

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 332.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st July, 1888.

SANITARY BOARD, No. 1.

THURSDAY, 21ST JUNE, 1888.

PRESENT:

The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.
The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Vice-President.
The Surveyor General, (The Honourable JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).
The Registrar General, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, Esquire).
JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esq., Q.C.
The Honourable WONG SHING.
Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.
Dr. HO KAI.

The Board met pursuant to notice.

STANDING ORDERS.—The President moved that a Sub-Committee, consisting of The Captain Superintendent of Police, the Surveyor General and Mr. FRANCIS, be appointed to draw up Standing Orders for regulating the mode and order of procedure of the Board Meetings.

Dr. HO KAI seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BYE-LAWS.—Mr. FRANCIS moved that the Bye-Laws to be made under sub-sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 17, 19 and 20 of section 13 of the *Public Health Ordinance* be considered to the exclusion of all others.

Dr. HO KAI seconded.

The Board divided :—

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mr. FRANCIS.	The President.
Dr. HO KAI.	Vice-President.
Dr. CANTLIE.	The Surveyor General.
	The Registrar General.
	Mr. HUMPHREYS.
	Mr. WONG SHING.
	Mr. EDE.

Motion lost by four votes.

The President proposed that a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Surveyor General, Mr. HUMPHREYS and Mr. EDE be appointed to frame Bye-Laws under sub-sections 1, 2 and 3 of section 13.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The President proposed that a Sub-Committee consisting of Dr. CANTLIE, Mr. FRANCIS, Dr. HO KAI, The Surveyor General and the Colonial Surgeon be appointed to consider the Bye-Laws to be made under sub-sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 17, 19 and 20 of section 13.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the President it was agreed to let the consideration of the remaining eleven sub-sections stand over for the present.

29th May,
1888.

LICENCE FOR KEEPING COWS.—Read a letter from the Honourable J. BELL-IRVING applying for a licence to keep cows at “East Point” and at “The Mount” (Hill District). Resolved,—That the application be granted.

20th June,
1888.

REMOVAL OF HUMAN REMAINS.—Considered a minute by the Captain Superintendent of Police on an application from LI LEUNG-I for permission to remove the remains of a relative from Mount Davis. The Board gave permission for their removal.

19th June,
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1888.

CONSERVANCY CONTRACT.—Read letters from Captain YEATHERD, Mr. ORANGE and Mr. DENNYS complaining of neglect on the part of the Government Conservancy Contractor in respect of their residences in the Hill District. Resolved,—That the attention of the Contractor be drawn to the clause of his contract regarding the conservancy of the Hill District and that letters be addressed to Captain YEATHERD and Messrs. ORANGE and DENNYS suggesting the advisability of their taking out a summons against the Contractor, as the Board had no power to fine or punish him of their own authority.

C.S.O. 1322,
7th June,
1888.

VISIT MADE BY THE COLONIAL SURGEON TO THE ISLAND OF CHEUNG CHAU.—Read a letter from the Colonial Surgeon reporting the result of the visit he had made to the neighbouring Island of Cheung Chau to investigate the sickness reported to be prevailing there. Resolved,—That a copy of the Colonial Surgeon's letter be circulated among the Members of the Board.

C.S.O. 1240.

SUBSIDENCE OF CHOLERA AT AMOY.—Read a letter, dated June 2nd, 1888, from H.B.M.'s Consul at Amoy reporting that no further cases of Cholera had occurred in that port beyond the four cases previously reported as having occurred on board the Steam-ship *Cheang Hyeteng*.

20th June,
1888.

YAUMATI SLAUGHTER-HOUSE AND CATTLE DEPÔT.—A letter on this subject from the Inspector of Live Stock was ordered to be circulated among the Board and to be brought up for consideration at the next meeting.

11th June,
1888.

HEALTH OF THE COLONY.—Read a letter from Mr. N. J. EDE concerning the sickness prevailing in the Colony and the measures that should be taken to prevent the disease spreading. The President stated that certain steps had already been taken in the matter.

No. 805,
18th June,
1888.

SANITARY SUPERINTENDENT.—Read a letter from the Colonial Secretary stating that Mr. H. MCCALLUM, Sanitary Superintendent and Secretary to the Board, had applied for and received the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to visit certain towns in the United Kingdom with a view to studying their systems of sanitation.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 28th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

PH. B. C. AYRES,
President.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of June, 1888.

WM. EDWARD CROW,
Acting Secretary.

SANITARY BOARD, No. 2.

THURSDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1888.

