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FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

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No. 14.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 5th of June, 1889:—

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Dr. HO KAI.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The President addressed the Board on his taking the chair for the first time.

The minutes of meetings held on the 22nd and 29th May respectively, were read.

The Vice-President pointed out that he did not second Dr. CANTLIE's resolution to put certain questions to the Surveyor General regarding the city water supply and that he thought Mr. FRANCIS had done so.

Mr. FRANCIS concurred.

The Minutes were amended accordingly and confirmed.

Mortality Returns.—The Secretary laid on the table the Return for the week ended 25th May, 1889.

Drainage of Hongkong Hotel.—Certain correspondence referring to a plan of drainage proposed to be carried out at the Hongkong Hotel was read.

Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board and moved,—

That the application from the Hotel Company be approved on condition,—

A. That provision is made to the satisfaction of the Board for the effective flushing and trapping of the down pipes leading to the iron tanks.

B. That the tanks be at all times open to the examination of an Inspector of Nuisances.

Mr. HUMPHREYS addressed the Board and seconded Mr. FRANCIS' motion.

Mr. EDE and Dr. CANTLIE addressed the Board.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. FRANCIS enquired whether any communication had been made to the Board by the Government with reference to the change in the Presidency.

The President called on the Secretary to explain how the matter stood.

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter informing the Board of the change, that he had submitted it to the President in whose hands it still was.

The President directed the Secretary to circulate the letter to Members.

The adjourned discussion on the final disposal of the city refuse was resumed.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board and moved as an amendment to the original motion moved by Mr. FRANCIS at the meeting held on the 22nd May, 1889,—

That the Board sees no objection to the acceptance of the method of disposing of the refuse of the city proposed by the Superintendent.

The Colonial Surgeon seconded.

Messrs. EDE, HUMPHREYS, Dr. CANTLIE, Mr. FRANCIS, and the President addressed the Board.

The Vice-President moved as an amendment,—

That considering the present contract for the removal of the refuse will not expire till the end of the year, the Government be requested to allow the Board further time to consider the question.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

The Board divided on the Vice-President's amendment.

For.

1. Mr. HUMPHREYS.
2. Honourable WONG SHING.
3. COLONIAL SURGEON.
4. VICE-PRESIDENT.
5. PRESIDENT.

Against.

1. Mr. EDE.
2. Mr. FRANCIS.
3. ACTING REGISTRAR GENERAL.

Amendment carried.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 4.15 P.M.

Read and confirmed, this 19th day of June, 1889.

S. BROWN,
President.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.