

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 133.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th April, 1887.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Friday, the 18th March, 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 4th March, 1887, were read and confirmed.

2. A Return of the summonses applied for by the Inspectors of Nuisances during the weeks ending the 4th and 12th March, 1887; was laid on the table by the Secretary. The Return showed that 34 prosecutions had been instituted, that in each case a conviction had been obtained and that fines to the amount of \$55 had been inflicted.

3. A Report by the Government Analyst on an additional 100 samples of water drawn from different wells in the city was read. Resolved;—that all such wells as are declared by the Government Analyst to yield water which is evidently much polluted, be closed by the Board at the public expense.

4. A map showing the drainage system of the city was laid on the table by the Chairman.

5. The Chairman read a minute on the subject of sanitary works in the Colony and laid on the table the following Return:—

List of first instalment of drainage works undertaken during 1887 in accordance with the Government decision of 1883.

1. Traya East,	Finished,	\$	463.00
2. Middle Street,	„		2,500.00
3. Third Street,	„		735.00
4. Hollywood Road,	„		359.50
5. Gage Street,	„		355.00
6. Bonham Road,	„		1,000.00
7. Gap Street,	nearly	„	995.00
8. Stavely Street,	„	„	660.00
9. Robinson Road,	„	„	1,300.00
10. Cadogan Street,	in Progress,		1,180.00
11. Ship Street,	„		11,000.00
12. Market Lane Shektongtsui,	„		1,800.00
13. Seymour Road,	„		511.00
		Total,	\$22,858.50

J. M. PRICE,
Surveyor General.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1887.

6. A letter (No. $\frac{313}{87}$) from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary on the subject of overcrowding was read. Resolved,—That the Chairman, Dr. MANSON and the Secretary be appointed a sub-committee to consider the question of the minimum cubic space per adult person which should be provided in Chinese lodging-houses and tenement-dwellings to admit of the inmates thereof living healthy lives, and to submit a report thereon to the Board.

7. A letter (No. $\frac{332}{87}$) from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary intimating that His Excellency the Acting Governor would be glad to receive a copy of the bye-laws for the prevention of overcrowding referred to in the draft Public Health Bill submitted by the Board was read. The Chairman stated that he would draft the bye-laws in question and submit them for the consideration of the Board.

8. The Acting Registrar General stated that if the present Western Market was to be continued for any length of time it would be necessary to deal with the overcrowding which existed in it; the particulars of which he would submit to the Board at an early date.

9. On the motion of Major DEMPSTER, seconded by the Hon. A. P. McEWEN, it was resolved,—That in view of the decision of the Government to take measures for the abatement of overcrowding in native tenements in Victoria, a letter be addressed to the Colonial Secretary inviting the attention of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to the desirability of disposing, during the current year, of as much Crown Land as may be available in the vicinity of the town for building purposes with a view to facilitating the erection of new houses.

The Board then adjourned till Noon on Friday, the 1st April, 1887.

J. M. PRICE,
Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 6th day of April, 1887.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

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The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st March, 1887, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published for general information.

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BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,.....	978,080	330,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,.....	982,490	500,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,.....	2,979,967	1,500,000
TOTAL,.....\$	4,940,537	2,330,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 135.

The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 2nd April are published for general information.

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FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th April, 1887.