

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 34

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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No. 1.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 13th day of January, 1898.

PRESENT:

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.
The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

ABSENT:

The Registrar General, (The Honourable JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART).
The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.

In the absence of the President the Vice-President presided.

Minutes.—The minutes of meetings held on the 30th December, 1897, and the 10th January, 1898, were read and confirmed.

Bubonic Plague.—A return showing the progress of Bubonic Plague in Bombay, from the 2nd to the 21st December, 1897, was laid on the table.

Defective House Drains.—The Surveyor's report—which had been circulated to Members—on the condition of the house drains at block No. 37, was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

The Vice-President moved—

That the owners of these houses be called upon to carry out the works recommended by the Surveyor, such works to be done in accordance with the law governing house drainage works.

Honourable Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Mortality Returns.—The returns for the weeks ended the 1st and 8th January, 1898, respectively, were laid on the table.

Lane.—A correspondence—which had been circulated to Members—having reference to the erection of a structure over the south-western entrance to Lan Kwai Lane, was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That the Colonial Secretary be informed that the Sanitary Board advise that the application for an extension of the lease of Inland Lot 1347 be refused.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

A discussion ensued.

The Honourable Director of Public Works moved—as an amendment to the motion—

That the lease be extended as an annual one, so long as the lane continues in its present condition and the houses on either side of the lane are not increased in height.

The Vice-President seconded.

The Board divided—

Ayes.

Honourable Director of Public Works.
The Vice-President.

Noes.

Mr. N. J. EDE.
The Medical Officer of Health.

The Vice-President said he would not give his casting vote for the amendment, but that if Members agreed both the motion and the amendment would be transmitted to the Colonial Secretary for the information of His Excellency the Governor. Members agreed.

Salary.—An application—which had been circulated to Members—from Inspector PHILLIPS for compensation allowance on his salary during half the time he was serving on probation, was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

A discussion ensued.

It was agreed that the application and the minutes of Members thereon be transmitted to the Colonial Secretary for consideration.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 27th day of January, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 27th day of January, 1898.

HUGH MCCALLUM,
Secretary.