

Extract from the "Reichsanzeiger" of June 14, 1898.

Notice respecting the Commercial Relations with the British Empire (June 11th, 1898).
(Translation.)

THE Bundesrath has decided that, by virtue of the Law of 11th May, 1898, concerning the commercial relations with the British Empire, there will be granted to the subjects and products of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, as also to those of the British Colonies and foreign possessions, with the exception of Canada, all those advantages which are granted by the German Empire to the subjects and products of the most favoured nation. This treatment is to take effect from the 31st July of this year, and until further notice.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 375.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th August, 1898.

No. 16.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 11th day of August, 1898.

PRESENT :

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.
The Acting Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, Esquire).
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 28th of July, 1898, and of a confidential meeting held on the 14th July 1898, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

Amendment of Bye-laws.—A draft bye-law for the regulation of Public Laundries was read and considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the bye-law be made and transmitted to the Colonial Secretary for the approval of the Legislative Council.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Resignation of Mr. N. J. Ede.—A letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies concerning the resignation of Mr. N. J. EDE was read and laid on the table.

Common Lodging Houses.—Some correspondence having reference to the alleged use of certain premises as common lodging houses was laid on the table.

The Vice-President moved—

That no further action be taken in this matter for the present.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Letter from the Commissioner of Imperial Maritime Customs.—A letter from Mr. H. M. HILLIER acknowledging the letter of thanks addressed to him by the Board, in reference to the assistance rendered by him during the recent outbreak of Bubonic Plague, was read.

The Vice-President moved—

That a copy of Mr. Hillier's letter be forwarded to the Government, with a recommendation that the Government should request H. B. Majesty's Consul in Canton to bring to the notice of the Chinese authorities the valuable assistance rendered by the officials named in Mr. Hillier's letter, to this Board, during the recent epidemic of Bubonic Plague.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Vaccine Institute.—Certain correspondence relating to the Vaccine Institute and the manufacture of vaccine lymph in this Colony was considered.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved—

(a) *That a letter be addressed to the Colonial Secretary setting out the necessity of obtaining a continuous supply of lymph for use in the Colony and the possibility of its being manufactured at the Vaccine Institute by the additions to the staff suggested by the Superintendent (Mr. C. V. Ladds), and by the Superintendent devoting more time to these duties in future, and recommending that the Superintendent should receive some extra remuneration for the duties.*

(b) *That the proposal of the Medical Officer of Health to grant to the House Surgeons of the native Hospitals some small remuneration for successful vaccinations be forwarded to the Government, with a recommendation from the Board that the proposal be adopted.*

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Application for Permission to Erect Water Closets.—An application for permission to erect water closets at a new building on Marine Lot 278 (Reclamation) was considered.

The Acting Director of Public Works moved—

That the application be granted subject to the approval of the plans by the Board's Surveyor.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Application for a Licence to Keep Cattle.—An application for a licence to keep cattle at Yaumati was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the licence be granted.

The Acting Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague Returns.—Bubonic Plague returns for Bombay from July 5th to 10th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending July 24th and 31st, 1898, and for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending July 30th and August 6th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The Vice-President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Acting 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 25th day of August, 1898.

F. H. MAY,
Acting President.

Read and confirmed this 25th day of August, 1898.

F. W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 376.

The following telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th August, 1898.

“SIMLA, 23rd August, 1898.

“Re your telegram of 20th August last, orders issued to withdraw regulations against Hongkong, Macao, Canton, and Swatow.”

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 377.

With reference to Government Notification No. 349 of the 6th instant, it is hereby notified that the Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY will resume the duties of Director of Public Works and Water Authority on Monday, the 29th instant.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th August, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 378.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the QUEEN, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 7 of 1898.—An Ordinance for the Naturalization of CHAU TUNG SHANG.

Ordinance No. 15 of 1898.—An Ordinance to provide for the reservation of certain land at Causeway Bay as a recreation ground and for the making of regulations as to its use.

Ordinance No. 18 of 1898.—An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Trade Marks.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th August, 1898.