

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 30.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th January, 1899.

No. 1.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 5th 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).
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).
EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of a meeting held on the 22nd day of December, 1898, of a confidential meeting held on the same date, and of a special meeting held on the 3rd day of January, 1899, were confirmed.

Bubonic Plague.—A report by H.B.M. Consul at Canton, and a report by Dr. CHUNG, concerning the alleged prevalence of Bubonic Plague in and around Canton, were laid on the table.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board and withdrew the motion of which he had given notice at the previous meeting.

Amendment of Bye-laws for the regulation of the Cattle and Swine Depôts.—Correspondence concerning the amendment of certain of the bye-laws for the regulation of the Cattle and Swine Depôts was considered.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the Bye-laws made by the Sanitary Board on the 11th day of April, 1895, for the regulation of the Cattle and Swine Depôts, and approved by the Legislative Council on the 23rd day of May, 1895, under sub-section 14 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887, be revoked.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

The President moved—

That the Bye-laws for the regulation of the Cattle and Swine Depôts be made and transmitted to the Colonial Secretary for the approval of the Legislative Council.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending December 11th and 18th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending December 17th and 24th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Licences to keep Swine.—Thirteen applications for licences to keep Swine were considered.

The President moved—

That the licences be granted.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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 19th day of January, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed this 19th day of January, 1899.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.