

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 589.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 25.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 15th day of December, 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).

Minutes.—The minutes of a meeting held on the 1st day of December, 1898, were confirmed.

Draft Regulations for controlling the importation of dogs.—Certain draft regulations for controlling the importation of dogs into the Colony were considered.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board and moved—

That the Draft Regulations be approved and forwarded to the Government for their favourable consideration.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

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

That the Draft Regulations be not adopted, but that the Board recommend the Government to obtain the necessary powers to prohibit the importation of dogs from any place or places at which Rabies may prevail, and also from any ports of call between such place or places and this Colony.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Amendment put—

Ayes.
The Vice-President.
The Director of Public Works.

Noes.
The Acting Registrar General.
The Medical Officer of Health.

Amendment not carried.

Resolution put—

Ayes.
The Acting Registrar General.
The Medical Officer of Health.

Noes.
The Vice-President.
The Director of Public Works.

Resolution not carried.

It was agreed that both the resolution and the amendment should be forwarded to the Government for their consideration, together with a copy of the Draft Regulations.

Bubonic Plague Returns.—Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay from October 25th to November 7th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending November 27th and December 4th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending November 26th and December 3rd, 1898, were laid on the table.

The Vice-President 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 22nd day of December, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed this 22nd day of December, 1898.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 590.

The following Returns of Deaths are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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