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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 369.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

ARATHOON SETH,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st August, 1889.

No. 19.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 14th day of August, 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 Honourable WONG SHING.
JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.
Dr. HO KAI.

ABSENT :

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

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of a meeting held on the 31st July, 1889, were read and confirmed.

Mortality Statistics.—The returns for the weeks ended the 3rd and 10th August respectively were laid on the table and discussed.

Bye-Laws.—Draft bye-laws under Sub-sections 13 and 14 of Section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 were laid on the table and discussed.

Mr. EDE moved,—

That a Committee consisting of the Vice-President, the Acting Registrar General and Mr. Francis be appointed to consider and report to the Board upon bye-laws under Sub-sections 13 and 14 of Section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Drainage of Hill Districts.—Correspondence concerning the drainage of the Hill Districts was read and discussed.

Dr. HO KAI moved,—

That this debate be adjourned to the next meeting of the Board.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Vice-President moved,—

That the Sanitary Surveyor be requested to report what houses at the Peak come within the terms of Section 52 of Ordinance 24 of 1887.

Mr. FRANCIS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Enforcement of Drainage Bye-Laws.—Certain correspondence with Messrs. BIRD and PALMER concerning the drainage of Marine Lots 20 and 21 was read and discussed.

Mr. FRANCIS moved,—

That it be an instruction to the Sanitary Surveyor to approve of or disapprove of drainage plans submitted, on Sanitary grounds only.

Mr. HUMPHREYS seconded.

On the motion of Dr. HO KAI the Board went into Committee.

The President addressed the Committee and explained the reasons why he would not vote on Mr. FRANCIS' motion.

The Committee divided.

For

The Acting Registrar General.
The Honourable WONG SHING.
Mr. HUMPHREYS.
Mr. FRANCIS.
Mr. EDE.
Dr. HO KAI.

Against

The Vice-President.

The President did not vote.

Motion carried.

Mr. FRANCIS moved,—

That the Sanitary Surveyor be directed to approve of the second set of plans submitted by Messrs. Bird and Palmer, if he is satisfied there is no Sanitary objection to them.

Dr. HO KAI seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The President voted against the motion.

The Secretary was directed to communicate to Messrs. BIRD and PALMER that the Sanitary Surveyor has been instructed to approve of the second set of plans submitted, if he is satisfied there is no sanitary objection to them, but that the Board has no authority to authorise any connection with the Government drains. Permission for that purpose must be obtained from the Surveyor General.

A letter from Messrs. DANBY and LEIGH was then read.

Mr. EDE moved,—

That the whole of the correspondence be circulated to the members of the Board and that Messrs. Danby and Leigh's request to be invited to attend and be heard be complied with.

Mr. FRANCIS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Sanitary Contracts.—The Committee considering the conditions of these contracts submitted a set of conditions for the Cattle Manure Contract. These conditions were read and, subject to a slight verbal amendment, agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Wednesday, the 28th August, 1889.

S. BROWN,
President.

Read and confirmed this 28th day of August, 1889.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 370.

The following return from Mr. WM. TAYLOR, of the quantity of Spirits distilled by the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, is published for general information.

Spirits manufactured during the quarter ending 26th August, 1889,.....18,923.

By Command,

ARATHOON SETH,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st August, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 371.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 7th September, for Planting Trees.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specifications and further particulars apply at the Office of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department.

No tender will be received unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$25 as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if such person shall refuse to carry out his tender, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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