

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 498.

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By Command,

A. LISTER,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 27.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a Meeting held on Thursday, the 21st day of November, 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.

NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

Dr. HO KAI.

## ABSENT:

JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.

JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.

Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of a meeting held on the 6th day of November, 1889, were read and confirmed.

A letter from Mr. FRANCIS informing the Board that he would be absent from the Colony for a few weeks was read.

**Mortality Returns.**—The returns for the weeks ended the 9th and 16th November, respectively, were laid on the table by the Secretary, and a few minutes by Members regarding the recorded high death-rate from fever in the Kaulung registration district was read. The Secretary was directed to report at next Meeting what was the arrangement come to a few months ago about the issue of these returns.

**Public Laundries.**—A report concerning public laundries which had been circulated to Members was laid on the table.

A discussion ensued.

Mr. EDE moved,—

*That the report and returns be transmitted to the Government with a recommendation that public laundries be established and measures taken to improve the present condition of the public washing in the Colony and that should His Excellency the Governor wish it the Sanitary Board will be happy to submit for consideration a scheme for that purpose.*

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and passed.

**Bye-laws.**—Draft of Bye-laws to be made under Sub-section 12 of Section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 together with a memorandum thereon by Mr. FRANCIS were laid on the table.

It was agreed that the papers be circulated to Members.

**Tenders.**—The President moved,—

*That the Registrar General, Honourable Wong Shing and Mr. Ede be appointed a Committee to consider and report at the next Meeting on the tenders now being received for the general surface scavenging of the City of Victoria.*

Dr. HO KAI seconded.

Question—put and passed.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned till Friday, the 6th December, 1889.

S. BROWN,  
President.

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

HUGH MCCALLUM,  
Secretary.