

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 109.

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J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

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No. 4.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 24th day of February, 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 Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).  
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

## ABSENT:

The Registrar General, (The Honourable JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART).  
The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).

**Minutes.**—The minutes of meetings held on the 10th and 15th February, 1898, were read and confirmed.

**Bubonic Plague.**—A return showing the progress of Bubonic Plague in Bombay, from the 19th January to the 1st February, 1898, was laid on the table.

**Milk.**—A report by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon—which had been circulated to Members—on the subject of the Milk Supplies of the Colony, was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

**Defective House-drains.**—The Surveyor's reports—which had been circulated to Members—on the house-drains at Block No. 89 and at houses Nos. 120, 122, 124, 126 and 128, Shaukiwan, were laid on the table and a minute on the circulating cover of one of them read.

The 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 laws governing house-drainage works.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Mortality Returns.**—The returns for the weeks ended the 12th and 19th February, 1898, respectively, were laid on the table.

**Bake-houses.**—Ten applications for the registration of premises as Bake-houses were considered.

The President moved—

*That the premises be registered as requested.*

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Licences.**—Two hundred and eleven applications for licences and renewal of licences to keep cattle and swine were considered.

The President moved—

*That the licences asked for be granted.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Licence.**—An application—which had been circulated to Members—for a licence to sell fresh fish at Nos. 111 and 113, Tai-kok-tsui was considered.

Mr. N. J. EDE moved—

*The Board advise that the licence asked for be granted up to the 31st December, 1898.*

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Water-closets.**—An application—which had been circulated to Members—for permission to erect three additional water-closets at the Sailors' Home was considered.

The President moved—

*That the permission asked for be granted.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Bubonic Plague.**—A report by the Medical Officer of Health, concerning the action he had taken with regard to certain articles of food found in a house where two cases of Bubonic Plague had occurred, was read.

The President moved—

*That the letter be transmitted to the Colonial Secretary advising that the articles destroyed be paid for in accordance with the valuation of them which had been made by the Medical Officer of Health.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President moved—

*That strangers be requested to withdraw.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

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

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

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

HUGH MCCALLUM,  
*Secretary.*

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Thursday, the 3rd day of March, 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 Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

ABSENT :

The Registrar General, (The Honourable JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART).

The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).

The President addressed the Board on the subject of the existence of Rinderpest on the premises known as "Sassoon's Villa," Pok-fu-lam, and stated that he had convened the meeting so that these premises might be declared a place infected with Rinderpest.

A discussion ensued.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon was present and advised the Board.

The President moved—

*That the premises known as "Sassoon's Villa" at Pok-fu-lam be declared to be infected with Rinderpest.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Mr. EDE did not vote.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Dairy Farm Company of what had been done, and send them a copy of the Cattle Diseases Bye-laws.

A letter from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, having reference to the steps which should be taken to deal with outbreaks of Rinderpest in the Colony, was read.

A discussion ensued.

The President moved—

*That all the animals on the premises known as "Sassoon's Villa" be slaughtered.*

The motion was not seconded.

**Disposal of diseased Carcasses.**—The best method of disposing of the carcasses of diseased animals was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

*That the carcasses of any more cattle that die must be burned not buried.*

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

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

HUGH MCCALLUM,  
*Secretary.*