

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 462.

The following Minutes are published for general information.
By Command,

A. LISTER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th November, 1889.

No. 25.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of October, 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.

ABSENT:

JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
Dr. HO KAI.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of a meeting held on the 9th day of October, 1889, were read and confirmed.

Mortality Returns.—The Returns for the weeks ended the 12th and 19th October, 1889, respectively, were laid on the table by the Secretary. The Secretary stated that the death reported at last Meeting as having occurred at Quarry Bay had been found to have taken place at Causeway Bay.

Motion.—The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved,—

That in future, original documents to be laid before the Board should not be circulated until they have been read at a Meeting and that copies only be circulated if immediate circulation is desired.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board and moved as an amendment to the Vice-President's motion.

1. *That in future, original documents shall not be referred to the President, but shall be at once circulated among the Members of the Board, the President included, save only correspondence and papers received by the Secretary on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the Meeting of the Board.*
2. *That the Secretary shall report to the Board, in every case, in which papers are detained more than six business hours by any Member of the Board.*

Mr. EDE seconded.

After some discussion the Vice-President amended his motion—the Seconder concurring—so as to read,

That in future, original documents to be laid before the Board should not be circulated, but that copies only be sent round as quickly as possible after receipt.

Mr. FRANCIS then withdrew his amendment.

Question—put and passed.

Motion.—Mr. EDE addressed the Board and moved,—

That the Sanitary Superintendent submit to the Board, at an early date, a report shewing the manner in which the general laundry work of the Colony is at present carried out, and giving any suggestions he may have to make for the regulation and improvement of the laundries.

Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Final disposal of City refuse.—Correspondence regarding this subject which had been circulated to Members was laid on the table.

Surface Scavenging.—A report by the Committee considering contract specifications was read.
The Registrar General moved,—

That the report as read be adopted.

The Colonial Surgeon seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Surveyor's Actions.—The correspondence with Messrs. DANBY and LEIGH was discussed.

Mr. FRANCIS moved,—

That the correspondence be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor for such action as he may think fit to take, with an expression of opinion from the Board that it should not have been officially stated that the separate system of drainage had been approved and would be enforced by the Government when in fact the separate system had not been and has not yet been approved of and its adoption determined on, and that it was an abuse of power on the part of the Officers responsible to attempt to enforce the acceptance of the separate system on the community by the exercise of powers and authorities not granted for that purpose.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The President and Vice-President did not vote.

The Acting Registrar General moved,—

That Messrs. Danby and Leigh be informed that the charges brought by them against Mr. Cooper have, as to three of the instances, not been sustained and that as to the fourth instance Mr. Cooper has been shown not to be responsible for his action in the case. The Board regret that such charges should have been made without sufficient grounds.

The Vice-President seconded,—

Question—put and passed.

Market Staff Standing Orders.—A correspondence on this subject which had been circulated to Members was partly read. After some discussion the Colonial Surgeon moved,—

That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Vice-President, the Acting Registrar General and Mr. Ede, to investigate the points raised and report thereon to the Board.

The Honourable WONG SHING seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Vaccine Lymph.—A correspondence on this subject which had been circulated to Members was laid on the table.

Mr. EDE moved,—

That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. Cantlie and Mr. Humphreys to consider the question put by His Excellency the Governor and report thereon to the Board.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Notice of Motion.—The Colonial Surgeon gave notice that at next Meeting he would enquire,—

Is there any prospect of the inhabitants of the City of Victoria residing above the level of Hollywood Road being supplied with water from the Tytam Water-works, and if so, how soon may such supply be expected?

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Wednesday, the 6th November, 1889.

S. BROWN,
President.

Read and confirmed this 6th day of November, 1889.

HUGH MCCALLUM,
Secretary.

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The following Returns of Deaths for the Month ended 31st October are published for general information.

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