PRESENT:

The Colonial Surgeon. (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.
The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Vice-President.
The Surveyor General. (The Honourable JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).
The Registrar General, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, Esquire).
JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.
The Honourable WONG SHING.
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.
Dr. HO KAI.

ABSENT:

Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 21st instant, were read and confirmed.

VISIT MADE BY THE COLONIAL SURGEON TO THE ISLAND OF CHEUNG CHAU.—The report on this subject was laid on the table.

CONSERVANCY CONTRACT.—Considered a letter from Mr. ORANGE, commenting on the decision arrived at by the Board at a previous Meeting with regard to certain complaints from residents in the Hill Districts of a non-fulfilment of the Conservancy Contract.

• Mr. FRANCIS moved that the Board confirm the resolution on this subject passed at the last Meeting.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Mr. EDE moved, as an amendment, that the Board take the matter up and prosecute the Government Contractor.

The Registrar General seconded.

The Board divided :—

For

The President.
The Surveyor General.
The Registrar General.
Mr. EDE.
Mr. HUMPHREYS.
Mr. WONG SHING.

Against

The Captain Superintendent of Police.
Mr. FRANCIS.
Dr. HO KAI.

Amendment carried by a majority of *three*.

HEALTH OF THE COLONY.—The following Minute by His Excellency the Governor, which had been previously circulated among the Members of the Board, was taken as read :—

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

The number of sudden deaths which are daily occurring preceded by vomiting and purging, renders it certain that whatever may be its exact nature, we have prevalent among us a most dangerous disease of a choleraic character.

Under these circumstances I am of opinion that other measures of prevention and precaution are required than have as yet been taken. The serious attention of the Board should, I think, be at once directed to the question of closing all contaminated Wells, and to the passing of the necessary bye-law on the subject. Though the Chinese habit of drinking water only after it has been boiled, no doubt produces comparative immunity from this source of danger, there must, I presume be always some danger from water-poisoning, so long as plates, dishes, clothing, &c. are washed in unboiled water. I am advised that abundance of water in the Pokfulam Reservoir, together with the prospect of the Tytam Works being available within a few months renders it safe to permit a continuous supply from the present mains, so that the inconvenience that would otherwise arise from the closing of Wells may be largely obviated. Possibly it might be entirely prevented by the provision of additional pipes and hydrants.

As regards the free supply of medicines I am of opinion that this should be rendered more generally available. Many Chinese shopkeepers might, no doubt, be found who would distribute medicine to those requiring it; and I am disposed to think that the people would more readily resort to them for supplies than to the Police Stations. If I am rightly informed that the Chinese have a strong prejudice against liquid medicine for cholera, that provided should be as far as possible solid.

While it is unnecessary to point out that special measures should be taken to enforce cleanliness, I am of opinion that, in order to render them as little as possible unpalatable to the people, their object should be plainly stated in a public notice.

The opportunity might at the same time be taken for issuing some simple directions for precaution against Cholera, and for its treatment in its initiatory stages. The pamphlet "Cholera, how to prevent and oppose it" which was published by the Sanitary Board in 1885, no doubt contains very valuable hints for the intelligent, but it appears to me too elaborate for the ignorant, and the directions are in some respects inapplicable to the case of the poor, besides requiring supplement to provide for the peculiar local conditions. I request the earnest attention of the Board to these points; and I have full confidence that the Members will, both collectively and individually, use their utmost exertions to devise and carry out all practicable measures for combating the epidemic.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th June, 1888.

Mr. FRANCIS moved that the Acting Sanitary Superintendent be instructed to report to the Board as to the situation and number of the Wells referred to in His Excellency's Minute, distinguishing public from private Wells and stating the degree of pollution of each.

Dr. Ho KAI seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. FRANCIS moved that the Sanitary Surveyor be instructed to report on the means of supplying water to the inhabitants of the neighbourhoods in which polluted Wells exist, in case the Wells should be closed, and to suggest sites for hydrants or other means for a temporary supply of water as suggested in His Excellency's Minute.

Dr. Ho KAI seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved that a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Colonial Surgeon, the Registrar General and Dr. Ho KAI, be appointed to take the necessary steps for establishing throughout the Colony centres for the free distribution of Medicine as suggested in His Excellency's Minute.

Mr. FRANCIS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE AND CATTLE DEPÔT AT YAUMATI.—It was agreed on the motion of the President to let the consideration of this question stand over pending further enquiry by the Acting Secretary.

PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY.—Mr. HUMPHREYS asked for permission to move the following resolution :—

That, with a view to prevent the possibility of the water-shed of any reservoir of water becoming polluted by the coolies or work-people employed on land which drains into such water-shed, the Board do recommend :—

1. The construction of a catch-water drain to carry the drainage of such land below the level of the gathering area of the dam of the reservoir in danger of pollution.
2. The thinning out of the trees if necessary to reduce the cover and the facilities it offers for pollution.
3. The construction of a fence to keep the coolies within the boundaries of the lot they are working upon.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. FRANCIS proposed that the Senior Inspector of Nuisances be directed to examine and report on the contractors sheds and buildings above the Glenealy ravine and any other place that may be pointed out to him by Mr. HUMPHREYS, and to report on their present state.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

H. M. S. "IMPERIEUSE."—Read minutes by the Health Officer of the Port and the Colonial Surgeon regarding the death of a seaman on board H.M.S. *Imperieuse*.

ALLOWANCE FOR CONVEYANCE TO THE INSPECTOR OF LIVE STOCK.—The Secretary was directed to forward for the consideration of the Government the Board's recommendation that the Inspector of Live Stock should receive an additional allowance of \$6 a month for conveyance.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 5th of July, at 4.30 P.M.

PH. B. C. AYRES,
President.

Read and confirmed this 5th day of July, 1888.

WM. EDWARD CROW,
Acting Secretary.

SANITARY BOARD, No. 3.

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY, 1888.

PRESENT :

The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.
 The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Vice-President.
 The Surveyor General, (The Honourable JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).
 The Registrar General, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, Esquire).
 JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
 JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.
 The Honourable WONG SHING.
 Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.
 NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.
 Dr. HO KAI.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 28th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

STANDING ORDERS.—On the motion of the President the Board went into Committee for the consideration of the Standing Orders framed by the Sub-Committee appointed on the 21st ultimo.

After certain alterations had been approved of by the Board, the Surveyor General moved, and the Captain Superintendent of Police seconded, that the Standing Orders as amended be adopted by the Board.

Question—put and passed.

THE GLENEALY WATER-SUPPLY.—Read a report by the Senior Inspector of Nuisances on the condition of the collecting ground of this Water-supply. Resolved,—That the Acting Secretary take steps for the removal, from Inland Lot No. 646, of the kitchen refuse alluded to in the Senior Inspector's Report.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES.—Read the reports of the Colonial Surgeon and the Registrar General on the action taken in the matter of the distribution of medicines referred to in His Excellency the Governor's minute of 26th ultimo.

On the motion of Mr. FRANCIS directions were given for replying to the Colonial Secretary's letter of the 26th ultimo, enclosing a minute by His Excellency the Governor on this subject, stating the steps taken and also intimating that the subject of closing the wells in the city was still under consideration.

FOREMAN OF STREET CLEANERS.—Read a minute by the Acting Sanitary Superintendent reporting the retirement of Foreman JAMES BADGER and suggesting that Mr. JOHN FERDES be recommended to Government for the vacant post. Resolved,—That the Acting Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

DISINFECTANTS.—Read a minute by the Acting Sanitary Superintendent recommending the purchase of a supply of Jeye's Fluid. Resolved,—That the Acting Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

ALLEGED NUISANCES IN PRIVATE LANES.—Certain reports on these matters were ordered to stand over for further enquiry.

NOTICES OF MOTION.—The Surveyor General gave notice that at the next Meeting he would move,—
That a select Committee be appointed to prepare Standing Orders for the guidance of the Officers of the Board.

Mr. FRANCIS gave notice that at the next Meeting he would move,—

That a Committee of three be appointed to conduct the ordinary business of the Board during the intervals between its Meetings, (under Section 12 of the Public Health Ordinance).

Dr. CANTLIE gave notice that at the next Meeting he would move,—

That the Sanitary Engineer shall attend Board Meetings when required to do so by any Member of the Board, but that in all cases two clear days' notice shall be given to him through the Secretary with an intimation of the subjects he is likely to be examined upon.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 12th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

PH. B. C. AYRES.
President.

Read and confirmed this 12th day of July, 1888.

WM. EDWARD CROW,
Acting Secretary.

SANITARY BOARD, No. 4.

THURSDAY, 12TH JULY, 1888.

PRESENT :

The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.
 The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Vice-President.
 The Surveyor General, (The Honourable JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).
 The Registrar General, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, Esquire).
 JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
 JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.
 The Honourable WONG SHING.
 Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.
 NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.
 Dr. HO KAI.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 5th July, were read and confirmed.

G.S.O.
1677 of 1888.

STANDING ORDERS.—Read approval of the Government for the publication in the *Government Gazette* of the Standing Orders.

G.S.O.
1679 of 1888.

