

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO SOLICITORS OF THE SUPREME COURT.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 1st February, 1899, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 1st day of February, 1899.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 52.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 2.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 19th 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 5th day of January, 1899, and of a confidential meeting held on the same date, were confirmed.

Refuse Destructors.—A letter was read from Mr. N. J. EDE, a late member of the Board, forwarding a copy of Maxwell's new work on "The removal and disposal of Town Refuse" for addition to the Board's Library.

The President moved—

That the thanks of the Board be conveyed to Mr. N. J. Ede for his kindness in presenting this work.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague at Calcutta.—A telegram from the Home Secretary to the Government of India reporting the occurrence of six suspected cases of Bubonic Plague between the 1st and the 16th of January, 1899, was read and laid on the table.

Report of Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.—The Report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the year 1898 was submitted.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board on the subject of the proposed new Market at Taipingshan. Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That the consideration of the Report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be adjourned until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Proposed Washing Tanks at Tai Hang Village.—A plan and report concerning the proposed Washing Tanks at Tai Hang Village was laid on the table.

Foot and Mouth Disease.—A letter from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, reporting that the East Point Dairy Farm Company's premises were now free from infection, was laid on the table.

Applications for Water Closets.—An application for permission to retain water closets at the Ice Factory, East Point, was considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

That the application be refused.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board.
The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board.
The Board divided.

Ayes.

The President.
The Captain Superintendent of Police.
The Acting Registrar General.
The Medical Officer of Health.

Noes.

The Director of Public Works.
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

Motion carried.

An application for permission to erect water closets and trough closets at the new Cotton Mill, East Point, was considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police moved—

That the application be refused.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

The Director of Public Works moved as an amendment—

That the architects be asked where they propose to obtain the water supply for these closets.

The President seconded.

The Board divided on the amendment.

Ayes.

The President.
The Director of Public Works.
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

Noes.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.
The Acting Registrar General.
The Medical Officer of Health.

Amendment not carried.

The Board divided on the motion.

Ayes.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.
The Acting Registrar General.
The Medical Officer of Health.

Noes.

The Director of Public Works.
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

Motion carried.

Application to erect bridges across a backyard of a greater width than 3' 6".—An application to erect bridges in five new houses in Matheson Street, of a greater width than 3' 6" was considered.

It was agreed that the required permission be granted by the Board.

Return of Food and Drugs analysed.—A return of the articles analysed during the fourth quarter of 1898 under the Food and Drugs Ordinance was laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague.—Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay for November 22nd to December 19th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality return for Macao for the week ending December 24th was laid on the table.

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending December 31st, 1898, and January 7th, 1899, were laid on the table.

Licences to keep Cattle, Swine and Goats.—A number of applications for licences to keep Cattle, Swine and Goats 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 2nd day of February, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed this 2nd day of February, 1899.

FRANCIS W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 53.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, is published.

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 1st February, 1899.