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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By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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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 arrèté 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 arrèté j'aurai l'honneur de vous le communiquer.

Veuillez agréer,

Monsieur le Secretaire de la Colonie,

les assurances de ma haute considération,

Léon GME. LE ROUX.

To the Hon. THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH,

Colonial Secretary,

Hongkong.