

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 277.

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, 2nd July, 1887.

Extracts from the Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Tuesday, the 7th June, 1887.

PRESENT :

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

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Surveyor General.
N. J. EDE, Esquire, (on leave).
Dr. HO KAI.

The Minutes of a meeting held on the 10th May, 1887, were read and confirmed.

A Return of the summonses applied for by the Inspectors of Nuisances during the weeks ending the 14th, 21st and 28th May, and the 4th June, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary. The Return showed that 101 prosecutions had been instituted, that in 98 cases convictions had been obtained, and that fines to the amount of \$177.75 had been inflicted.

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

A letter (No. 787) from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, enquiring how the clear internal space referred to in clause 81 of the *Public Health Bill* is to be ascertained, was read. Resolved;—that the clear internal space mentioned in clause 81 of the *Public Health Bill* shall be ascertained by measuring the total cubic space within the four walls of each storey, and then deducting the space occupied by such staircases and passages therein as are partitioned off from floor to ceiling, and also the space occupied by boxes, chests and other articles detracting from the gross air-space contained within the four walls of the storey.

A Report by the Secretary, pointing out the danger of conveying infectious corpses from the rural districts to the city mortuary, and the desirability of having small mortuaries at the outlying cemeteries to which the bodies of persons dying suddenly can be deposited, pending investigation being made as to the cause of death, was considered. Resolved;—that small mortuaries of the kind mentioned in the Secretary's report be erected at the various outlying cemeteries.

The Secretary reported that the steam-launch *Stanley* was handed over to the Board on the 1st instant, and that she had begun to tow the conservancy boats to and from their stations.

A letter from the Acting Registrar General, reporting that a notice has been served upon the Householders and Tenants of such premises as have wells which have been reported by the Government Analyst to be polluted, warning them that the water from such wells should only be used for flushing and cleansing purposes, was laid on the table.

The Board then adjourned till 5 P.M. on Tuesday, the 21st June, 1887.

J. M. PRICE,
Chairman.

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

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

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The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 25th ultimo are published for general information.

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