

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 255.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th April, 1899.

No. 14.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 13th 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 Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).
The Acting Registrar General, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).
EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Minutes.—The minutes of the regular and of a confidential meeting held on the 30th day of March, as well as those of a special meeting held on the 5th day of April, were confirmed.

Annual Reports.—The Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1898 was considered.

Mr. OSBORNE addressed the Board on the subject of the necessity of additional free public latrines, as mentioned therein, and moved—

That the Government be asked whether the work under this head provided for at page 47 of the Estimates "Item 12. Two public Latrines \$5,000," is being carried out; and that the urgent necessity for additional latrines be pressed on the Government.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The report was then adopted and laid on the table.

The Annual Report of the Sanitary Surveyor for the year 1898 was adopted and laid on the table.

Liquid Refuse.—An application for permission to construct a tank for the temporary storage pending disposal of refuse liquor from a Soy Factory at Quarry Bay was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the application be granted subject to the conditions of the Surveyor's Report.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Swine.—52 applications for the Board's licenses to keep swine were considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the applications be granted.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Dogs.—The question of the manner of enforcing the regulations controlling the importation of dogs into the Colony was considered.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That temporary provision for quarantining three dogs be made by railing in a portion of the Cattle Depot.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Analyses.—A return of samples examined under the Food and Drugs Ordinance 18 of 1896, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1899, was laid on the table.

Bubonic Plague.—Further returns of the progress of Bubonic Plague in Bombay for 28th February to 13th March, 1899, were laid on the table.

Reports of the further progress of Bubonic Plague in Formosa, March 14th, 20th, 21st and 27th, 1899, were laid on the table.

A report from Swatow concerning Bubonic Plague at that port and its neighbourhood was laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—Mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ended 19th and 26th March, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ended 1st and 8th April, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That a notice be inserted once in each of the English and in one Chinese newspaper reminding the owners of houses in the Central division of the City that the whole of the houses in that division are required by law to be lime-washed and cleansed by the end of the current month.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Offensive Trade.—Application of Su Lam, of 6 Lung On Street, that his premises may be registered as a Soap Factory was considered.

The President moved—

That the application be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 27th day of April, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 27th day of April, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

No. 15.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Saturday, the 15th day of April, 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).

The Acting Registrar General, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

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

Rinderpest.—A letter from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, reporting an outbreak of Rinderpest in a matshed at Causeway Bay wherein 4 heifers and 2 calves are housed all these animals being infected, was read.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the premises known as Kennedy's Matshed, 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 section 1 of Ordinance 10 of 1898.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President moved—

That all the cattle at the aforesaid premises be slaughtered and the carcasses buried, that the matshed be destroyed, and that the Governor-in-Council be informed in accordance with section 3 of Ordinance 17 of 1887.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 27th day of April, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 256.

The following Financial Returns for the year 1898 are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th April, 1899.

No. 14.

TREASURY, 13th March, 1899.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit the following returns:—

1. Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1898.
2. Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for 1897 and 1898.
3. Return of Deposits not available.
4. Return of Advances Outstanding.
5. Return of Public Works Extraordinary chargeable against the Loan.
6. Statement of Expenditure from the Praya Reclamation Fund.
7. Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Treasurer.

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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