

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 446.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 19.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 22nd day of September, 1898.

PRESENT :

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, (JAMES DYER BALL, Esquire).
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).
EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of a meeting held on the 8th day of September, 1898, were read and confirmed.

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

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.
The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That the Bye-laws made by the Board on the 6th day of August, 1891, for the regulation and sanitary maintenance of cemeteries under sub-section 18 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 as amended by section 4 of Ordinance 12 of 1891, be revoked.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

The Vice-President moved—

That the Bye-laws for the regulation and sanitary maintenance of cemeteries 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.

Common Lodging-House Bye-law.—Correspondence with reference to Bye-law 9 of the Bye-laws for the licensing, regulation and sanitary maintenance of Common Lodging-houses was laid on the table.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That Bye-law 9 of the Bye-laws made by the Board on the 13th day of March, 1891, and amended on the 2nd day of April, 1891, for the licensing, regulation and sanitary maintenance of common lodging houses, under sub-section 12 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 and sub-section D of section 1 of Ordinance 26 of 1890 be revoked.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Chinese Officials in Kowloon and the recent outbreak of Bubonic Plague.—Some further correspondence with reference to the assistance rendered by Chinese Officials in Kowloon during the recent outbreak of Bubonic Plague was laid on the table.

Pay of Chinese Market Scavengers.—Some correspondence with reference to the pay of certain of the Market Scavengers, who act also as auxiliary firemen, was laid on the table.

Petition for Increase of Pay.—A petition from the Foremen of Street Cleansers for an increase of pay was considered.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board and moved—

That the Secretary be instructed to report, for the information of the Board, as to the rate of pay, number and status of the petitioners, and of all other employes of the Board of other than European or Chinese nationality.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Latrine Accommodation.—A report by the Medical Officer of Health concerning the need for further latrine accommodation at Sokunpo was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That a copy of the report of the Medical Officer of Health be forwarded to the Government together with a request that, if the Government cannot see their way to erect more than two additional public latrines next year, these two should be erected at Leighton's Hill Road and Sokunpo instead of at Leighton's Hill Road and Kennedy Town, as recommended in C.S.O. 1426 of 1898.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Trough Closets.—An application for permission to erect trough closets in a new building on the Praya Reclamation was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

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

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Fat-boiling premises.—An application for the approval of the premises No. 6 Temple Street, Yaumati, as a fat-boiling establishment and a similar application in respect of 78 Market Street, Hunghom, were considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the premises be approved by the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Licences to keep Swine.—Two applications for the renewal of licences to keep swine at Ma-ti were considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the licences be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague Returns.—Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay from August 16th to 29th, 1898, were laid on the table.

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

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending September 10th and 17th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The Vice-President then moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 6th day of October, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 6th day of October, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

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The following Order is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th October, 1898.

ORDER

Made by the Governor in Council under section 6 of Ordinance 15 of 1888 this 5th day of October, 1898.

The Governor in Council hereby directs that a general valuation, under The Rating Ordinance, 1888, of the rateable tenements in the City of Victoria, the Hill District, Aberdeen, Shaukiwan, Kowloon Point, Hunghom, Yaumati, Taikoktsui and Fuktsunheung, for the year commencing 1st July, 1899, shall be made on or before the 30th day of April, 1899, but that, as regards rateable tenements situated elsewhere in the Colony, the existing valuation shall be adopted as that for the said year.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
Clerk of Councils.