

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 183.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1898.

No. 7.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 7th day of April, 1898.

PRESENT :

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.

ABSENT :

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

Minutes.—The minutes of the regular meeting held on the 24th day of March, 1898, were read and confirmed.

The minutes of a confidential meeting held on the 24th day of March, 1898, were read and confirmed.

The minutes of a special meeting held on the 31st day of March, 1898, were read and confirmed.

Draft bye-laws.—It was agreed upon the suggestion of the Vice-President that the consideration of the draft bye-laws on the subject of the regulation of the sale of poisons be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Annual Reports.—The annual report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the year 1897 was adopted and laid on the table.

The annual report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1897 was adopted and laid on the table.

The annual report of the Sanitary Surveyor for the year 1897 was adopted and laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague.—Returns showing the progress of bubonic plague in Bombay from the 16th February to the 1st March, and from the 2nd to the 14th March, 1898, were read and laid on the table.

Cattle Disease.—A report by the Committee appointed under the provisions of Ordinance 11 of 1895 to carry out on behalf of the Sanitary Board the provisions of bye-laws 6 and 7 of Schedule A of Ordinance 17 of 1887, was read and laid on the table.

The Vice-President moved—

That the Committee be now dissolved.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Motion—put and agreed to.

Treatment of Rinderpest.—A report from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon concerning the serum treatment of an animal suffering from Rinderpest was considered.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

Mr. EDE addressed the Board.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.

The Vice-President moved—

That the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be requested to furnish the Board with a detailed report on the nature of the treatment which he adopted.

Mr. EDE seconded.

The Board divided.

Ayes.

The Vice-President.
Director of Public Works.
Mr. N. J. EDE.

Noes.

Acting Registrar General.
Medical Officer of Health.

Motion—put and agreed to.

Letter from Surveyor.—A letter from the Surveyor to the Board concerning the arrangements to be made for the performance of his duties during his absence on leave was considered.

It was agreed—

That the Secretary inform Mr. Crook that the Board approves the arrangement.

Trough Closets.—An application for the erection of Trough Closets at the Hongkong Hotel was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the application be granted subject to the conditions mentioned in the Surveyor's report.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Motion—put and agreed to.

Road at Sassoon's Villa.—A proposal to consider the necessity or otherwise of diverting a right of way through the Dairy Farm premises at Sassoon's Villa, Pokfulam, was considered.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

Mr. EDE addressed the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the matter be referred to the Government for the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown.

The Vice-President seconded.

Motion—put and agreed to.

Mortality Returns.—The returns for the week ending March 26th was laid on the table.

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

The Vice-President moved—

That these applications be granted

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Motion—put and agreed to.

Licences.—One hundred and twenty-five applications for licences and renewal of licences to keep swine were considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That these licences be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Motion—put and agreed to.

Despatch.—A despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Tai-nan (Formosa), enclosing a return of cases of plague and small-pox, which have occurred in that city, was read and laid on the table.

The Vice-President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Motion—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 21st April, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 21st day of April, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Friday, the 8th day of April, 1898.

PRESENT :

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

ABSENT :

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.

Report.—A report of the Principal Civil Medical Officer, concerning the existence of Bubonic Plague at Canton, and the neighbouring districts, and at Macao, was read.

The President addressed the Board.

Mr. N. J. EDE addressed the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.

The President moved—

That the Sanitary Board advises the Government to proclaim the ports of Canton, Whampoa, and Macao to be places at which Bubonic Plague prevails, in accordance with Article 1 of the Quarantine Regulations, made the 18th day of March, 1897, by the Governor in Council under section 25 of The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1891, and to institute at once a medical inspection of all Chinese arriving therefrom in steamers, steam-launches, or passage-boats.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 21st 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 14th day of April, 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.

Bubonic Plague.—The President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Villages in British Kowloon be declared areas infected with Bubonic Plague.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

It was further agreed that a letter be addressed to the Colonial Secretary informing him that the above districts had been declared by the Board to be infected with Bubonic Plague, and requesting the authority of the Government to obtain such additional assistance as may be necessary for house to house visitation and cleansing in these districts.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

That this Board recommends the Government to communicate with the Viceroy of Canton with a view of ascertaining whether persons suffering from Bubonic Plague can be prohibited from coming to this Colony, from the Kwang Tung province.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Regulations made by the Board in March, 1896, with reference to the removal of cases of Bubonic Plague, and the bodies of persons dead of that disease, from the Colony be adopted for the current year.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—as an amendment to the motion—

That the removal of Plague patients from this Colony be permitted by the Board from certain specified wharves where officers of the Board will be on duty to obtain the addresses of these patients, and that matsheds be erected at the wharves for their temporary reception.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.

