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Acting Colonial Secretary.

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No. 6.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 24th 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 Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).

The Acting Registrar General, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of the regular meeting held on the 10th day of March, 1898, were read and confirmed.

Bubonic Plague.—A return showing the progress of Bubonic Plague in Bombay, from the 1st to the 15th February, 1898, was 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 laid on the table.

Cattle-sheds.—A letter from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon calling attention to the undesirability of permitting large cattle-sheds to be erected in close proximity to each other, was laid on the table.

It was agreed that the Secretary to the Board should write to the Dairy Farm owners in the sense of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's letter.

Refuse-disposal.—A correspondence—which had been circulated to Members—having reference to the disposal of the City refuse, was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

The President moved—

That the Government be asked to commission Mr. J. R. Crook to make full enquiries into the working of Refuse Destructors, and their applicability to this Colony, while he is in England, and to forward a report to the Board on the subject at an early date.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Report.—A report from the Medical Officer of Health concerning the removal of cases of infectious disease from Kowloon to the Hospitals in Hongkong, and recommending the purchase of a small boat for the conveyance of such cases, was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

The President moved—

That the Government be asked to sanction the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$100 for the purchase of a boat for this purpose.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Private Drainage Works.—A correspondence—which had been circulated to Members—having reference to the inability of the Public Works Department to continue to undertake private drainage works, was laid on the table.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

It was agreed that this subject should be considered at a confidential meeting of the Board.

Application for House Allowance.—An application from Inspector WATSON for house allowance in lieu of quarters, was laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

It was agreed to refer the matter again to the Director of Public Works, with a view to the improvement of the present quarters, if possible.

Bake-house.—An application for the registration of premises 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.

Fat-boiling.—Two applications that premises be registered as Fat-boiling establishments were considered.

The President moved—

That the premises be registered as requested.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

Cattle and Swine Licences.—Forty-nine applications for licences and renewal of licences to keep swine and two applications for licences to keep cattle were considered.

The President moved—

That the licences asked for be granted.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Draft Bye-laws.—The President addressed the Board on the subject of the regulation of the sale of poisons and laid on the table some draft bye-laws to be made under sub-section 22 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board.

It was agreed that the draft bye-laws should be printed and circulated to Members, and that a copy should be forwarded to the Government with a request that the Law Officers of the Crown should be requested to advise the Board upon the subject.

The President then moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 7th April, 1898.

F. H. MAY,
Acting President.

Read and confirmed this 7th day of April, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Thursday, the 31st 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 Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).

The Acting Registrar General, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

Report.—A report of the Principal Civil Medical Officer concerning the existence of Small-pox and Bubonic Plague in Macao, which had been forwarded by the Government, for the consideration of the Board, was considered.

The President addressed the Board.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board.

Mr. N. J. Ede addressed the Board.

The President moved—

That the Sanitary Board advises the Government to proclaim the port of Macao to be a port or place at which Bubonic Plague prevails, in accordance with Article 1 of the Quarantine Regulations, and to institute at once a medical inspection of all Chinese arriving therefrom whether by steamers or by native vessels.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

F. H. MAY,
Acting President.

Read and confirmed this 7th day of April, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.