

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 277.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th May, 1899.

No. 16.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 27th 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 13th day of April, as well as those of a special meeting held on the 15th day of April, were confirmed.

Chief Inspector of Nuisances.—A telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies informing the Government of the probable early appointment and departure of a Chief Inspector was laid on the table.

Licenses to keep Cattle and Swine.—One application for a license to keep Cattle and thirty for licenses to keep Swine were considered.

The President moved—

That the applications be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague.—Returns of Plague for Bombay City from 14th to 27th March, 1899, were laid on the table. Further reports concerning Plague in Tainan, Formosa, for March 28th to April 3rd, April 4th to 10th, and 11th to 17th, 1899, were laid on the table.

A report concerning Plague in Tamsui, Formosa, since the outbreak of last year, was laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—Mortality Returns for Macao for the weeks ended 2nd and 9th April, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ended 15th and 22nd April, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That proceedings be taken by the Board against those owners of houses in the Central Division of the City whose premises have not been whitewashed and cleansed by the 1st day of May, 1899.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Rinderpest.—A letter from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon reporting a further outbreak of Rinderpest among Cattle owned by Mr. KENNEDY which are housed in a shed on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 96 and that 4 Cattle among a herd of 44 are infected, was read.

Mr. LADDS was in attendance at this point.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That the premises used as Cattle Sheds situated on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 96 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 Vice-President moved—

That the four diseased Cattle be slaughtered and their carcasses buried, and that the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be authorised to slaughter any of the remaining 40 that may show signs of the disease.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

The Board divided.

Ayes.

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

Noes.

The Director of Public Works.
The Acting Registrar General.

Motion carried.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 11th day of May, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 11th day of May, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.