

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 19.

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th January, 1888.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Wednesday, the 21st of December, 1887.

## PRESENT:

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

## ABSENT:

Dr. HO KAI.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of December, 1887, were read and confirmed.

1. A return of the Summonses applied for by the Inspectors of Nuisances during the fortnight ending December 17th, 1887, was laid on the table by the Secretary. The Return showed that 52 prosecutions had been instituted, that in 51 cases convictions had been obtained, and that fines to the amount of \$120 had been inflicted.

2. A petition from the meat-stall holders in the Sokonpoo market praying for the re-establishing of the Eastern Slaughter-house was considered. Resolved,—The Board are of opinion that it is very desirable to concentrate the landing and slaughtering of all cattle in one single place in order to secure efficient supervision, and recommend therefore that for the present no new slaughter-house or cattle pen be erected in the Eastern district more especially as the consumption of meat in that district appears to be limited to 2 bullocks and 18 pigs a day.

Mr. McEWEN dissented from the recommendation as he considered that it would be a great boon to the inhabitants of the Eastern district, including the Military who are quartered there, to have a separate slaughter-house and also because he considered the present slaughtering place at West Point inadequate.

3. Returns by the Registrar General showing the number of births and infantile deaths during the Months of September and October were laid on the table by the Secretary.

4. The Secretary submitted a statement of the number of cases of Small-pox reported at the Sanitary Office during the months. Resolved,—That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. MANSON, Dr. CANTLIE, the Registrar General, and the Acting Sanitary Inspector be appointed to consider the steps that should be taken for stamping out the disease.

The Board then adjourned.

J. M. PRICE,  
*Chairman.*

Read and confirmed, this 10th day of January, 1888.

WM. EDWARD CROW,  
*Secretary.*