

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 470.

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th November, 1887.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Tuesday, the 18th of October, 1887.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).
The Colonial Surgeon. .
The Registrar General.
The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.
DR. PATRICK MANSON, LL.D.
DR. JAMES CANTLIE.
MR. WM. EDWARD CROW, (Secretary).

ABSENT:

Major T. C. DEMPSTER.
Dr. Ho Kai.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th of July, 1887, were read and confirmed.

1. The Secretary announced the decision of the Government authorizing the Sanitary Board to hold its meetings with open doors after the passing of the new *Public Health Ordinance*, the Board having the power to go into Committee with closed doors on matters which in its opinion it would not be conducive to public interest to publish.

2. The question of the power of the Board to make nocturnal inspections of tenements for the purpose of abating overcrowding was again considered, and ordered to stand over pending reference to the new *Public Health Ordinance* dealing with this subject.

3. A Return of the summonses applied for by the Inspectors of Nuisances during the ten weeks, ending the 8th of October, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary. The Return showed that 248 prosecutions had been instituted, that 238 convictions had been obtained, and that fines to the amount of \$407.50 had been inflicted. One case was remanded, and of the nine discharged, five were with a caution.

4. A Return by the Registrar General showing the number of births and infantile deaths during the months of July and August was laid on the table by the Secretary.

5. The question raised by the Honourable A. P. McEWEN at a previous meeting of the Board, of removing the licensed brothels to the outskirts of the city with a view of relieving the overcrowding at present existing in the Central districts was again considered: after a discussion it was decided to postpone the further consideration of this matter.

The Board then adjourned until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 1st of November.

J. M. PRICE,
Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 1st day of November, 1887.

WM. EDWARD CROW,
Secretary.

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The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 29th October are published for general information.

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