

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 419.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

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

**No. 18.**

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 8th day of September, 1898.

## PRESENT :

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAT, C.M.G.), Vice-President.  
The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).  
The Acting Registrar General, (JAMES DYER BALL, 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 25th of August, 1898, were read and confirmed.

**Draft Bye-laws.**—Some additional Bye-laws for the regulation and sanitary maintenance of Cemeteries were considered.

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer moved—

*That Bye-law 8 be reconsidered at the next regular meeting of the Board.*

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Cost of erection of Matsheds used for Native Plague Hospital.**—A letter from the Colonial Secretary was read intimating that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government had decided that, under the circumstances, the cost of these Matsheds would be defrayed out of public funds.

**Vaccine Institute.**—A letter from the Colonial Secretary was read sanctioning the engagement of two coolies for the Vaccine Institute.

**Application for Permission to amend and retain Water Closets.**—An application for permission to amend and retain certain Water-closets at the Italian Convent, Caine Road, was considered.

The Acting Director of Public Works addressed the Board and 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.

The Board divided—

*Ayes.*

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

*Noes.*

The Vice-President.

The Medical Officer of Health and the Acting Registrar General did not vote.  
Motion carried.

**Crematorium.**—A report concerning the Crematoria at Tokio, Japan, was considered.  
The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer addressed the Board and moved—

*That the Sanitary Board desire to impress on the Government the desirability of introducing means for Cremation in the Colony, and that they should obtain plans and estimates for suitable buildings for that purpose.*

The Director of Public Works seconded.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved as an amendment—

*That the Board recommend the Government to erect a small Crematorium for the purpose of burning cattle dead of infectious disease, and also, on a separate site, a small public Crematorium for the use of such of the public as may desire to use it.*

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

The Board divided—

*Ayes.*

The Vice-President.  
The Acting Registrar General.  
The Medical Officer of Health.  
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

*Noes.*

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer.  
The Director of Public Works.

Amendment carried.

**Chinese Officials in Kowloon and the recent outbreak of Bubonic Plague.**—A letter from Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Canton intimating that the Chinese Officials in Kowloon who had assisted the Board in dealing with the recent outbreak of Bubonic Plague in the Colony, had been recommended by the Viceroy for "one record of great merit," was read and laid on the table.

**New Domestic Buildings at Hok Un Kok.**—A report by the Medical Officer of Health concerning certain new domestic buildings at Hok Un Kok was read.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved—

*That the Report of the Medical Officer of Health be forwarded to the Government with an expression of the Board's regret that it was not stipulated that these houses should be built in accordance with the Building Ordinances, and an enquiry as to what steps the Government proposes to take to cause these houses to be put in a condition in accordance with the provisions of those Ordinances.*

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer seconded.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Director of Public Works did not vote.

**Analyst's Reports on Samples of Well-water.**—The reports of the Government Analyst upon samples of water taken from wells at Nos. 2 and 5, Shaukiwan Road, the Distillery at Tung Lo Wan, and Jardine's Lodge, East Point, were considered.

The Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer moved—

*That the well at Jardine's Lodge, East Point, be ordered to be closed.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Bubonic Plague Returns.**—Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay for August 3rd to 15th, 1898, were laid on the table.

**Mortality Returns.**—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending August 21st and 28th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending August 27th and September 3rd, 1898, were laid on the table.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 22nd day of September, 1898.

F. H. MAY,  
*Acting President.*

Read and confirmed this 22nd day of September, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,  
*Acting Secretary.*

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 421.**

The following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on Monday, the 10th day of October, 1898, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

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

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 10th day of October, 1898, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			n.	s.	e.	w.			
			feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.	\$	\$	
1	Inland Lot No. 1,509.	Macdonnell Road, (between Kennedy and Bowen Roads),.....	290'	153.6"	120'	120'	31,700	216	3,804

**CONDITIONS OF SALE.**

1. The highest bidder above the upset price shall be the Purchaser, and if any dispute arise between two or more bidders, the Lot shall be put up again at a former bidding.

2. No person shall at any bidding advance less than \$25.

3. Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the Purchaser shall sign the Memorandum of Agreement, hereinafter contained, for completing the purchase according to these Conditions, and shall, within Three Days of the day of sale, pay into the Colonial Treasury the full amount of Premium at which the Lot shall have been purchased.

4. The Purchaser of the Lot shall also pay to the Land Officer, on behalf of Her Majesty the QUEEN, the sum of \$15 within three days of the day of sale, for and in consideration of the Boundary Stones, properly cut, fixed, and marked with the Registry Number, which shall be placed by the Director of Public Works, for the Purchaser, at each angle of the Lot.