

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 214.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th April, 1899.

No. 7.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 1899.

## PRESENT:

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.

The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Mr. LADDS, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, was in attendance.

**Rinderpest.**—A report, from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, that Rinderpest had broken out in a shed at Causeway Bay in which seven head of cattle were housed belonging to Mr. KENNEDY and that three animals were infected and recommending the slaughter of all the animals in the shed, was read.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

*That the shed at Kennedy's Stables, Causeway Bay, containing the diseased animals, be declared infected with Rinderpest in accordance with Bye-law 12, Schedule A, made under sub-section 5 of Ordinance 17 of 1887, as amended by section 1 of Ordinance 10 of 1898.*

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

*That the six cows and the calf in the infected shed at Kennedy's Stables, Causeway Bay, be slaughtered, and the carcasses buried, and that His Excellency the Governor-in-Council be informed in accordance with section 3 of Ordinance 17 of 1887.*

The President seconded.

The Vice-President moved as an amendment—

*That only the diseased cattle be slaughtered and that Mr. Kennedy be advised to remove the 31 cattle in the uninfected sheds as far Eastward as possible.*

The Director of Public Works seconded.

The Board divided on the amendment—

*Ayes.*

*Noes.*

The Vice-President.

The President.

The Director of Public Works.

The Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

Amendment carried.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE moved—

*That the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be authorized to slaughter the remaining four animals in the infected shed should they show symptoms of the disease.*

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Confirmed this 30th day of March, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,  
*Secretary.*

**No. 8.**

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 16th day of March, 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 Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

**Minutes.**—The minutes of a meeting held on the 2nd day of March, 1899, and of a confidential meeting held on the same day, as well as those of a special meeting held on the 10th day of March, 1899, were confirmed.

**Secretary.**—A letter from the Colonial Secretary notifying the appointment of Mr. C. W. DUGGAN as Secretary was laid on the table.

**Cattle Sheds.**—Correspondence with reference to the recommendation of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon to prohibit dairies within certain limits, was laid on the table.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

The President addressed the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

The Vice-President moved—

*That the recommendation of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be not adopted, and the Sanitary Inspectors of the District devote special attention to these Dairies and take immediate action if they are found in an insanitary condition.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE moved as an amendment—

*That the matter be deferred to this day two months or the nearest meeting thereto, and that in the meantime the Board's Inspectors be particularly instructed to see to the sanitary arrangements, and a Sub-Committee consisting of the Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Osborne, and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be appointed to confer with the cattle owners and obtain their views.*

The President seconded.

The amendment was agreed to.

**Bubonic Plague.**—Further reports, concerning the progress of Bubonic Plague in Formosa, were laid on the table.

A report of sporadic cases of Bubonic Plague at Pakhoi was laid on the table.

A telegram concerning an outbreak of Bubonic Plague in two villages in the Bengal Presidency was laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague returns from Bombay for January 31st to February 13th, 1899, were laid on the table.

**Mortality Returns.**—The mortality returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ended March 4th and 11th, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board on the point of eight deaths from Bubonic Plague being recorded in the return for the week ended 11th March and moved—

*That a return showing the number of tenements in each Health District, and the number of tenements lime-washed and cleansed up to the date of the return, be supplied to the Board every fortnight.*

The Vice-President seconded.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board, and gave certain information with respect to Bubonic Plague during the present year and the progress of cleansing measures.

Question—put and agreed to.

The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ended February 19th and 26th, 1899, were laid on the table.

**Urinal.**—An application from Mr. DANBY for permission to erect a urinal in connection with the new school on Inland Lot 59 was considered.

The President moved—

*That the application be granted subject to the approval of the work by the Sanitary Surveyor.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President moved—

*That strangers be requested to withdraw.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Board then considered certain matters confidentially.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 30th day of March, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
President.

Confirmed this 30th day of March, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,  
Secretary.

**No. 9.**

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Saturday, the 18th day of March, 1899.

## PRESENT:

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.  
 The Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.  
 The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).  
 EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.  
 Mr. LADDS, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, was in attendance.

