

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 135.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th March, 1898.

No. 5.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 10th 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).

**Minutes.**—The minutes of meetings held on the 24th February, and 3rd March, 1898, respectively, were read and confirmed.

**Disinfection of Articles in Pawnbrokers' Shops.**—A correspondence—which had been circulated to Members—having reference to the disinfection twice a year of wares in the Pawnbrokers' Shops in the Colony was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

A discussion ensued.

The President moved—

*That all the wares in the Pawnbrokers' Shops in the Colony be disinfected twice a year.*

The motion was not seconded.

**Bubonic Plague.**—A correspondence—which had been circulated to Members—concerning the destruction of certain articles found in a house infected with Bubonic Plague was laid on the table and a minute on the circulating cover read.

The Vice-President moved—

*That the Colonial Secretary be informed that the circumstances connected with the case in question were exceptional.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Rinderpest.**—An application—which had been circulated to Members—that a part of the premises which the Board had declared to be infected be released, was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

It was agreed that inasmuch as the Board had sanctioned, subject to certain conditions, the removal of milk from the premises in question no further action was required at present.

A report from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon concerning the cremation of the carcase of a cow was read.

A discussion ensued.

It was agreed that the next infected carcase should be burned.

**Ordinance 17 of 1837.**—A correspondence—which had been circulated to Members—concerning the powers of the Board under the provisions of Bye-law 12 of Schedule A of Ordinance 17 of 1837, was considered.

The President moved—

*The Board advise that the Ordinance be so amended as to enable the Board to prevent persons leaving a place which the Board have declared to be infected.*

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Report.**—A report from the Medical Officer of Health—which had been circulated to Members—advising that the ground floor rooms of No. 1 Chuk Hing Lane be declared unfit for human habitation, was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

The President moved—

*That the rooms in question be declared unfit for human habitation.*

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Defective House Drains.**—The Surveyor's report—which had been circulated to Members—on the house-drains at Block No. 33, was laid on the table and a minute on the circulating cover read.

Mr. N. J. EDE 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 President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Mortality Returns.**—The returns for the weeks ended the 26th February and 3rd March, 1898, respectively, were laid on the table.

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

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

The President moved—

*That the premises be registered as requested.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Bone-boiling.**—An application for the registration of premises as a Bone-boiling establishment was considered.

It was agreed that the premises be registered as requested.

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

It was agreed that the licences asked for be granted.

**Cattle Lairs.**—A report—which had been circulated to Members—concerning the need for reception lairs for cattle at Kennedy Town was laid on the table and a minute on the circulating cover read.

The President moved—

*That the report be transmitted to the Colonial Secretary advising that these reception lairs be erected as speedily as practicable.*

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 24th March, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Read and confirmed this 24th day of March, 1898.

HUGH McCALLUM,  
*Secretary.*

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1898.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE  
A HONGKONG.

HONGKONG, le 21 Mars, 1898.

MONSIEUR LE SECRETAIRE DE LA COLONIE,

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que le Gouverneur-Général de l'Indo-Chine m'a informé par télégraphe qu'il a pris le 19 de ce mois un arrêté déclarant le port de Hongkong contaminé par une épidémie de peste humaine et soumettant aux mesures sanitaires réglementaires les provenances de ce port.

Il interdit en outre temporairement l'entrée en Indo-Chine des immigrants asiatiques venant de Hongkong.

Lorsque j'aurai reçu le texte de cet arrêté j'aurai l'honneur de vous le communiquer.

Veillez agréer,

Monsieur le Secrétaire de la Colonie,

les assurances de ma haute considération,

LÉON GME. LE ROUX.

To the Hon. THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH,

*Colonial Secretary,*

HONGKONG.