

A letter dated the 31st August, 1889, from a Mr. YAU SUI WAN concerning the disposal of the city refuse was again before the Board.

Mr. EDE moved,—

*That the Board is unable to recommend the acceptance of Mr. Yau Sui Wan's proposal as put forth in his letter of the 31st August.*

The President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

**Bye-Laws.**—A report dated the 23rd September, 1889, by the Committee appointed to consider the draft Bye-laws to be made under Sections 13, 14 and 16 of Section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 as well as the Bye-laws referred to in the report were read.

Mr. EDE moved,—

*That the Bye-laws as read be passed and transmitted to the Government in the usual manner.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

**Pok-fu-lam Water-supply.**—Certain papers concerning the pollution of this Water-supply were laid on the table and the minutes thereon read. After some discussion Mr. HUMPHREYS moved,—

*That as the rainy season is now over no proceedings be taken by the Board in this matter at present, but that notice be served on all those tipping earth on private land that they are expected to take the steps necessary to prevent any of it going into the reservoir.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

**Report.**—A report by the Surveyor in reply to Messrs. DANBY & LEIGH's statements concerning his actions was read.

The Acting Registrar General moved,—

*That a copy of the Sanitary Surveyor's reply be transmitted to Messrs. Danby & Leigh with a request that they will state whether they desire to make any further statement.*

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned till Wednesday, the 9th October, 1889.

S. BROWN,  
President.

Read and confirmed this 9th day of October, 1889.

HUGH MCCALLUM,  
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 425.

The following Return from the Acting Registrar General is published for general information.

By Command,

A. LISTER,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th October, 1889.

RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS FOR THE 3RD QUARTER OF 1889, ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.						CHINESE.						GRAND TOTAL.				
	BIRTHS.			DEATHS.			BIRTHS.			DEATHS.			BIRTHS.	DEATHS.			
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Sex Unknown.			Total.		
Victoria,.....	28	21	49	42	17	59	160	131	291	579	399	...	978	340	1,037		
Kaulung,.....	1	1	2	...	...	...	7	5	12	87	48	...	135	14	135		
Shankiwán,.....	...	...	...	1	...	1	8	7	15	36	20	...	56	15	57		
Aberdeen,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	7	12	22	20	...	42	12	42		
Stanley,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5	1	7	...	8	5	8		
TOTAL,.....	29	22	51	43	17	60	183	152	335	725	494	...	1,219	386	1,279		
DEATHS. BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.		DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.						ESTIMATED POPULATION.						Annual Birth-Rate per 1,000 for the Quarter.		Annual Death-Rate per 1,000 for the Quarter.	
Europeans, exclusive of Portuguese,...	18	<i>Of the Deaths in Victoria, there were in the—</i>						British and Foreign Community, .....						18.89	22.23		
Portuguese,.....	11	Italian Convent,.....						Chinese, .....						7.34	26.70		
Indians, &c., .....	13	Asile de la Sté. Enfance, ...						Whole Population, .....						7.98	26.45		
Non-Residents, .....	18	Tung Wa Hospital, .....															
TOTAL,.....	60	TOTAL,.....															

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 10th October, 1889.

N. G. MITCHELL-INNES,  
Acting Registrar General.