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FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

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No. 8.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 27th of March, 1889:—

PRESENT:

The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.
The Acting Registrar General (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police (Major-General ALEXANDER HERMAN ADAM GORDON).
The Honourable WONG SHING.
JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th instant were read and confirmed.

A Report by the Acting Sanitary Superintendent on grievances A, B, C, & D referred to in the Fever Commission Report was considered.

The President moved:—

That it seems quite clear from the Acting Sanitary Superintendent's Report that the condition of Inland Lot No. 795 is most insanitary and the owner should be called upon to at once remove all old huts, clean up and remove all dirt and lay down properly concreted and cemented surface open drains. The constant soaking of sewage or foul waters into the soil will—if it has not already done so—certainly become a source of disease. Cow and goat sheds are not objectionable if kept clean and the drainage be good.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Dr. CANTLIE moved:—

That the Sanitary Board consider the complaint as to the manufacture of soy to be a real grievance and are of opinion that the manufacture of this article in the neighbourhood should be regarded as one of a noisome nature.

The President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. EDE moved:—

The Board recommend that the drying of Sugar bags be prohibited in the immediate vicinity of dwellings or where there is danger of streams being polluted thereby.

Dr. CANTLIE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. EDE moved:—

That as it is proposed to deal specially with the subject of complaint C in a new Public Health Amendment Bill which, it is understood, will shortly be considered by the Board, the Board consider it best to wait for the new bill before making any recommendation.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. EDE moved:—

That in transmitting to the Government the views of the Board on the grievances specified in the Fever Commission Report the Acting Sanitary Superintendent's Report be forwarded also.

Dr. CANTLIE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Dr. CANTLIE addressed the Board on the subject of a site for an epidemic Hospital. The President replied.

Dr. CANTLIE moved:—

That a letter be addressed to the Government enquiring whether it is open to the Board to submit to it recommendations on the subject of a site for an Epidemic Hospital.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

A Report by the Sanitary Superintendent regarding defective house-drains in houses Nos. 317, 319 and 321, Queen's Road West was considered.

Mr. EDE moved:—

That the order asked for by the Sanitary Superintendent under Section 53 of the Public Health Ordinance be issued to the Sanitary Surveyor.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mortality Returns.—Laid on the table Returns for weeks ended 9th, 16th and 23rd March, 1889.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Wednesday, the 10th April, at 4.15 P.M.

PH. B. C. AYRES,
President.

and confirmed this 10th day of April, 1889.

HUGH MCCALLUM,
Secretary.