

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 410.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th September, 1898.

No. 17.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 25th 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 Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JAMES LOWSON).
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).
EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of a meeting held on the 11th of August, 1898, were read and confirmed.

New Member.—The Vice-President addressed the Board and announced that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government had been pleased to appoint Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE a Member of the Board.

Mr. OSBORNE addressed the Board.

Draft Bye-laws.—The Vice-President moved—

That the Bye-laws for regulating the sale of Poisons, made by the Board on the 23th day of July, 1898, be revoked.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Bye-laws, as amended by the Attorney General, were then considered and adopted.

The Vice-President moved—

That the Bye-laws for regulating the sale of Poisons, as amended by the Attorney General, be made and transmitted to the Colonial Secretary for the approval of the Legislative Council.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Draft Bye-laws.—Some additional Bye-laws for the regulation of Slaughter-houses and Markets were considered.

The President moved—

That the Bye-laws be referred back to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for further consideration.

The Acting Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Laundry Bye-laws.—A recommendation by the Attorney General in reference to the new Laundry Bye-law was considered.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the Bye-laws made by the Board for the regulation of Public Laundries on the 16th day of August, 1895, and the Bye-law made on the 11th day of August, 1898, be revoked.

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Bye-laws were then re-considered by the Board, amended, and approved.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the Bye-laws for the regulation of Public Laundries be made and transmitted to the Colonial Secretary for the approval of the Legislative Council.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Application for permission to amend and retain water-closets.—An application for permission to amend and retain certain water-closets at the Convent of the Spanish Procuration, No. 24, Caine Road, was considered.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.

The Acting Director of Public Works moved—

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

Mr. OSBORNE addressed the Board and seconded.

The Board divided.

Ayes.

The Acting Director of Public Works.
The Acting Registrar General.
The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer.
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

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The Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Medical Officer of Health did not vote.

Application for exemption from concreting ground surfaces.—An application for exemption from concreting the ground surfaces of 33, 35 and 37, Wanchai Road, was considered.

The Acting Registrar General moved—

That the exemption asked for be granted.

The motion was not seconded.

The Vice-President moved—

That the application be refused.

The Acting Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

An application for exemption from concreting beneath certain stone mortars in a rice pounding shop at 237 and 238 Praya West was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the application be granted.

The Acting Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Application for permission to erect urinals.—An application for permission to erect two urinals at “Marine House” was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

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

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Praya Reclamation and the Dust-boat Stations.—A letter from the Acting Director of Public Works in reference to the liability of the Scavenging Contractor for the removal of sunken débris dropped overboard at the dust-boat stations was considered.

It was agreed that the Board should take the matter into consideration when framing the conditions of the next contract, at the end of the current year.

Bubonic Plague at Amoy and Tamsui.—A letter, with enclosures, and a telegram from H. B. Majesty's Consul at Amoy concerning the prevalence of Bubonic Plague at that port, was read and considered.

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer moved—

That the Board recommend the Government to revoke the Proclamation of the 4th June, 1898, declaring Amoy to be a port or place infected with Bubonic Plague.

The Vice-President seconded.

The Board divided.

Ayes.

The Vice-President.

The Acting Director of Public Works.

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer.

Noes.

The Acting Registrar General.

The Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

The Vice-President gave his casting vote in favour of the motion.

Motion carried.

Some correspondence with reference to the prevalence of Bubonic Plague at Tamsui, Formosa, was laid on the table.

Cost of erection of matsheds used for Native Plague Hospital.—Correspondence concerning the cost of erection of the matsheds put up at Kennedy Town for use as a Native Plague Hospital was considered.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved—

That a further letter be addressed to the Acting Colonial Secretary, emphasizing the fact that the Sub-Committee of the Board, appointed to arrange for the establishment of a Native Plague Hospital, undoubtedly led the Directors of the Tung Wa Hospital to believe that the cost of these matsheds would be defrayed by the Government, and expressing the hope that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will be pleased to reconsider his decision, as contained in C.S.O. letter No. 1466, and, under the special and peculiar circumstances of the case, direct that the entire cost be defrayed out of public funds.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board.

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer addressed the Board, and moved as an amendment—

That the Board ask the Directors of the Tung Wa Hospital to defray the balance of the cost of erection of these matsheds.

The amendment was not seconded.

Motion—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague Returns.—Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay from July 19th to August 2nd, 1898, were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending August 7th and 14th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending August 13th and 20th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Licences to keep swine.—Two applications for the renewal of licences to keep swine at Ma-ti, and two applications for Hok Un Kok were considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the licences be granted.

The Acting Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Exemption as to height of building.—An application for permission to erect a building of a greater height than 40 feet in a street not exceeding 20 feet in width was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the application be refused.

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

New buildings at Hok Un Kok.—The Vice-President addressed the Board with reference to some new domestic buildings at Hok Un Kok.

It was agreed that the premises should be inspected and a report submitted by the Medical Officer of Health as to their sanitary condition, especially with reference to their lighting and ventilation.

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 8th day of September, 1898.

F. H. MAY,
Acting President.

Read and confirmed this 8th day of September, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 411.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Wednesday, the 28th September, 1898, for supply of the undermentioned Winter Clothing for the use of the Sanitary Department, viz :—

30 Suits Blue Uniform.

30 Caps.

42 Pairs of Boots.

13 Overcoats.

For full particulars as to nature of Uniform, &c. required, apply at the Office of the Sanitary Board, "Beaconsfield."

Tenderers must produce a receipt that they have deposited in the Treasury the sum of \$25 as a pledge of the *bona fides* of their tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if any tenderer fails, or refuses to carry out his tender, should the tender be accepted.

The lowest or any tender may not be accepted.

For form of tender apply at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th September, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 412.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 24th September, for the making up and supply of the following Winter Clothing for the Gaol Staff, viz :—

For more or less.	{	For making up	1 Blue Cloth Suit, for Chief Warder.
		"	3 Blue Cloth Suits, for Principal Warders.
		"	23 Blue Cloth Suits, for Warders.
		"	44 Blue Serge Suits, for Gaol Staff.
		For supply of	1 Cap with Peak, for Chief Warder.
		"	3 Caps with Peaks, for Principal Warders.
		"	23 Caps with Peaks, for Gaol Staff.
		"	1 Pair Boots, for Chief Warder.
		"	70 Pairs of Boots for Gaol Staff.
		"	1 Blue Serge Suit and 1 pair of Shoes for Messenger.
"	3 Blue Serge Dresses and 3 pairs of Shoes for Female Staff.		

Sample of uniform may be seen, and any further information obtained, at the Gaol Office.

No tender will be received unless the person tendering shall produce a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Colonial Treasury the sum of \$50, as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if such person shall refuse to carry out his tender.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th September, 1898.