

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 171.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th April, 1887.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Wednesday, the 6th April, 1887.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).

The Acting Registrar General.

The Colonial Surgeon.

Major T. C. DEMPSTER.

Dr. P. MANSON, LL.D.

N. J. EDE, Esquire.

Dr. Ho Kai.

HUGH McCALLUM, Esquire, (Secretary).

ABSENT :

The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.

The Minutes of a meeting held on the 18th March, 1887, were read and confirmed.

2. A Return by the Acting Registrar General showing the number of births and infantile deaths registered during the month of February, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary. On the motion of Dr. MANSON, it was resolved, that the Secretary should endeavour to discover the causes which lead to Marasmus being the most fatal disease among the children in the Italian Convent, and Trismus Nascentium in the French Convent and report to the Board.

3. On the motion of Dr. MANSON, it was resolved, that a copy of the Mortality Statistics which are published weekly in the *Government Gazette* should be sent regularly to each registered Medical Practitioner in the Colony.

4. The admission of children suffering from Small-pox into the French Convent was considered. Resolved;—that as arrangements are nearly completed to admit of the isolation and proper treatment of infectious diseases in the Convent there is no need for the Board to move in the matter.

5. A letter (No. $\frac{403}{87}$) from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary,—informing the Board that its recommendation regarding the sale of Crown land in the vicinity of the town with a view to alleviating overcrowding in native tenements was receiving the attention of His Excellency the Acting Governor,—was read.

6. A Report by the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of the minimum cubic space per adult person which should be provided in lodging-houses and in tenement-dwellings was considered. Resolved;—that, to enable the people to live healthy lives, the minimum free air space which should be permitted in lodging-houses and tenement-dwellings is three hundred cubic feet for each adult person.

7. The Secretary was instructed to notify the keepers of certain lodging-houses that if the overcrowding which exists in their lodging-houses is not abated within six weeks from the date of receiving the notice,—proceedings will be instituted against them under Section 3 of Ordinance 7 of 1883.

8. A draft of the Bye-laws proposed to be made under the new *Public Health Ordinance* for the prevention of overcrowding in tenement-dwellings was read and, subject to certain amendments, agreed to.

The Board then adjourned till Noon on Friday, the 22nd April, 1887.

J. M. PRICE,
Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of April, 1887.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a special meeting held in the Board Room on Wednesday, the 13th April, 1887.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).
 The Acting Registrar General.
 The Colonial Surgeon.
 Major T. C. DEMPSTER.
 The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.
 Dr. P. MANSON, LL.D.
 N. J. EDE, Esquire.
 Dr. HO KAI.
 HUGH McCALLUM, Esquire, (Secretary).

The amended draft Bye-laws which it is proposed to make under the new *Public Health Ordinance* for the prevention of overcrowding in tenement-dwellings were read and, subject to some further amendment, agreed to.

Draft Bye-laws Nos. 1 to 12 which it is proposed to make under the new *Public Health Ordinance* for the proper sanitary maintenance of common lodging-houses were read and, subject to certain amendments, agreed to.

The Board then adjourned till 5 P.M. on Thursday, the 14th April, 1887.

J. M. PRICE,
 Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of April, 1887.

HUGH McCALLUM,
 Secretary.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a special meeting held in the Board Room on Thursday, the 14th April, 1887.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).
 N. J. EDE, Esquire.
 Dr. HO KAI.
 HUGH McCALLUM, Esquire, (Secretary).

ABSENT:

The Acting Registrar General.
 The Colonial Surgeon.
 Major T. C. DEMPSTER.
 The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.
 Dr. P. MANSON.

Draft Bye-laws Nos. 13 to 24 which it is proposed to make under the new *Public Health Ordinance* for the proper sanitary maintenance of common lodging-houses were read and, subject to certain amendments, agreed to.

Resolved;—that the amended draft Bye-laws which it is proposed to make under the new *Public Health Ordinance* for the prevention of overcrowding in tenement-dwellings and for the proper sanitary maintenance of common lodging-houses, be transmitted to the Government for favourable consideration.

The Board then adjourned.

J. M. PRICE,
 Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of April, 1887.

HUGH McCALLUM,
 Secretary.