

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 486.

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By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

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No. 20.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 6th day of October, 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, (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 22nd day of September, 1898, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Disposal of Carcasses of diseased animals.**—Some correspondence having reference to the disposal of the carcasses of animals dead of infectious disease was read and laid on the table.

**Application for exemption from cementing a Bakery.**—An application by Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. for exemption from concreting their bakery at East Point was considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

*That the exemption be not granted.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Report concerning the Watchmen at the Slaughter-houses.**—A report by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon concerning the watchmen at the Slaughter-houses was considered.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon was in attendance and explained the duties of these men.

It was agreed that the matter should be allowed to stand over until a further and more detailed report is presented by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

**Petition for increase of pay.**—Further correspondence with reference to the petition from the Foremen of Street Cleansers for an increase of pay was considered.

It was agreed that the correspondence should be re-circulated with the information as to the date at which the present rate of pay of these men was fixed.

**Licence to keep Cattle.**—An application for a licence to keep cattle at Taitam was considered.

The President moved—

*That the licence be granted.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Licence to keep Swine.**—An application for a licence to keep swine at Taitam was considered.

The President moved—

*That the licence be granted.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Bubonic Plague Returns.**—Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay for August 30th to September 12th, 1898 were laid on the table.

**Mortality Returns.**—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending September 25th and October 2nd 1898, were laid on the table.

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending September 24th and October 1st, 1898, were laid on the table.

**Conditions of new Scavenging Contract.**—The conditions of the new Scavenging Contract were then considered, amended and agreed to.

**Proposed Additional Bye-laws.**—It was agreed that the consideration of the additional Bye-laws for the regulation of Cattle Diseases, Markets and Slaughter-houses should stand over until the next meeting of the Board.

Strangers having withdrawn, a confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 20th day of October, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Confirmed this 20th day of October, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,  
*Acting Secretary.*