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Acting Colonial Secretary.

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No. 10.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 19th 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).

Minutes.—The minutes of the meeting held on Friday, the 6th of May, 1898, were read and confirmed.

Motion.—The Director of Public Works addressed the Board and, pursuant to notice, moved—

That the attention of the Government be invited to the representations made by the Sanitary Board in 1895, and following years, this Board begs that provision be made in the Estimates for 1899 for at least two public latrines in the City, and that votes be taken annually for this service, until the wants of the City in this respect are fully met.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.

Quarantine Regulations.—A letter from the Colonial Secretary with reference to a modification of quarantine regulations in respect of steam-boats from Macao and Canton was read and laid on the table.

Immigration.—A letter from the Colonial Secretary referring to proposed temporary prohibition of Immigration from Macao was read and laid on the table.

Compensation.—An application for compensation for cattle destroyed at Sassoon's Villa, Pokfulam, by order of the Board was considered. It was agreed to forward the correspondence to the Government.

Night Watchman.—A letter from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon recommending the temporary abolition of the post of Night Watchman at the Central Market was read and laid on the table.
The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the letter be forwarded to the Government for their favourable consideration.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.

Re-drainage.—A letter from the Acting Surveyor containing recommendations for the early completion of the re-drainage of the City was read and laid on the table.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

That the Board do appoint, under the provisions of Ordinance 11 of 1895, the Medical Officer of Health and the Acting Sanitary Surveyor to be a Select Committee to consider the reports of its Surveyors on the drainage of private premises, and to exercise the powers conferred on the Board by sections 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1887, and the bye-laws made under sub-section 1 of section 16 of that Ordinance.

The Director of Public Works seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.

Analyst's Report.—A report from the Government Analyst upon a sample of well water taken at Hok-ün was read and laid on the table.

The President moved—

That the owner of the property be called upon to close the well.

The Director of Public Works seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.

Mortality Returns.—The returns for the weeks ending the 30th April, and the 7th and the 14th May, respectively, were laid on the table.

Macao.—The mortality returns for Macao for the week ending the 8th May was submitted.

Motion.—A motion was made by the President "that strangers be requested to withdraw."

The Director of Public Works seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 2nd day of June, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 2nd day of June, 1898.

C. VIVIAN LADDS,
Asst. Secretary.