

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 141.

It is hereby notified that, under instructions from the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint His Honour FIELDING CLARKE, Esquire, Bachelor-of-Laws, to be Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in succession to His Honour JAMES RUSSELL, Esquire, C.M.G., promoted.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th March, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 142.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint ALFRED PARKER STOKES, Esquire, to be Acting Crown Solicitor during the absence of ALFRED BULMER JOHNSON, Esquire.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th March, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 143

The following notification is substituted for the one bearing the same number and date published in the *Government Gazette* of the 23rd instant.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th March, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 124.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, Acting Registrar General, to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, *vice* the Honourable JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, absent on leave.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 144.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th March, 1889.

No. 7.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD at a meeting held on Wednesday, the 20th of March, 1889:—

PRESENT :

The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.
 The Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, Esquire).
 The Honourable WONG SHING.
 NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.
 JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th instant, were read and confirmed.

Building Bill.—Sections 50 to 54 were considered:—

SECTIONS 50 & 51.—Mr. EDE moved:—

That as there seems to be no provision in the new Building Bill for an open space whereon to build a privy such as is described in the Bill, some provision should be made for a small open yard or space for that purpose, especially in regard to tenement houses, but if this be not found practicable, rather than that any house should be without a privy, it would be desirable to permit it to open into the building, provided always that the privy shall have a good wooden door to close the communication with the house, and that it shall have a window and ventilator opening into the outer air as described in Section 51 of the Bill.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

The Honourable WONG SHING moved as an amendment.

That no sufficient reason has been shown for the erection of the privies mentioned in the Bill and that the present system works as satisfactorily, if not more so, than the one suggested would probably do.

Not seconded.

The Board then divided on Mr. EDE's motion.

For.
 THE PRESIDENT.
 Mr. EDE.
 Mr. HUMPHREYS.

Against.
 Honourable WONG SHING.

Motion carried.

Mr. EDE moved:—

That the last seven words, of Section 50, namely, "or nearly on a level with it" be omitted, for so long as a proper privy is provided for each floor of tenement houses the position of the privy may be safely left to the house owner.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

SECTION 52.—Mr. EDE moved:—

That the floor of a privy not on the ground floor should not have an inclination towards the door because when it is washed out, as it should be frequently, the water would flow over the walls below. It should have an inclination towards one of the corners away from the seat where a pipe should be fixed to carry off the ablution water.

The President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

SECTION 53.—Mr. EDE moved:—

That if there is to be no communication of any sort with any under ground private drain or public sewer the closet cannot be washed out as it should be; on the contrary, there should be a short open surface channel leading to the private drain of the house through a proper trap.

The President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

SECTION 54.—Mr. EDE moved:—

(A.) *That in the 4th line after the words "every privy" the section should read which is provided with a seat shall have it fitted in such a manner as to be readily removed, &c.*

(B.) *The general Chinese system of two small brick or stone piers is a very good and sanitary one.*

(C.) *That the walls of the privy should be coated with cement mortar or other non-absorbent material to a height of not less than 3 feet.*

The President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The President moved:—

That the Resolutions of the Board relative to sections 50, 1, 2, 3, 4 of the Building Bill be transmitted to the Government.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Wednesday, the 27th instant at 4.15 P.M.

PH. B. C. AYRES,
 President.

Read and confirmed this 27th day of March, 1889.

HUGH MCCALLUM,
 Secretary.