

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 267.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th June, 1889.

No. 12.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 22nd of May, 1889:—

PRESENT:

The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.
The Surveyor General, (The Honourable SAMUEL BROWN).
The Acting Registrar General, (The Honourable NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, (Major-General ALEXANDER HERMAN ADAM GORDON).
JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.
The Honourable WONG SHING.
Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.

ABSENT:

JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.
Dr. HO KAI.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of a meeting held on the 8th May, 1889, were read.

Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board on the subject of his proposal to institute legal proceedings against the author of the nuisance complained of at the last meeting of the Board by the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, and that he wished the circumstances recorded in the Minutes.

The Minutes were amended accordingly and confirmed.

Sanitary Surveyor.—A letter from the Honourable Colonial Secretary informing the Board that Mr. COOPER had resumed his duties as Sanitary Surveyor under *The Public Health Ordinance, 1887*, was read.

Mortality Returns.—The Secretary laid on the table the Returns for the weeks ended 11th and 18th May, 1889.

Disinfectants.—The Secretary laid on the table some correspondence and memorandums, which had been circulated to Members, on the use of disinfectants.

Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board on the expediency of printing and distributing to the public a memorandum embodying the main features of the principles laid down in these papers.

The President stated that he thought it would be much better to have such a memorandum in readiness and issue it, when the Colony was actually threatened with an outbreak of disease in an epidemic form.

Standing Orders for Guidance of Market Staff.—The draft Standing Orders were read by the Secretary.

Mr. FRANCIS moved that they be approved.

Dr. CANTLIE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Pokfulam Water.—Dr. CANTLIE addressed the Board on the present highly unsatisfactory condition of the Pokfulam water supply, and moved that the Government be requested,—

(a.) *To publish a table showing the proportion of alum which should be used to given quantities of the Pokfulam water to purify it, and*

(b.) *To supply alum gratis to those who apply for it.*

Mr. FRANCIS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Surveyor General did not vote.

After further discussion, Dr. CANTLIE moved,—

That the Secretary transmit the following questions to the Surveyor General with an invitation that he may favour the Board with replies to them, and that a special meeting be held on Wednesday, the 29th instant, to further consider this important question.

Questions having reference to the present muddy condition of the Pokfulam water:—

1. *How soon can the filter beds at Pokfulam be ready?*
2. *Is it possible to turn the Tytam water into the Pokfulam main temporarily?*
3. *Failing either of these remedies being ready soon, can the Surveyor General suggest any other remedy for temporarily improving the Pokfulam water?*

Mr. FRANCIS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Surveyor General did not vote.

Final disposal of City refuse.—A letter from the Honourable Colonial Secretary regarding the final disposal of the City refuse was read.

Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board and moved,—

That the Government be informed that the Board cannot approve of the proposed method of disposing of the City refuse, and adhere to their former recommendation.

Dr. CANTLIE seconded.

After considerable discussion, the Acting Registrar General moved,—

That the matter stand over for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Dr. CANTLIE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Compensation for Cattle destroyed.—Some correspondence having reference to compensation being given for certain animals slaughtered, owing to an outbreak of disease at the depôt at Kennedytown was read.

Mr. FRANCIS moved,—

That the correspondence be returned to Mr. Ladds to fix the compensation under Section 5 of Ordinance 17 of 1887, and then that it be forwarded to the Government.

The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Adjournment.—The President moved and Mr. FRANCIS seconded that the Board adjourn until Wednesday, the 29th May, 1889, at 4.15 P.M.

Question—put and passed.

S. BROWN,
President.

Read and confirmed, this 5th day of June, 1889.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

No. 13.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD at a Special Meeting held on Wednesday, the 29th of May, 1889:—

PRESENT:

The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.

The Surveyor General, (Honourable SAMUEL BROWN).

The Acting Registrar General, (The Honourable 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.

ABSENT:

NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.

Dr. HO KAI.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Pokfulam Water Supply.—A letter from the Honourable Colonial Secretary transmitting copies of certain correspondence with Dr. HARTIGAN regarding the Pokfulam Water supply was read.

The Surveyor General addressed the Board and replied to the questions which the Board had put to him regarding the water supply of the city.

Mr. HUMPHREYS and Dr. CANTLIE spoke on the subject of the city water supply.

The Surveyor General replied.

Letting of Contracts.—A minute by the Secretary regarding the letting of contracts was read. On the motion of the President it was agreed that the proposed letting of the contracts should be advertised in the manner recommended by the Secretary, and that the Secretary should submit to the Board as early as possible the bye-laws referred to in the resolution proposed and carried at a meeting held on the 16th January last.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Wednesday, the 5th June, 1889, at 4.15 P.M.

S. BROWN,
President.

Read and confirmed this 5th day of June, 1889.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

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The following Returns of Deaths for the Month ended 31st May are published for general information.

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Colonial Secretary.

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