

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. S. 293.—The following Bills were read a first time at a meeting of the Council held on the 3rd August, 1933:—

C.S.O. 3215/30.

[No. 20 :—27.6.33.—1.]

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to amend the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Betting Duty Amendment Ordinance, 1933.

Addition to title of Ordinance No. 40 of 1931.

2. The Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, is amended by the addition of the following words after the word “cash-sweeps” at the end of the long title thereof:—“and to amend the law relating to Gambling.”

Amendment of Ordinance No. 40 of 1931, s. 6 (1).

3. Section 6 (1) of the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, is amended by the substitution of the words “two and a half per cent.” for the words “three per cent.”

Commencement.

4. This Ordinance shall come into force on the first day of September, 1933.

Objects and Reasons.

1. Section 2 of this Ordinance adds, at the suggestion of the Secretary of State in his despatch of the 26th February, 1932, eight words to the long title of the principal Ordinance, No. 40 of 1931.

2. The existing long title expresses the primary object of the principal Ordinance, which was to make provision for the taxation of bets on authorised totalisators or pari-mutuels and on contributions or subscriptions towards authorised cash-sweeps; but to effect that purpose section 9 of the principal Ordinance contained provisions amending the Gambling Ordinance.

3. Section 3 reduces from three per cent. to two and a half per cent. the duty on totalisator or pari-mutuel bets authorised under the principal Ordinance.

4. Section 4 brings this amending Ordinance into operation before the opening of the Autumn racing season.

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Attorney General.

June, 1933.

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute Incorporation Ordinance, 1933. Short title.

2. The Procurator for the time being in the Colony of Hong Kong of the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute shall be a corporation sole (hereinafter called the corporation) and shall have the name of “The Procurator in Hong Kong of the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute” and in that name shall have perpetual succession and shall and may sue and be sued in all courts in the Colony and shall and may have and use a common seal. Incorporation.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) the corporation shall have power to acquire, accept leases of, purchase, take, hold and enjoy any lands, buildings, messuages or tenements of what nature or kind so ever and wheresoever situated, and also to invest moneys upon mortgage of any lands, buildings, messuages or tenements, or upon the mortgages, debentures, stocks, funds, shares or securities of any government, municipality, corporation, company or person, and also to purchase acquire and possess vessels and other goods and chattels of what nature and kind so ever. Power of Corporation.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (1), the corporation shall not acquire any immoveable property in the Colony unless it shall have previously obtained the special consent of the Governor in Council in each case.

(3) The corporation shall further have power by deed under its seal to grant, sell, convey, assign, surrender, exchange, partition, yield up, mortgage, demise, reassign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any lands, buildings, messuages, tenements, mortgages, debentures, stocks, funds, shares or securities, or vessels or other goods and chattels which are for the time being vested in or belonging to the corporation, upon such terms as to the corporation may seem fit.

4. The legal estate in any property whatsoever transferred to the corporation in any manner whatsoever shall, in the event of the death of the Procurator for the time being in Hong Kong of the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute, or in the event of his ceasing to hold office as such Procurator, pass to his successor in such office when appointed. Property transferred to corporation to pass to successors.

Appoint-
ment of
Procurator.

5.—(1) The Reverend Ottavio Liberatore the present Procurator in Hong Kong of the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute, having furnished to the Governor satisfactory evidence of his appointment to that office, shall for the purposes of this Ordinance be deemed to be the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute until the appointment in his stead of some other person as such Procurator.

(2) When any other person is appointed to the office of Procurator in Hong Kong of the Pontifical Foreign Missions Institute such person shall within three weeks after his appointment or within such further time as may be allowed by the Governor furnish to the Governor satisfactory evidence of his appointment.

(3) A Notification in the Gazette under the hand of the Colonial Secretary that such evidence has been furnished to the Governor by such person shall be conclusive evidence of such appointment.

Execution of
documents.

6. All deeds and other instruments requiring the seal of the corporation shall be sealed in the presence of the said Procurator or his attorney and shall be signed by him or his attorney, and such signing shall be taken as sufficient evidence of the due sealing of such deeds and other instruments and all deeds instruments and other documents and writings requiring the signature of the corporation shall be signed by such Procurator or his attorney.

Saving of
the rights of
the Crown
and of
certain
other
persons.

7. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of His Majesty the King, His Heirs or Successors, or the rights of any body politic or corporate or of any other person except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance and those claiming by from or under them.

Objects and Reasons.

1. The education of adults to priesthood for the purpose of the Mission work having been entrusted to the Institute by the Holy See in Bengal, Burma and other cities in India, the Shan States, Hong Kong and Central China the acquisition of land and other hereditaments and premises for the erection and maintenance of a seminary is necessary for the purpose aforesaid and incorporation is considered desirable.

2. The Bill follows the form usual in Incorporation Ordinances of this nature particularly Ordinances Nos. 18 of 1927, 27 of 1929 and 9 of 1931.