

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 408.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th September, 1889.

No. 22.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 11th day of September, 1889:—

PRESENT :

The Surveyor General, (The Honourable SAMUEL BROWN), President.
The Acting Registrar General, (The Honourable NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES).
The Honourable WONG SHING.
Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.
Dr. HO KAI.

ABSENT :

The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, (Major-General ALEXANDER HERMAN ADAM GORDON), Vice-President.
JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of a meeting held on the 4th September, 1889, were read and confirmed.

Pok-fu-lam Water.—A letter from the Honourable Colonial Secretary dated the 10th August, 1889, and a letter from the President dated the 10th September, 1889, regarding the pollution of the Pok-fu-lam water supply were read. On the motion of the President it was agreed that the letters should be circulated to Members together with any explanatory remarks the Sanitary Superintendent may have to offer.

Farm Lot 59.—A short report by the Sanitary Surveyor concerning the drainage of Farm Lot 59 and also some correspondence with Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP on the same subject were read. It was agreed that the question should stand over for a further report from the Sanitary Superintendent at next meeting.

Mortality Statistics.—Mortality returns for the weeks ended the 31st August and 7th September, 1889, respectively were laid on the table by the Secretary.

Motions.—Mr. EDE addressed the board and moved,—

1. *That the following directions be given to the Sanitary Surveyor.*

(a.) *That upon receipt of notice regarding the construction of any private drains he forthwith communicate with the Public Works' Department in order to ascertain if there be any objection to such drains being led into the particular public sewer with which it is proposed to connect them. If there be any objections, then to ask for full particulars thereof and report thereon as soon as possible to the Board for its final decision.*

(b.) *That when informing the person who has given notice of his intention to construct a drain that his designs are approved he add a foot note to the effect that before opening the Public Roadway for the purpose of connecting with the public sewer he shall give to the Public Works' Department not less than 3 days' notice of the day when he intends to open such roadway.*

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. EDE again addressed the Board and moved *seriatim*,—

1. *That the Sanitary Surveyor be requested to submit to the Board his views as to what amendments he thinks are desirable in the existing Drainage Bye-laws in order to render them more efficient and to facilitate their working.*
2. *That Architects and others interested be invited to favour the Board with their views as to what amendments they think desirable to be made in the existing Drainage Bye-laws in order to facilitate their working.*
3. *That the existing Drainage Bye-laws be referred to the Committee which drew them, for consideration and report to the Board as to any amendments they may deem necessary or desirable.*

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

In each case, question—put and passed.

Tenders.—It was agreed to postpone the consideration of the tenders for the Contracts till the other business of the day was disposed of.

Bye-Laws.—A report dated the 5th September, 1889, by the Committee appointed to consider the Draft Bye-laws to be made under Sub-sections 13, 14 and 16 of Section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 was read. The Draft Bye-laws were then read clause by clause and slightly amended.

Mr. EDE moved,—

That the Bye-laws as read and amended be passed.

Dr. CANTLIE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. EDE moved,—

That the Committee which drew these Bye-laws be requested to consider the question of adding one or more bye-laws regulating the air-space for the young of the animals referred to in these Bye-laws.

Dr. HO KAI seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Disposal of City Refuse.—A report dated the 19th August, 1889, by the Committee appointed to consider the question of disposing of the City refuse and also a letter from a Mr. YAU SUI WAN on the same subject were read and discussed.

Dr. CANTLIE moved,—

That the further consideration of the question be adjourned till next meeting, and that the papers on the subject be in the meantime circulated to Members.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Tenders.—On the motion of Mr. EDE, seconded by Dr. HO KAI, strangers were excluded, as the question was one which had for the present to be dealt with confidentially. After some discussion the President moved,—

That a Committee consisting of the Acting Registrar General, Mr. Ede, and Dr. Ho Kai be appointed to consider the question and report direct to the Government.

The Hon. WONG SHING seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Wednesday, the 25th September, 1889.

S. BROWN,
President.

Read and confirmed this 25th day of September, 1889.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 401.

The following Lot of Crown Land at South of Kennedy Road and immediately East of the Tramway, will be sold by Public Auction, on Monday, the 30th day of September, 1889, at 4.30 P.M.

Inland Lot No. 1,219.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see page 790 of the *Government Gazette* for 1889.

By Command,

ARATHOON SETH,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st September, 1889.