

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 209.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th May, 1898.

No. 8.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 21st 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.

Minutes.—The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday the 7th of April, Friday the 8th of April, Thursday the 14th of April, and Tuesday the 19th of April, 1898, were read and confirmed.

Bye-laws.—The draft bye-laws for regulating the manufacture and sale of poisons were laid on the table, and ordered to be printed with the corrections suggested by the Attorney General.

Motion.—The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board, and pursuant to notice, moved—

That the Sanitary Board directs, in accordance with Bye-law 19 made under sec. 13 of Ordinance 15 of 1894, that a site some 150 yards to the west of Kennedytown Hospital and 150 yards to the east of the Telegraph House may be used for the cremation of the bodies of persons that have died of Bubonic Plague, Cholera, Small-pox or such other epidemic, endemic or contagious disease as may be from time to time duly notified in the "Government Gazette," in accordance with the custom of the race to which the deceased belonged.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Motion.—The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board, and pursuant to notice, moved—

That the resolution of the Board passed at a special meeting held on Thursday, the 3rd of March, 1898, with reference to the disposal of the carcasses of diseased animals, be rescinded.

The President addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Report.—The report of the Insanitary Properties Commission was laid on the table, and it was agreed to consider it at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Rinderpest.—Correspondence with reference to the prevalence of Rinderpest at Canton, and the alleged importation of dead meat into the Colony from that city was read and laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague.—A letter from the Colonial Secretary concerning the prevention of persons suffering from Bubonic Plague coming to Hongkong from the Kwang Tung Province was read and laid on the table.

Certain correspondence with reference to house to house visitation and cleansing in the infected districts was read.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

That the Board reply that the suggestion of His Excellency regarding allowing Chinese to cleanse their houses themselves will be adopted except in the case of the premises which it may be necessary to deal with under Bye-law 25 made under section 13 of Ordinance 15 of 1894.

The President addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

That the existing Regulations with reference to the removal of persons suffering from Bubonic Plague from the Colony be repealed.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Captain Superintendent of Police then addressed the Board and submitted certain new regulations which were approved by the Board, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the Government with a request that the Government would provide a wharf and a matched shelter at the place specified in these Regulations, at as early a date as practicable.

Report.—A report by the Government Analyst for the quarter ending March 31st, 1898, was read and laid on the table.

Licence.—An application for a licence to sell fruit at 44, Upper Lascar Row was considered.

The President moved—

That the Board recommend the Governor in Council to refuse to license these premises.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Registration.—An application for the registration of premises as a laundry was considered.

The President moved—

That the premises be registered as requested.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Registration.—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.

Licence.—An application for a licence to keep cattle was considered.

The President moved—

That the licence be granted.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Mortality Returns.—The returns for the weeks ending the 2nd and 9th April, 1898, respectively, were laid on the table.

Report.—A report by the sub-committee appointed by the Board to approach the Tung Wa Hospital Committee on the subject of the institution of a branch of such Hospital at Kennedytown for the reception of patients suffering from Bubonic Plague, was read.

The President addressed the Board.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board.

Mr. N. J. EDE addressed the Board.

It was agreed that the matsheds offered to the Tung Wah Hospital Committee by the Principal Civil Medical Officer should be appointed by the Board as a place to which patients suffering from Bubonic Plague might be removed, as soon as these matsheds had been properly fitted up.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

That the sub-committee appointed at the meeting of the Board held on the 19th day of April, 1898 be constituted a Select Committee under Ordinance 11 of 1895 with the full powers of the Board to arrange the necessary details with the Tung Wa Hospital Committee.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

That the Board recommend the Government to bear the cost of the additional matsheds required for the full equipment of the Chinese Plague Hospital at Kennedytown.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 4th May, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 6th day of May, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 210.

The following Orders are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th May, 1898.

ORDERS.

1. Admission to the Government Gunpowder Depôt, or the premises appertaining thereto, can only be obtained by permission of the Harbour Master.
2. The officer in charge of the Depôt is instructed not to allow any unauthorized landing at the Depôt wharf, or on the shore within the boundaries of the Depôt.
3. During the time that explosives are being received into or discharged out of the Depôt a Red Flag is hoisted at the end of the Depôt wharf, and, while the same is flying, no launch or vessel of any description otherwise engaged, is permitted to go alongside of the wharf.

By Order,

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Retd. Comdr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 25th April, 1898.