

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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 134.

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.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

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.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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