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Acting Colonial Secretary.

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Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Friday, the 6th day of May, 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 meeting held on Thursday, the 21st of April, 1898, were read and confirmed.

Motion.—The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board on the subject of the early departure of Mr. N. J. EDE from the Colony, and moved—

That this Board desires to express its great regret at losing the services of Mr. N. J. Ede, and wishes to convey to Mr. Ede its deep appreciation of the valuable assistance he has rendered to the Board during the many years that he has unselfishly devoted himself to the cause of sanitation in the Colony.

The President addressed the Board and seconded.

Motion—put and carried with acclamation.

Mr. N. J. EDE replied.

Bye-laws.—The President moved that the consideration of the Draft Bye-laws for regulating the sale of poisons be adjourned until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Report.—The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

That the report of the Insanitary Properties Commission be considered by the Board in Committee.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President, pursuant to notice, moved—

That the Select Committee appointed on the 21st April, 1898, by the Board to arrange all details, &c., re establishment of a Chinese Plague Hospital under section 3 of Ordinance 11 of 1895, be dissolved.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.

Mr. N. J. EDE addressed the Board.

The Board divided—

Ayes.

The President.
The Vice-President.
The Director of Public Works.
The Acting Registrar General.

Noes.

The Medical Officer of Health.
Mr. N. J. EDE.

Motion carried.

Cremation.—A letter from the Colonial Secretary with reference to the proposed cremation of the bodies of persons dead of Bubonic Plague was read and laid on the table.

Medical Inspection.—A letter from the Colonial Secretary with reference to the medical inspection of passengers from Canton and Macao was read.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

That the Government be asked to discontinue the medical inspection of passengers from Canton and Macao.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

The President addressed the Board and moved as an amendment—

That a reply be sent to the Government in the sense of the President's minute of 2nd instant.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

The Board divided on the President's amendment—

Ayes.

The President.
The Acting Registrar General.
The Medical Officer of Health.
Mr. N. J. EDE.

Noes.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.
The Director of Public Works.

Amendment carried.

Compensation.—Correspondence with reference to the advisability of recommending the Government to grant compensation for cubicles destroyed by the cleansing parties was read, and laid on the table.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That this matter be considered this day three months.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board and seconded.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board.

The Board divided—

Ayes.

The Director of Public Works.
The Acting Registrar General.
The Medical Officer of Health.

Noes.

The President.
The Vice-President.
Mr. N. J. EDE.

The President gave his casting vote against the motion.

Motion lost.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

That the papers be referred back to Mr. Bryan and himself for a further report.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Swine-Pens.—Correspondence having reference to the removal of certain cattle sheds and swine-pens from the proximity of the Native Plague Hospital at Kennedy Town was read and laid on the table.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

That the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the owner of the adjoining property with a view to obtaining permission for the temporary removal of the swine-pens thereto.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Lodging-House.—An application that a matshed be licensed as a common lodging-house was read.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That the Board recommend that the licence be refused.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Reports.—The Surveyor's report concerning the drainage of "Beryl," Kowloon Point, was read.

The President moved—

That a notice be served upon the owner requiring him to drain these premises in accordance with the report of the Surveyor.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Surveyor's Report for the quarter ending 31st March, 1898, was adopted and laid on the table.

Rinderpest.—A recommendation by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, that Sassoon's Villa be declared free from the infection of Rinderpest was considered.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the premises be declared by the Board free from the infection of Rinderpest.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Allowance for Quarters.—An application for a full month's rent allowance on transfer was considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

That the Board recommend the Government to pay the balance of the month's rent allowance in this case.

Mr. N. J. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bake-houses.—An application for the registration of a bake-house was 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 16th and 23rd April, 1898, respectively, were laid on the table.

Macao.—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending the 17th and 24th April, 1898, were submitted.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Board recommend the Government to prohibit the immigration of Chinese from Macao, in accordance with Ordinance 5 of 1895, for a period of 14 days from the 9th inst.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

The Board divided—

Ayes.

The President.
The Director of Public Works.
The Acting Registrar General.
The Medical Officer of Health.

Noes.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.
Mr. N. J. EDE.

Motion carried.

Strangers were requested to withdraw.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 19th day of May, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 19th day of May, 1898.

C. VIVIAN LADDS,
Asst. Secretary.