

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 5.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th January, 1899.

No. 26.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 22nd day of December, 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 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 15th day of December, 1898, and of a confidential meeting held on the same date, were confirmed.

**Scavenging Contracts for the Villages.**—The conditions of Scavenging Contracts for the Villages were considered and adopted as amended.

**Bubonic Plague.**—The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board and pursuant to notice moved—

*That in view of the alleged recrudescence of Bubonic Plague in Canton and its neighbourhood, the Government be asked to take steps for the medical inspection of passengers from Canton whether arriving by river steamer or native craft.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

The President addressed the Board.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved as an amendment—

*That in view of the alleged occurrence of cases of Bubonic Plague in and around Canton, the Board recommend the Government to take steps to ascertain whether such disease is prevalent in that neighbourhood.*

The President seconded.

The original resolution was then withdrawn by the Acting Registrar General, and notice given that he would move it at the next meeting of the Board.

The amendment was then put as a resolution, and carried unanimously.

**Foot and Mouth disease.**—A report by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon concerning an outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease at the East Point Dairy Farm was read and considered.

The President moved—

*That shed C at the East Point Dairy Farm be declared an infected area, in accordance with Bye-law 12 made under section 1 of Ordinance 10 of 1898, as substituted for sub-section (5) of section 2 of Ordinance 17 of 1887.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Bubonic Plague Returns.**—Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay for November 8th to 21st, 1898, were laid on the table.

**Mortality Returns.**—The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the week ending December 18th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The 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 5th day of January, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
President.

Confirmed this 5th day of January, 1899.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,  
Acting Secretary.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1899.

## 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).

**Cattle Disease.**—A report from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon intimating that Foot and Mouth Disease had spread to the other sheds of the East Point Dairy Company's premises at Wong-nei-chong, and advising that the whole of these premises be declared to be infected, was read.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

*That the whole of these premises be declared an infected area in accordance with Bye-law 12 made under section 1 of Ordinance 10 of 1898, as substituted for sub-section (5) of section 2 of Ordinance 17 of 1887.*

The Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 5th day of January, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
President.

Confirmed this 5th day of January, 1899.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,  
Acting Secretary.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 6.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th January, 1899.

## NOTICE.

Government are prepared to receive offers for the lease by the year for farming or gardening purposes of an area of open terraced land, between two and three acres in extent, in the Sookunpoo Valley, behind the Cotton Mills, formerly cultivated with paddy. Only temporary matsheds can be erected on the land, and the lease will be subject to cancellation on three months' notice. Offer to be sent to the Colonial Secretary before Noon on the 16th January, 1899.

R. D. ORMSBY,  
Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department, Hongkong, 4th January, 1899.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 7.

Information has been received from the Military Authorities that Artillery Practice will take place from Sywan Hill (near Lyemun), between the 17th and 19th of January, 1899, in a Southerly direction over a land range, against spurs on Mount Parker; and also in a South-Easterly direction over a land range on to a hill.

All persons are warned to keep clear of the ranges, which will be indicated by Gunners placed on piquet for that purpose, whilst practice is being carried out.

All persons are, moreover, warned, that any unexploded shell should not be touched.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th January, 1899.