**Rinderpest.**—A further report from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon that six more cases of Rinderpest had occurred at Kennedy's stables at Causeway Bay, and recommending the slaughter of all the animals (17) in the shed, was read.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.  
 The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board.  
 Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.  
 The President addressed the Board and moved—

*That Kennedy's stables at Causeway Bay be declared infected with Rinderpest in accordance with Bye-law 12, Schedule A, made under sub-section 5 of section 2 of Ordinance 17 of 1887 as amended by Ordinance 1 of 1898.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.  
 Question—put and agreed to.  
 The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved—

*That only the 6 diseased cattle be slaughtered, and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be authorised to have the other cattle slaughtered should they show signs of the disease, and that proper arrangements for the isolation of the remaining cattle, and of the attendants be made by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon with the assistance of the Police.*

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.  
 The President proposed as an amendment—

*That the whole of the animals be slaughtered in accordance with the recommendation of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.*

The amendment was not seconded.  
 The Board divided.

*Ayes.*

The Vice-President.  
 The Medical Officer of Health.  
 Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

*Noes.*

The President.

Motion carried.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Confirmed this 30th day of March, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,  
*Secretary.*

**No. 10.**

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1899.

## PRESENT:

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.  
 The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).  
 The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).  
 EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

**Bubonic Plague.**—Two letters from H.B.M.'s Consul at Tainan, Formosa, showing an increase of cases of bubonic plague in the Tainan Prefecture in the week ended 13th March to 122 over 49 cases in the previous week, were read.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

*That the Sanitary Board advises the Government to proclaim Tai Wan Foo and its Port Anping a place at which Bubonic Plague prevails, in accordance with Article I. of the Quarantine Regulations made the 18th day of March, 1897; and that the Government be requested to communicate with the Consul at Tamsui to ascertain whether any cases of Bubonic Plague exist at that Port.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.  
 Question—put and agreed to.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Confirmed this 30th day of March, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,  
*Secretary.*

**No. 11.**

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 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 Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).  
 The Acting Registrar General, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).  
 EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.  
 Mr. LADDS, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, was in attendance.

**Rinderpest.**—A report dated 25th March, 1899, from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, that another outbreak of Rinderpest had occurred in a new cowshed at Causeway Bay (the property of Mr. KENNEDY), which is situated immediately behind the stables already declared infected by the Board; that ten cows and a calf were in this shed, and five of the cows were infected, and recommending the immediate slaughter and burial of the eleven animals, was read.

The President informed the Board that, pending this meeting, he had yesterday (Sunday) given instructions to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the immediate slaughter of the diseased animals.

Mr. LADDS informed the President that he had slaughtered the whole of the cattle (11) as well as a bull not mentioned in his report housed in the same shed, as he found all infected.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

*That the new Cowshed at Causeway Bay be declared infected with Rinderpest in accordance with Bye-law 12, Schedule A, made under sub-section 5 of section 2 of Ordinance 17 of 1887 as amended by Ordinance 1 of 1898.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

*That the action of the President in ordering the immediate slaughter of the diseased cattle be endorsed by the Board.*

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Vice-President moved—

*That the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be asked to furnish a report as to what arrangements he made to give effect to the Resolution of the Board passed on the 18th instant with reference to the isolation of the Cattle and Attendants at Kennedy's Stables.*

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 30th day of March, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,  
Secretary.

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**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 215.**

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th April, 1899.

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**NOTICE.**

In accordance with the terms of the Rating Ordinance, No. 15 of 1888, Owners and Occupiers of Tenements are reminded that Rates for the Second Quarter of 1899 are payable in advance on or before the 29th April, 1899.

If any person shall fail to pay such rates on or before the 31st May, 1899, proceedings will be taken in the Supreme Court for their recovery without further notice.

No refund of rates on vacant tenements will be granted, unless such rates have been paid during and within the month of April.

A. M. THOMSON,  
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Treasury, Hongkong, 5th April, 1899.