

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 81.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th March, 1887.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Friday, the 11th February, 1887.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).

The Acting Registrar General.

Major T. C. DEMPSTER.

The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.

Dr. P. MANSON, LL.D.

N. J. EDE, Esquire.

HUGH McCALLUM, Esquire, (Secretary).

ABSENT :

The Colonial Surgeon.

Dr. Ho KAI.

The Minutes of a Meeting held on the 29th January, 1887, were read and confirmed.

2. The result of the experiment made last year of employing six coloured or Portuguese foremen to supervise street cleansing in the different districts of the city having been discussed,—in view of the improvement in street cleansing that had resulted from increased supervision,—it was resolved, that a letter be addressed to the Government recommending the permanent employment of the six foremen who were engaged, in November last, temporarily.

3. Two letters (Nos. $\frac{104}{87}$ and $\frac{211}{87}$) from the Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary with enclosures, having reference to the mortality in the French and Italian Convents, birth and death registration and the disease known as *Trismus Nascentium*, were laid on the table.

4. A letter (No. $\frac{2172}{1886}$), from the Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary with enclosures, on the subject of the over-crowding which exists in the city, more especially in coolie lodging houses, was considered. On the motion of Mr. EDE seconded by Dr. MANSON, it was resolved, that a letter be addressed to the Government submitting that, in the opinion of the Sanitary Board, it is very important that steps be taken at once to abate the over-crowding which exists in coolie lodging houses, and recommending that such houses should be registered, licensed and regulated, and that if the Government is of the opinion that the law as it now stands will not permit of this being done, the Board advises the passing of a short Ordinance giving the necessary powers pending the enactment of the new Public Health Bill.

5. A discussion took place regarding proposed Sanitary Works during the current year. It was agreed that the question should stand over for consideration until the map in course of preparation showing the drainage system of the city had been completed.

6. Resolved,—that a map showing the sections into which the city has been divided for the purpose of street cleansing be transmitted to the Captain Superintendent of Police, and that he be invited to direct the Police to report any neglect they may observe in the work of street cleansing.

7. A Return of the summonses applied for by the Inspectors of Nuisances during the week ending the 5th February, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary. The Return showed that 28 prosecutions had been instituted, that in each case a conviction had been obtained and that fines had been inflicted to the amount of \$36.

The Board then adjourned till Noon on Friday, the 25th February, 1887.

J. M. PRICE,
Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 4th day of March, 1887.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.