

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 238.

The following extracts from the Minutes of the Sanitary Board are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th June, 1887.

Extracts from the Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Tuesday, the 10th May, 1887.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).
The Acting Registrar General.
The Colonial Surgeon.
Major T. C. DEMPSTER.
Dr. P. MANSON, LL.D.
Dr. Ho Kai.
HUGH McCALLUM, Esquire, (Secretary).

ABSENT :

The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.
N. J. EDE, Esquire, (on leave).

The Minutes of a meeting held on the 28th April, 1887, were read and confirmed.

A Return by the Acting Registrar General showing the number of births and infantile deaths registered during the month of March, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary.

A Return of the summonses applied for by the Inspectors of Nuisances during the weeks ending the 30th April and 7th May, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary. The Return showed that 44 prosecutions had been instituted, that in each case a conviction had been obtained, and that fines to the amount of \$65 had been inflicted.

A Report on the subject of erecting free public latrines in the localities where such conveniences are most required was considered. It was agreed that the matter should stand over pending the completion of the plan of the proposed structures.

The Acting Registrar General having expressed an opinion that the overcrowding which exists in the Western Market should be dealt with by the Board, it was resolved that the Chairman, the Acting Registrar General and the Secretary should form a sub-committee to enquire into the subject and report to the Board.

The question of closing polluted wells was again considered. On the motion of the Colonial Surgeon, seconded by the Acting Registrar General, it was resolved that, in view of the early completion of the new water-supply, no further steps be taken to close private wells which have been found by chemical analysis to be polluted, except in cases where it can be proved that the water has actually caused disease; and that the Acting Registrar General be invited to inform the owners of such wells as have been found to yield polluted waters that their wells are polluted, and that the waters from them should only be used for cleansing and flushing purposes.

A letter (No. $1\frac{11}{87}$) from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, concerning the publication of certain correspondence on the subject of the *Public Health Bill* was read. Resolved;—that the correspondence together with a copy of the Bill transmitted by the Board to the Government as well as a copy of the Bill which has been read a first time in the Legislative Council be circulated among the Members of the Board.

A letter (No. $1\frac{9}{87}$) from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, concerning the sanitation of Grant-in-aid Schools, was considered. Resolved;—the Board concurs with the proposal made by the Inspector of Schools, to transfer from the Educational Department to the Sanitary Board the sanitary supervision of Grant-in-aid Schools.

The Board then adjourned till 5 P.M. on Tuesday, the 24th May, 1887.

PH. B. C. AYRES,
Acting Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 7th day of June, 1887.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.