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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 374.

It is hereby notified that the following Ordinances have received Her Majesty's confirmation and allowance, viz.:—

Ordinance No. 17 of 1887, entitled,—*The Cattle Diseases, Slaughter-Houses, and Markets Ordinance, 1887.*

Ordinance No. 9 of 1889, entitled,—*An Ordinance to amend The Cattle Diseases, Slaughter-Houses, and Markets Ordinance, 1887.*

Ordinance No. 20 of 1889, entitled,—*An Ordinance for the naturalization of LI MAN HI otherwise POKSHAN.*

Ordinance No. 21 of 1889, entitled,—*An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 17 of 1887.*

Ordinance No. 22 of 1889, entitled,—*An Ordinance to amend The Post Office Ordinance, 1889.*

By Command,

ARATHOON SETH,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd September, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 375.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

ARATHOON SETH,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th September, 1889.

No. 20.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 28th 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 Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES).

The Honourable WONG SHING.

JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.

Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.

NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

Dr. HO KAI.

ABSENT:

JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of a meeting held on the 14th August, 1889, were read and confirmed.

C. S. Letter 2394.—A letter dated the 28th August, 1889, from the Honourable Colonial Secretary regarding the position of the Board and the Surveyor General's Department was read.

Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board and moved,—

That the letter of the Colonial Secretary be acknowledged with thanks, and that His Excellency be assured that the Board will cordially co-operate with the Surveyor General's Department in carrying on the sanitary work of the Colony.

Mr. EDE seconded.

The President addressed the Board.

Question—put and passed.

Mortality Statistics.—The returns for the weeks ended the 17th and 24th August, 1889, respectively were laid on the table by the Secretary.

Drainage of Hill Districts.—A report by the Sanitary Surveyor was read.

Mr. FRANCIS moved,—

That the Sanitary Surveyor be requested to report what temporary measures can be adopted to prevent the drainage of Farm Lot 59 going into the Pok-fu-lam Catchment area and that the Superintendent be directed to take the usual steps to have any nuisance that may exist abated.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board.

Dr. CANTLIE addressed the Board and moved,—

That the consideration of the general question of the Peak drainage be adjourned until the reply of the Government to the deputation of Peak Residents has been received.

Mr. FRANCIS seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. FRANCIS moved,—

That the Secretary reply to the letter of the Honourable Colonial Secretary dated the 30th April, 1889, to the effect that the general question of the Peak drainage is under the consideration of the Board.

Dr. HO KAI seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Correspondence.—A letter from MESSRS. DANBY & LEIGH dated the 21st August was read.

Mr. FRANCIS moved,—

That Messrs. Danby and Leigh's letter be referred to the Sanitary Surveyor for report and reply.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Correspondence regarding Enforcement of Drainage Bye-Laws.—Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board.

The Sanitary Surveyor replied to questions put to him.

The President addressed the Board.

Mr. LEIGH was heard regarding the difficulty which had taken place in connection with the drainage of Kau-lung Marine Lot 20.

Mr. FRANCIS moved,—

That the drains in Godowns 2 and 8 on Kau-lung Marine Lot 20 be passed without plans being submitted and without inspection, the Sanitary Surveyor stating that it may safely be done as the drains were solely for rain water. This not to be taken as a precedent.

Dr. CANTLIE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. LEIGH was then heard on the subject of the drainage of Rural Building Lot 60. After a long discussion Mr. LEIGH agreed to connect the 9-inch pipe drain coming from this lot with the public main drain in a proper manner and have the said 9-inch pipe drain uncovered at various places to admit of its inspection and also to construct the necessary interception chamber.

Adjournment.—On the motion of Mr. FRANCIS it was agreed to adjourn the consideration of the remainder of the Orders of the Day till Wednesday next, the 4th September, 1889.

S. BROWN,
President.

Read and confirmed this 4th day of September, 1889.

HUGH MCCALLUM,
Secretary.