Government of Dutch Guiana for all they did to make my visit to Surinam a very pleasant and interesting one.

Every facility was given to me to see the work being done in the neighbouring Colony and I am sure we shall be very glad at any time to reciprocate and afford any assistance and help we can to our neighbour.

I was able to cover a large extent of country in a short time and see a great deal of the agricultural, medical and administrative and other work being done in Surinam.

A pleasurable feature of my trip was the number of British subjects who welcomed my visit and showed how closely they keep in touch with affairs in this Colony.

We have so many problems in common that I am confident that interchange of visits can only strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship.

**ADVANCES TO SEA DEFENCE BOARD.**

Mr. McDAVID (Colonial Treasurer): I am the bearer of the following Message from the Governor:—

**MESSAGE No. 14.**

Honourable Members of the Legislative Council,  
I have the honour to inform the Council that it will be necessary to advance a sum of money

to the Sea Defence Board that will be established under the provisions of the Sea Defence Ordinance, 1933, in order to enable the Board to defray the costs, charges, and expenses in connection with the construction of certain sea defence of a permanent character that are urgently required.

2. When the Board's programme has been drawn up and final estimates are submitted and approved the Council will be asked to approve in terms of sub-sections 2 and 3 of Section 17 of the Sea Defence Ordinance, 1933, of the amount to be advanced on loan and of the time and manner of its repayment by the Board. It is contemplated that the period of repayment should be short and should not exceed 10 years.

3. Meanwhile, however, it is necessary that arrangements should be made to obtain promptly the funds that will be required. It is proposed to raise the money by the issue in London of a short-term loan through the Crown Agents who have undertaken to make advances to the Colony forthwith up to a limit of \$50,000 for this purpose on receipt of an assurance that the necessary legislation to authorise the issue of the loan will be passed without delay.

4. I accordingly invite the Council to approve of the raising of a short-term loan in London for the purpose of making such immediate advances as may be required by the Sea Defence Board in terms of Section 17 (2) of the Sea Defence Ordinance, 1933, and of the introduction of the necessary legislation to authorise the issue of the loan.

EDWARD DENHAM,

26th June, 1933.

#### PAPERS LAID.

The following documents were laid on the table:—

Report on the Government Industrial School, Underneeming, for the year 1932.

Returns of the British Guiana Building Society, Limited, for the year ended 31st December, 1932.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Colonial Agricultural Scholarship Fund for the period 1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1933. (*The Colonial Secretary*).

Interim Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed on 13th June, 1933, in connexion with the exportation of rice. (*The Attorney-General*).

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

##### COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Mr. T. Millard) gave notice of the following motions:—

THAT the Council do resolve itself into Committee of the whole Council to consider the Statement of Supplementary Expenditure for

the year 1932 in addition to that included in the Schedules of Additional Provision for the year 1932 already passed by the Legislative Council.

THAT the Council do resolve itself into Committee of the whole Council to consider the Schedule of Additional Provision required to meet expenditure in excess of the Estimate for the year 1933, for the period 1st January, 1933, to 31st March, 1933.

##### ADVANCES TO SEA DEFENCE BOARD.

Mr. McDAVID gave notice of the following motion:—

THAT with reference to Governor's Message No. 14 of the 26th of June, 1933, this Council approves of the raising of a short-term loan in London for the purpose of making such immediate advances as may be required by the Sea Defence Board in terms of section 17 (2) of the Sea Defence Ordinance, 1933, and of the introduction of the necessary legislation to authorise the issue of the loan.

##### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Notice was given that at the next meeting of the Council leave would be asked to introduce and have read the first time the following Bills:—

A Bill to amend the Mining (Consolidation) Ordinance with respect to the duty on profits on gold won by milling and dredging (*The Colonial Secretary*).

A Bill to extend the operation of the Rice (Export Trade) Ordinance, 1932, to the thirty-first day of July, 1933 (*The Attorney-General*).

A Bill to make better provision for the constitution and management of Co-operative Credit Banks (*Professor Dash*).

##### ORDER OF THE DAY.

##### CLUBS REGISTRATION BILL.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL (Mr. Hector Josephs): I move that "A Bill to amend the Clubs Registration Ordinance, Chapter 269, with respect to the registration of Clubs" be read the third time.

Mr. DIAS seconded.

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

Bill read the third time.

## TAX BILL (No. 2), 1933.

The Council resolved itself into Committee and resumed consideration of "A Bill further to amend the Tax Ordinance, Chapter 37, with respect to the licences of Insurance Companies and the duties to be paid thereon."

Mr. McDAVID: When this Bill was in Committee the hon. Member for Demerara River raised the point that clause 13 (1) as now drafted was somewhat obscure in that it did not provide a definite date from which the duty is payable. The duty proposed is at the rate of \$5 for every \$1,000 of the actual amount of premiums received, and it was pointed out that it was not stated in the Bill what year was to be taken as the date of premium receipts. In order to meet that point it is now proposed that the clause should be amended by the insertion of the words "during the year preceding the year in which the duty is payable" between the words "Colony" and "at" in the sixth line, and, further, by the addition of the words "and provided further that for the first year in which a company or a person carries on business or acts as agent he shall pay the minimum duty" at the end thereof. The reason for that addition is that in any one year of a new company the clause as originally drafted did not provide for the payment of duty as the company would have no receipts for the preceding year. The amendment proposed provides that such a company will pay the minimum duty.

Amendment put, and agreed to.

The Council resumed.

Notice was given that at the next meeting of the Council it would be moved that the Bill be read the third time (*Mr. McDavid*).

## FIRST READINGS.

THE PRESIDENT: I ask the indulgence of the Council to enable the Standing Orders to be suspended in order to take the first readings of the Bills mentioned to-day. It will enable us to take the second reading to-morrow, otherwise we will have to take the first readings to-morrow and the second readings on Thursday.

On motions duly made and seconded, the Standing Orders were suspended and the following Bills were read a first time:—

A Bill to amend the Mining (Consolidation) Ordinance with respect to the duty on profits on gold won by milling and dredging (*The Colonial Secretary*).

A Bill to extend the operation of the Rice (Export Trade) Ordinance, 1932, to the thirty-first day of July, 1933 (*The Attorney-General*).

A Bill to make better provision for the constitution and management of Co-operative Credit Banks (*Professor Dash*).

Notice was given that at the next meeting of the Council it would be moved that the Bills be read the second time.

Mr. PERCY C. WIGHT entered the Chamber immediately before the adjournment.

The Council adjourned until the following day at 11 o'clock.