

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 246.

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th June, 1888.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Tuesday, the 10th of April, 1888.

## PRESENT:

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman).

The Colonial Surgeon.

The Registrar General.

The Honourable A. P. MAC EWEN.

Major T. C. DEMPSTER.

Dr. PATRICK MANSON, LL.D.

Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.

Dr. HO KAI.

Mr. WM. EDWARD CROW, (Secretary).

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of March, 1888, were read and confirmed.

1. The question of granting licences for the keeping in private sheds of cattle intended for slaughtering was considered, and the Secretary was directed to forward to the Colonial Secretary the Board's recommendation that measures should be introduced to make the keeping of such cattle, in the Government depôt at Kennedy Town, compulsory.

The Secretary was further directed to invite the attention of the Government to the extreme desirability of considering at an early date the question of the housing of sheep and swine, as the present arrangements are far from satisfactory.

2. Read a minute from Mr. FORD concerning the granting of grazing permits to goat keepers. The Secretary was directed to give effect to the Board's recommendation that, whenever goat licences were issued on behalf of the Board, a memo. should be attached informing licencees that permits, granting authority to graze, would be issued by the Director of the Botanical and Afforestation Department.

3. Read a letter (No. 368) from the Colonial Secretary regarding the establishing of an epidemic hospital in a suburban site as recommended by the Board at its last meeting. It was decided to let the question stand over for further consideration pending an enquiry by the Chairman and the Colonial Surgeon, as to the accommodation it would be necessary to provide for nurses, attendants, &c.

4. A recommendation of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department to plant *Cryptomeria Japonica* in the gathering ground of the Pokfulam Reservoir was considered. Resolved,—the Board concur in Mr. FORD's proposition, but would suggest that the trees be planted at considerable distances apart. The Chairman dissented on the ground that it was not desirable to encourage vegetation in the gathering ground of the Reservoir, but waived his objection in view of the otherwise unanimous opinion of the Board.

5. The Secretary reported that the mat-sheds at the Civil Hospital which had been put up for the accommodation of Small-pox patients during the recent epidemic were no longer needed by the Medical authorities and requested instructions as to their disposal. The Board advised that the structures be burnt on the spot, the fir poles alone being disinfected and saved.

The Board then adjourned.

J. M. PRICE,  
*Chairman.*

Read and confirmed, this 31st day of May, 1888.

WM. EDWARD CROW,  
*Honorary Secretary.*