FOREMAN OF STREET CLEANERS.—Read approval of the Government for the appointment of Mr. JOHN FERDES to be a Foreman of Street Cleaners.

YAUMATI SLAUGHTER-HOUSE AND CATTLE DEPÔT.—Read a Minute by the Acting Secretary on a report on this subject by the Inspector of Live Stock.

Resolved—That a recommendation, setting forth the extreme desirability of provision being made in next year's Estimates for the construction of a Slaughter-House and Cattle Depôt at Yaumati, be transmitted for the consideration of the Government.

8th July.
1888.

WATER SUPPLY.—Read a report by the Senior Inspector of Nuisances on the condition of the Valley on the Western side of Richmond Terrace and Westbourne Villas.

Resolved—On the motion of the Surveyor General, seconded by Mr. HUMPHREYS, that the report be referred to the Acting Sanitary Superintendent with instructions to take the necessary steps to prevent the occurrence of any nuisances regarded as probable by the Senior Inspector.

No. 118 M.

ALLEGED NUISANCE IN A PRIVATE LANE.—Read a Minute by the Acting Secretary on a letter from the Captain Superintendent of Police, enclosing a letter of complaint as to certain bad smells in Wing Shing Street.

Resolved—That the Board take no action in the matter.

No. 227.

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY.—Read a letter from the Colonial Secretary concerning the Board's resolution on this subject which had been forwarded for the information of the Government.

No. 949.

HEALTH OF THE COLONY.—Read a letter from the Colonial Secretary in reply to the Board's letter informing him of the steps that had been taken by the Sub-Committee appointed on the 28th ultimo, to give effect to certain of the suggestions made by the Governor in His Excellency's Minute of the 26th ultimo.

Mr. FRANCIS moved, that the letter be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. HO KAI, Dr. CANTLIE, and the Registrar General, with instructions to prepare fresh memoranda on the lines indicated by His Excellency.

The Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and passed.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.—The Surveyor General, pursuant to notice, moved:—

That a select Committee be appointed to prepare Standing Orders for the guidance of the Officers of the Board.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Mr. FRANCIS moved as an amendment:—

That pending the preparation of the By-Laws under the Health Ordinance, the Officers of the Board be directed to act under the instructions issued under the authority of the late Board and according to the practice.

Dr. HO KAI seconded.

The Surveyor General submitted that the amendment would answer the same purpose as the original motion except that the new Officers of the Board would have no instructions.

Mr. FRANCIS thereupon added the following to his amendment:—

And that the Sanitary Surveyor be instructed to see to the carrying out of Part III of the Health Ordinance, referring to new Buildings, and to refer all doubtful questions arising thereon to the Board or to the Select Committee.

The amendment, on being put, was carried unanimously.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD.—Mr. FRANCIS, pursuant to notice, moved:—

That a Committee of three be appointed to conduct the ordinary business of the Board during the intervals between its Meetings, (under Section 12 of the Public Health Ordinance).

On the motion of the Registrar General, seconded by Mr. EDE, the Board went into Committee.

After a discussion and after a motion for the adjournment of the debate, proposed by Mr. HUMPHREYS and seconded by Dr. HO KAI, had been lost, Mr. FRANCIS withdrew his motion.

The Captain Superintendent of Police then moved:—

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 12, the conduct of the executive business of the Board be carried on by the President in the intervals between its Meetings, until further notice.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Board resumed.

SANITARY ENGINEER.—Dr. CANTLIE, pursuant to notice, moved:—

That the Sanitary Engineer shall attend Board Meetings when required to do so by any Member of the Board, but that in all cases two clear days' notice shall be given to him through the Secretary with an intimation of the subjects he is likely to be examined upon.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

After a statement by the Surveyor General, Dr. CANTLIE withdrew his motion.

BY-LAWS.—The Surveyor General moved, and the Registrar General seconded, that the Board go into Committee for the consideration of the By-Laws, (Sub-sections 1, 2 and 3 of Section 13 of the *Public Health Ordinance*), framed by the Sub-Committee appointed on the 21st ultimo.

Dr. HO KAI moved, as an amendment, that the By-Laws be considered this day week.

Mr. FRANCIS seconded.

The amendment on being put to the Meeting was carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. FRANCIS gave notice that at the next Meeting he would move,—

That the Secretary be directed to lay on the table at each Meeting of the Board a summary of the business disposed of by the President, and of the work done by the Officers of the Board during the interval since the last Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 19th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

PH. B. C. AYRES,
President.

Read and confirmed this 19th day of July, 1888.

WM. EDWARD CROW,
Acting Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 333.

The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 14th July are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st July, 1888.