

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 518.

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th December, 1887.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Tuesday, the 1st of November, 1887.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).
The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.
Major T. C. DEMPSTER.
Dr. PATRICK MANSON, LL.D.
Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.
Mr. WM. EDWARD CROW, (Secretary).

ABSENT:

The Colonial Surgeon.
The Registrar General.
Dr. HO KAI.

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

1. The discussion on the power of entry into private tenements and common lodging houses was resumed. The Secretary read extracts from the new *Public Health Ordinance* showing what powers are vested in the authorities in securing evidence that overcrowding exists in such dwellings.

2. A suggestion by Dr. BUCHANAN, the Medical Officer to the Local Government Board concerning the use of iron salts as a disinfectant of excretal matter during an outbreak of Cholera was considered. On the recommendation of the Medical Members of the Board, it was decided to use the ferrous or proto-sulphate of iron for this purpose.

3. The question of the necessity of continuing the services of the six foremen of scavenging, &c., was discussed. Resolved,—that the Secretary request sanction of the Government for adding these six foremen to the permanent Sanitary Staff.

4. The Secretary reported the arrival of Mr. C. V. LADDS, M.R.C.V.S., the Inspector of Live Stock and Markets, and was directed to draw up and submit to the Board a code of instructions for Mr. LADDS' information and guidance.

5. Letters from H. B. M.'s Acting Consul at Chefoo, dated October 14th and 24th, reporting the occurrence of Cholera at that Port, were laid on the table by the Secretary.

6. Read a letter from Mr. VERNON concerning a nuisance existing in Robinson Road.

7. A Return of the Summonses applied for by the Inspectors of Nuisances during the three weeks ending the 29th of October, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary. The Return showed that 40 prosecutions had been instituted, that 38 convictions had been obtained, and that fines to the amount of \$213.25 had been inflicted.

The Board then adjourned.

J. M. PRICE,
Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 6th day of December, 1887.

WM. EDWARD CROW,
Secretary.

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The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 3rd December are published for general information.

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