

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 104.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th March, 1887.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Friday, the 4th March, 1887.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).
The Acting Registrar General.
The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.
Dr. P. MANSON, LL.D.
N. J. EDE, Esquire.
HUGH McCALLUM, Esquire, (Secretary).

ABSENT :

The Colonial Surgeon.
Major F. C. DEMPSTER.
Dr. HO KAI.

The Minutes of a Meeting held on the 11th February, 1887, were read and confirmed.

2. Certain papers on the subject of the water supply of the city which is derived from wells together with a report by the Government Analyst on ninety samples of water drawn from such source were considered. Resolved;—that a beginning be at once made to close all polluted wells, dealing with those which are most polluted and liable to be used for drinking purposes first; and that the Acting Registrar General should be invited to warn all Chinese owners of wells, the waters from which have been found by chemical analysis to be polluted, that the waters from them should not be used for potable purposes.

3. A Return of the summonses applied for by the Inspectors of Nuisances during the weeks ending the 12th, 19th and 26th February, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary. The Return showed that 50 prosecutions had been instituted, that in 49 cases convictions had been obtained and that fines to the amount of \$132 had been inflicted.

4. A number of applications for the renewal of licences to keep cattle, goats, and swine were considered. The Secretary was instructed to issue the licences applied for.

5. A Report by the Sub-Committee to whom the question of sheep and swine markets had been referred was considered. Resolved;—that a letter should be addressed to the Government urging the early erection of proper sheep and swine markets in the neighbourhood of the cattle market at Kennedy Town, on the grounds that such markets would not only be a very great sanitary improvement, but that they would also yield return in the form of rent for the money expended in their erection.

6. On the motion of Mr. EDE, seconded by the Acting Registrar General, it was resolved, that a letter should be addressed to the Government recommending that, if the passing of the proposed new Public Health Bill in its entirety is likely to be delayed, the Council be asked to pass the Bill in the form in which it was submitted by the Sanitary Board with the exception of the clauses relating to the sufficiency of spaces in and around buildings.

The Board then adjourned till Noon on Friday, the 18th March, 1887.

J. M. PRICE,
Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 18th day of March, 1887.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.