

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the herein-before recited sub-section (1) of section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that the said section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," shall apply in the case of Japan.

And the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Secretary of State for India in Council, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

J. H. HARRISON.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 299.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 12.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 16th day of June, 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 meetings held on the 2nd and 9th of June, 1898, were read and confirmed.

Resignation of Secretary.—The President addressed the Board and moved—

That this Board desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. McCallum as Secretary of the Board since its formation—a period of over fifteen years—and at the same time to express its regret that continued illness has rendered it necessary for him to send in his resignation.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to unanimously.

Special cleansing.—A report on the special cleansing in Health Districts 5 and 6 was read and laid on the table.

Insanitary dwellings.—A report concerning certain insanitary dwellings at Tai Kok Tsui was read and laid on the table.

Bakery.—An application for the registration of 118, Praya Central, ground floor, as a Bakery was considered.

The President moved—

That the premises be registered as requested.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Public Laundry.—An application for the registration of 10, St. Francis Street, ground floor, as a Public Laundry was considered.

The President moved—

That the premises be registered as requested.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague.—Returns showing the progress of Bubonic Plague at Bombay and Macao were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for the weeks ending June 4th and June 11th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Licences to keep Pigs.—One hundred and thirty-five applications for licences to keep pigs were considered.

The President moved—

That the licences be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 30th day of June, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 30th day of June, 1898.

F. W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.