GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 88.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1899.

No. 3.

Minutes of the proceedings of the Sanitary Board, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 2nd day of February, 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-Presilent.

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 19th day of January, 1899, and of a confidential meeting held on the same date, were confirmed.

Report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the Year 1898.—The Report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the Year 1898, was laid on the table.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved-

- 1. That the Government be asked to make provision, as early as possible, for Inspection Lairs for Cattle on landing.
- 2. That the Board recommend the Government to transfer the management and control of the Slaughter-Houses of the Colony to the Sanitary Board upon the expiration of the present lease to the Farmer.
- 3. That the attention of the Government be directed to the following points raised in the Report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the Year 1898:—
 - (a) The necessity for Slaughter-Houses at Shaukiwan and Aberdeen.
 - (b) The necessity for a Swine Depôt at Kowloon.
 - (c) The necessity for additional poultry plucking and dressing accommodation at the Central Market.
 - (d) The necessity for additional Stalls at the Shaukiwan Market.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and seconded.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board.

Questions-put and agreed to.

Report on Refuse Destructors.—A Report by Mr. J. R. Chook, Surveyor to the Board, on Refuse Destructors was laid on the table.

The Director of Public Works moved-

That the Report be printed.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bye-laws for the Regulation of Cattle, Sheep and Swine Depôts.

The Medical Officer of Health moved-

That the Bye-laws made by the Board under sub-section 14 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887, on the 5th day of January, 1899, for the regulation of the Cattle, Sheep and Swine Depóts, be revoked.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Bye-laws, as amended by the Attorney General, were then read and adopted by the Board.

The President moved—

That the Bye-laws (as read) be made and transmitted to the Colonial Secretary for the approval of the Legislative Council.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Proposed New Market in Taipingshan.—Some correspondence concerning a proposed New Market at Taipingshan was laid on the table.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved-

That the Board regrets to learn that it is contemplated to build the New Western Market in the resumed area of Taipingshan, and desires to place its views on the subject before His Excellency the Governor if it is not too late for the Government to re-consider the matter.

The Acting Registrar General addressed the Board and seconded.

The President addressed the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

The Board divided-

Ayes.

Noes.
The Director of Public Works.

The President.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Acting Registrar General. The Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Edward Osborne.

Motion carried.

Bubonic Plague.—A telegram reporting the outbreak of Bubonic Plague in Calcutta was laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague returns for Bombay for December 28th to January 2nd, 1899, were laid on the table.

A' despatch from H.B. Majesty's Consul at Tainan, Formosa, reporting the outbreak of Bubonic Plague in that District, was laid on the table.

Licences to keep Cattle, Swine and Coats.—Ninety-five applications for renewal of licences to keep cattle, swine and goats were submitted.

The President moved-

That the licences be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question--put and agreed to.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending January 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, 1899, were laid on the table.

The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending January 14th and 21st, 1899, were laid on he table.

The President moved-

...That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question--put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 16th day of February, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON, President.

Confirmed this 16th day of February, 1899.

FRANCIS W. CLARK, Acting Secretary.

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It is hereby notified that Calf Lymph can be obtained from the Government Vaccine Institute upon application in writing to C. VIVIAN LADDS, Superintendent, Government Offices, at 50 cents per tube.

All payments for the same to be made at the Government Civil Hospital.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th February, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 90.

The following Returns of Deaths are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1899.