

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 351.

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T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

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No. 14.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 14th day of July, 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 a meeting held on the 30th of June, 1898, were read and confirmed.

**Draft Bye-laws.**—The draft bye-laws for regulating the sale of Poisons to be made under sub-section 22 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 were read and considered.

The President moved—

*That Bye-laws 4 and 5 be referred back to the Attorney General for further information.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Report.**—A report by Mr. FRANK BROWNE on the disinfection and cleansing of houses in British Kowloon during the epidemic of Bubonic Plague was laid on the table.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

*That this Board begs to thank Mr. Browne for the valuable assistance he has rendered during the recent epidemic of Bubonic Plague.*

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Bubonic Plague.**—Letters from H. B. M.'s Consuls at Amoy and Swatow concerning the prevalence of Bubonic Plague at those Ports were laid on the table.

**Trough Closets.**—An application for permission to erect trough closets at the new married quarters to be erected by the Military Authorities, to the north of Kennedy Road, was read and considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

*That the Board adheres to the strict lines of the policy laid down by resolution of the Board and based on a Report of a Sub-Committee, on the question of water closets in the City of Victoria, and regrets that it cannot accede to the request of the Military Authorities to grant permission to erect trough (water) closets at the new married quarters on Kennedy Road.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board and moved, as an amendment—

*That the matter be considered this day fortnight.*

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

The Board divided.

*For the amendment.*

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

*Against.*

The Captain Superintendent of Police.  
The Medical Officer of Health.

Amendment carried.

**Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance.**—The Report of the Government Analyst under the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance for the quarter ending June 30th, 1898, was laid on the table.

**Public Laundry.**—An application for the registration of a public laundry at 54, Queen's Road East, was considered. The President moved—

*That the premises be registered as requested.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Mortality Returns.**—The mortality return for Macao for the week ending July 3rd, 1898, was laid on the table. The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending July 2nd and July 9th, 1898, were laid on the table.

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 to Thursday, the 28th day of July, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Read and confirmed this 28th day of July, 1898.

F. W. CLARK,  
*Acting Secretary.*