

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 531.

The following Resolution is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1898.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

That the percentages on the valuation of tenements in Hok-ün and Kwo-lo-wan (the latter now known as Kowloon Marine Lot 40) at present payable as rates under the Rating Ordinance of 1888, as amended by Ordinance No. 5 of 1892, be altered from 7 per cent. to 9 per cent.

Passed by the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 22nd day of November, 1898.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 532.

The following Bye-laws, made by the Sanitary Board under sub-section 18 of section 13 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1887, as amended by Ordinance No. 12 of 1891, and approved of by the Legislative Council, are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1898.

BYE-LAWS

*Made under sub-section 18 of section 13 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1887,
as amended by Ordinance No. 12 of 1891, for the regulation
and sanitary maintenance of cemeteries.*

A

Cemeteries other than Public Chinese Cemeteries.

1. Every cemetery shall be at all times open to inspection by members of the Sanitary Board and any of its officers who may be directed to make such inspections.
2. Each grave shall bear a number.
3. A register shall be kept by the person or persons in charge of each cemetery, at or near each cemetery and the date of burial, name, sex, age and registered cause of death of each person shall be entered therein against the number of the grave in which the corpse is interred; such register shall be open to inspection by any member of the Sanitary Board, or by any officer of the Board who may be directed to make such inspection, at any reasonable hour.
4. Each grave shall be dug to at least a depth of seven feet throughout.
5. Except as regards the corpses of children under five years of age, only one corpse shall be placed in one grave. In the case of the corpses of children under five years of age two corpses may be placed in one grave.
6. The interspace between any two graves at any point shall be at least 18 inches.
7. Each grave on being filled in shall be properly covered with turf or chunam or such other material as may be approved of by the Board.
8. No grave may be re-opened after a corpse has been interred therein, without the written permission of the Medical Officer of Health or other officer duly appointed by the Board for that purpose.
9. The person in charge of each cemetery shall give not less than two hours notice to the Overseer, or other officer of the Board duly appointed for the purpose, of intention to inter a corpse and the hour at which it is proposed that such interment shall take place.

B

Public Chinese Cemeteries.

1. Each cemetery shall be laid out in sections of such size and arranged in such manner as may be directed by the Board.
2. A plan of the cemetery or a tracing thereof as laid out shall be on view at or near to the cemetery and the offices of the Board.

3. The plan shall show the position of each grave-space in each section and every such grave-space shall bear a number.

4. A register shall be kept in the English and Chinese languages at or near each cemetery and the date of burial, name, sex, age and registered cause of death of each person shall be entered therein against the number of the grave in which the corpse is interred.

5. Except as regards the corpses of children under five years of age, only one corpse shall be placed in one grave. In the case of the corpses of children under five years of age two corpses may be placed in one grave.

6. Each grave on being filled in shall be covered with turf, chunam or such other material as may be approved of by the Board.

7. No grave may be re-opened after a corpse has been interred therein, without the written permission of the Medical Officer of Health or other officer duly appointed by the Board for that purpose.

8. The following fees will be charged for each grave-space and interments in the various sections of the cemeteries.

Section A.	Free.	Fifty cents for digging, filling in and covering each grave.		
„	B.	\$1 and a dollar	do.	do.
„	C.	\$2	do.	do.
„	D.	\$10	do.	do.
„	E.	\$15	do.	do.

Made by the Sanitary Board, this 22nd day of September, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

Approved by the Legislative Council, this 22nd day of November, 1898.

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

NOTE.—Extract from section 26 of Ordinance 24 of 1887.—“It shall be lawful for the Chinese, in conformity with the provisions of the notifications actually in force, to bury their dead, yet so as that any person who shall use for that purpose a grave of less than six feet in depth from the ordinary surface of the ground to the uppermost side of the corpse or coffin therein deposited, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding fifty dollars.”

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 533.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, with the approval of the Secretary of State, has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Public Works Department:—

I. M. XAVIER to be Land Surveyor, and THOMAS G. HUGHES to be Assistant Engineer.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd November, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 534.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint ALEXANDER HENRY LEE-NORMAN to be a Supernumerary Lieutenant in the Field Battery of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, with effect from the 25th day of November, 1898.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 535.

The Governor has been pleased to appoint Major THOMAS CAMERON FITZGERALD SOMERVILLE, The King's Own Regiment, to be His Excellency's Private Secretary, and Lieutenant ALEXANDER HENRY LEE-NORMAN, Hongkong Volunteer Corps, to be His Excellency's Aide-de-Camp with effect from the 25th day of November, 1898.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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