

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 62.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th February, 1898.

No. 2.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 27th day of January, 1898.

PRESENT :

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.
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).

Minutes.—The minutes of a meeting held on the 13th January, 1898, were read and confirmed.

Cattle Disease.—A report by the Committee appointed to enforce the provisions of bye-laws 6 and 7 of Schedule A to Ordinance 17 of 1887, was read.

Mortality Returns.—The returns for the weeks ended the 15th and 22nd January, 1898, respectively, were laid on the table.

Shaukiwan.—A correspondence—which had been circulated to Members—having reference to an insanitary area in the village of Shaukiwan 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, in the opinion of the Sanitary Board, the domestic dwellings situated upon Shaukiwan Inland Lots 151, 170 to 190 and 249 are, in their present condition, unfit for human habitation.

The Honourable Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and seconded.

The Honourable Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

Mr. N. J. EDE addressed the Board.

The President addressed the Board.

The Board divided—

Ayes.

Mr. N. J. EDE.
The Medical Officer of Health.
The Vice-President.
The President.

Noes.

The Honourable Director of Public Works.

Motion carried.

Wells.—The Analyst's reports—which had been circulated to Members—on three samples of water from Wells were laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

The President moved—

That the usual notice be served on the owner of the Well situated at Nos. 6 and 8, Market Street, Hunghom, to close the Well within one month from the date on which the notice is served.

The Honourable Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Water-closet.—An application—which had been circulated to Members—for permission to erect a water-closet at No. 7 Queen's Road Central was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

The Honourable Director of Public Works addressed the board and moved—

That the permission asked for be granted.

The President addressed the Board and seconded.

Mr. N. J. EDE addressed the Board.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

The Board divided—

Ayes.

The Honourable Director of Public Works.
The President.

Noes.

Mr. N. J. EDE.
The Medical Officer of Health.
The Vice-President.

Motion lost.

Bake-house.—An application that the premises known as Nos. 91 and 93 Queen's Road East be registered as a Bake-house was considered.

The President moved—

That the premises be registered as requested.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Laundry.—An application that the ground floor of No. 13 Hollywood Road be registered as a public laundry was considered.

The President moved—

That the premises be registered as requested.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Licences.—Sixty-eight applications for licences and renewal of licences to keep cattle, goats and swine were considered.

The President moved—

That the licences asked for be granted.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Small-pox.—A report by the Medical Officer of Health concerning the number of cases of Small-pox which have occurred in the Colony during the month of January was read.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

That a letter be addressed to the Colonial Secretary advising—

1. *That suitable premises be procured in Nos. 2 and 5 Health Districts in which to carry on free vaccination, and that two students from the Chinese College of Medicine capable of vaccinating properly be employed, temporarily, to carry out this free vaccination.*
2. *That the Registrar General be invited to issue suitable notices to the Chinese Community informing them of the stations where free vaccination is done, and urging them to avail themselves of the opportunity of protection from Small-pox by being vaccinated.*
3. *That a notice be inserted in the "Gazette" stating that Europeans can be vaccinated free at the Government Civil Hospital every day from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. o'clock.*

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 10th February, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 10th day of February, 1898.

HUGH MCCALLUM,
Secretary.

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The following Criminal Statistics and Coroner's Returns for 1897 are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th February, 1898.

No. 2.

MAGISTRACY,
HONGKONG, 12th January, 1898.

SIR,—In compliance with Circular No. 10 of the 20th October, 1897, I have the honour to forward the usual returns of this department for the year 1897.

1. Abstract of cases during the year.
2. Comparative return of cases for the past ten years.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate.

The Honourable

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.