

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 18.

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By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th January, 1889.

No. 1.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD at a meeting held on Thursday, the 3rd of January, 1889:—

PRESENT :

The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.
The Surveyor General, (The Honourable JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).
The Registrar General, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, Esquire).
JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
The Honourable WONG SHING.
Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th of December, 1888, were read and confirmed.

No. 15,
3rd January,
1889. **Bye-Laws.**—Read a letter from the Colonial Secretary stating that the Board's Bye-Laws under Sub-section 24 of Section 13 of *The Public Health Ordinance, 1887*, had been approved by the Legislative Council.

Resolved,—that a letter be addressed to the Government recommending that the Regulation of the 17th of December, 1887, under *Ordinance No. 7 of 1883*, regarding the compulsory notification of Small-pox, be now repealed.

19th December,
1888. **Beri-beri.**—Laid on the table a report by Dr. CANTLIE on the papers concerning the prevalence of this disease in the Colony.

Resolved,—that the report be printed.

Mortality Returns.—Laid on the table returns by the Registrar General showing the deaths registered during the weeks ended the 15th and 22nd ultimo.

3rd January,
1889. **Hunghom Market.**—Read a report by the Acting Sanitary Superintendent on the steps that should be taken for the permanent Sanitary maintenance of this building.

Resolved,—that the report be adopted.

Bye-Laws.—The Board resumed consideration in Committee of the Bye-Laws under Sub-section 19 of Section 13 of *The Public Health Ordinance, 1887*, regarding the compulsory vacating and disinfection of infected premises.

Bye-Laws reported with amendments.

Resolved,—that the Bye-Laws as amended be submitted to the Governor for approval in Legislative Council.

Standing Orders.—The Registrar General moved that Standing Orders Nos. 1 and 4 be amended as follows:—

No. 1.—The Ordinary Meetings of the Sanitary Board shall be held on a day and at a time to be fixed by the Board in each alternate week, but the President may call a Meeting of the Board in any case which may seem to him to be one of emergency, and at that Meeting subjects deemed urgent only shall be discussed.

No. 4.—If four Members be not present at a quarter of an hour after the time appointed for the Meeting the Board shall stand adjourned until the next ordinary day of Meeting.

The Surveyor General seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Notices of motion.—The Surveyor general gave notice that at the next Meeting he would move:—

1. That the Executive branch of the Sanitary Board be requested to prepare for the consideration of the Board draft instructions for the guidance of its Officers.
2. That the Committee appointed to consider the Bye-Laws under Sub-section 6 of Section 13 of "The Public Health Ordinance, 1887," be discharged, and that the Executive branch of the Sanitary Board be called upon to submit for the consideration of the Board a set of draft Bye-Laws under this Sub-section.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Wednesday, the 16th instant, at 4.15 P.M.

PH. B. C. AYRES,
President.

Read and confirmed this 16th day of January, 1889.

WM. EDWARD CROW,
Acting Secretary.