The Board divided.

Ayes.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.
 The Acting Registrar General.
 Mr. N. J. EDE.

Noes.

The President.
 The Medical Officer of Health.

The Director of Public Works did not vote.

Amendment carried.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Board requests the Government to authorize them to cremate the bodies of all persons found dead of Plague in the streets.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.

The Board divided.

Ayes.

The President.
 The Director of Public Works.
 Mr. N. J. EDE.

Noes.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.
 The Acting Registrar General.

The Medical Officer of Health pointed out that the resolution was contrary to Bye-law 19 made under section 13 of Ordinance 15 of 1894, and did not vote.

Motion carried.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 21st day of April, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 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, Esq.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Chinese Plague Hospital.—The advisability of permitting a Chinese Hospital for the reception of Plague Patients under the control and supervision of the Sanitary Board was considered.

A discussion ensued.

The Vice-President moved—

That this Board do appoint a branch hospital of the Tung Wa Hospital to be established on a site to be approved by the Board, as a place to which persons suffering from Plague may be removed, provided always that such hospital be under the control of the Sanitary Board and under the supervision of one or more duly qualified European Medical Practitioners and that the patients be allowed the option of being treated according to Western medical science, or Chinese medical methods, and that the burial of those that die in the hospital and the removal of patients therefrom be conducted under regulations to be approved by the Board and under the supervision of its officers.

Mr. EDE seconded.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health moved as an amendment—

That the words "according to Chinese medical methods" be omitted from the foregoing motion.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

The President moved as an amendment—

That the Medical Department of this Colony undertake the care of the sick after their arrival in hospital, and the Sanitary Board undertake all duty in connection with the removal of plague cases to hospital, the subsequent isolation of those who have been in immediate contact with the disease, and the disinfection of premises.

The amendment was not seconded.

The Board divided on the Medical Officer of Health's amendment.

Ayes.

The Medical Officer of Health.

The President.

Noes.

The Vice-President.

The Acting Registrar General.

Mr. N. J. EDE.

Amendment lost.

The Board divided on the Vice-President's motion.

Ayes.

The Vice-President.

The Acting Registrar General.

Mr. N. J. EDE.

Noes.

The President.

The Medical Officer of Health.

Motion carried.

The Vice-President then moved—

That the Standing Orders be suspended.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Appointment of a Sub-Committee.—The Vice-President moved—

That the Board do appoint a sub-committee consisting of the Medical Officer of Health, the Acting Registrar General and himself to approach the Committee of the Tung Wa Hospital on the subject of the institution of a branch of such hospital at Kennedy Town, and to make other necessary enquiries and arrangements with a view to the institution of such an hospital and report to the Board.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Emigration of Plague Patients.—The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the question of the emigration of Chinese Plague Patients from the Colony be now considered as a matter of urgency.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That the motion of the Board permitting the emigration of Plague Patients from this Colony passed at a Meeting held on the 14th instant, be, and hereby is rescinded.

The President seconded.

Mr. EDE moved as an amendment—

That the rescinding of the resolution be postponed until after the establishment of the Chinese Hospital.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

The Board divided upon the amendment—

Ayes.

The Acting Registrar General.

Mr. N. J. EDE.

Noes.

The President.

The Vice-President.

The Medical Officer of Health.

Amendment lost.

The Board then divided on the Medical Officer of Health's motion—

Ayes.
The President.
The Vice-President.
The Medical Officer of Health.

Noes.
The Acting Registrar General.
Mr. N. J. EDE.

Motion carried.

Increase of Staff.—A letter was read from the Captain Superintendent of Police asking for an increase of the staff employed in house to house visitation.

Mr. EDE moved—

That the Government be asked to authorize the employment of the necessary additional assistance.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 21st day of April, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 184.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint ROBERT DALY ORMSBY, provisionally, to be a Member of the Executive Council during the absence of HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G., from the Colony or until further notice.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th April, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 185.

With reference to Government Notification No. 71 of the 14th February, 1898, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint WILLIAM CHARLES HOLLAND HASTINGS (Retired Commander, R.N.) to be Chairman of the Commission thereunder notified, in the place of the Honourable HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G., who has resigned that appointment on the said Commission.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th April, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 186.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th April, 1898.

NOTICE.

Four Clerks are required for the General Post Office at a salary of \$20 a month rising to \$40 by annual increments of \$10. Applications stating age and giving copies of testimonials should be made to the Postmaster General not later than Thursday, 28th instant.

A. M. THOMSON,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 19th April, 1898.