

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 225.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th April, 1899.

No. 12.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 30th 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.

**Minutes.**—The minutes of a meeting held on the 16th day of March, as well as those of special Meetings held on the 14th, 18th, 22nd and 27th days of March, 1899, were confirmed.

**Concreting.**—An application from Mr. HO TUNG for exemption of Nos. 337, 339, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, and 353, Queen's Road West from concreting ground surfaces, was considered.

The President moved—

*That the exemption be granted for all the houses except No. 337 for so long only as they shall be occupied as Godowns.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Licenses to keep Swine.**—Ninety applications from Aberdeen for licenses to keep Swine were considered.

The President moved—

*That the licenses be granted.*

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Bubonic Plague.**—Bubonic plague returns for Bombay for the period 14th to 27th February, 1899, were laid on the table.

A telegram reporting cases of plague found at Howrah near Calcutta was laid on the table.

A telegram reporting an outbreak of plague in Saran District of Bengal was laid on the table.

**Mortality Returns.**—The Mortality Returns for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ended 18th and 25th March, 1899, were laid on the table.

The Mortality Returns for Macao for the weeks ended 5th and 12th March, 1899, were laid on the table.

**Bubonic Plague in the Colony.**—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a plan showing the location of the cases of plague that had occurred in the Colony since the last meeting of the Board (16th March) and also a return of the tenements that have been lime-washed and cleansed within that period.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

*That a circular letter be addressed to owners of tenements in the Central Division of the City warning them that at the end of April the Board will strictly enforce the provisions of the cleansing and lime-washing bye-law made on the 13th day of August, 1896, under sub-section 4 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President moved—

*That strangers be asked to withdraw.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was held.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 13th day of April, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Confirmed this 13th day of April, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,  
*Secretary.*

**No. 13.**

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Wednesday, the 5th day of April, 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, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).  
 The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).  
 EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

**Bubonic Plague.**—The President addressed the Board on the subject of the prevalence of Bubonic Plague in No. 9 Health District of the City.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

*That Health District No. 9 bounded on the East by Eastern Street—on the West by Pumping Station, Pokfulam Road, and Western Street—on the North by the Harbour, and on the South by Bonham Road, be declared infected with Bubonic Plague in accordance with the bye-laws made under section 13 of Ordinance 15 of 1894.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

It was agreed that the Colonial Secretary should be written to for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Military Authorities would lend the services of 4 Sappers of the Royal Engineers to superintend house to house visitation at \$1 per day in addition to their regular pay.

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

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Confirmed this 13th day of April, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,  
*Secretary.*

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 226.

The following Letter is published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th April, 1899.

No. 542 MARINE.

*Government of Bengal.*

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

CALCUTTA, the 18th March, 1899.

The undermentioned document is forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, for information.

By order,

H. G. C. SWAYNE,  
*Major, R.E.,*  
*Under-Secretary.*

Copy of a Notification No. 50, Marine, dated 18th March, 1899, by the Government of Bengal, Marine Department.

It is hereby notified for general information that Mecca and the whole littoral of the Hedjaz between Lith and Yambo exclusive of both places are declared to be *infected* within the meaning of the Venice Sanitary Convention regulations, and that the Officers concerned have been instructed to strictly enforce the rules for quarantine, which are in force in the ports of Calcutta and Chittagong against vessels arriving from the infected area.