

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 306.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th May, 1899.

No. 17.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Wednesday, the 10th day of May, 1899.

PRESENT :

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

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

Rinderpest.—A letter from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon reporting an outbreak of Rinderpest on the premises of the East Point Dairy Farm at Wong Nai Chung, in which are housed 99 cows, 4 bulls, and 24 calves as well as 11 buffaloes, and 11 buffalo calves, 8 of the cows showing symptoms of infection, was read.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That under Bye-law 12, Schedule A, made under Sub-section 5 of Section 2 of Ordinance No. 17 of 1887 as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 10 of 1898, this Board declares the premises known as the East Point Dairy Farm, Wong Nai Chung, to be infected with Rinderpest.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That the diseased cattle be slaughtered and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be authorized to slaughter such other of the cattle as may show signs of the disease, and are not likely in his opinion to recover; and the Board recommends the owners to take such steps as may be advised to them by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

The Board divided.

Ayes.

Noes.

The President.

The Director of Public Works.

The Medical Officer of Health.

The Acting Registrar General.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

The President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 25th day of May, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

No. 18.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 11th day of May, 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.

Minutes.—The minutes of the regular meeting held on the 27th day of April were confirmed.

Resolution.—The resolution of which notice was given by the Vice-President was allowed to stand over in his absence.

Venice Plague Convention.—A further despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies advising the adhesion of this Colony to the Venice Convention was laid on the table after circulation among Members.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That the Board begs to recommend the Government to become a party to the Venice Convention of 1897, in accordance with the advice contained in the letters of the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated the 24th May, 1897, and 17th March, 1899.

The President addressed the Board and seconded.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

Question—put and agreed to.

Cattle Sheds.—A report by a Sub-Committee appointed by the Board to advise as to the removal of Cattle Sheds from the City was considered after circulation among Members.

The Medical Officer of Health proposed its adoption.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Public Latrine Accommodation.—A minute from the Honourable Colonial Secretary that \$5,000 would be reinserted in the Estimates for 1900 to provide additional Public Latrines was laid on the table after circulation among Members.

Lime-whiting and Cleansing of Premises.—Two letters from Mr. HO TUNG for exemption of 21 houses in the Central Division of the City were considered after circulation among Members.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE moved—

That the applications be refused.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Rinderpest.—A report on bile inoculation as a preventive against Rinderpest, received from the Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, was, together with a report from Mr. LADDS on the same subject, laid on the table after being circulated among the Members.

Bubonic Plague.—Plague returns for Bombay City from 28th March to 10th April, 1899, were laid on the table after circulation.

A report concerning the further progress of Bubonic Plague in Tainan, Formosa, from April 18th to 24th, 1899, was laid on the table after circulation.

Mortality Returns.—Mortality Returns for Macao for the weeks ended 16th and 23rd April, 1899, were laid on the table after circulation.

Mortality Statistics for the Colony of Hongkong for the week ended 29th April, 1899, were laid on the table after circulation.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That notices be inserted in the European and Chinese papers every Monday calling upon the house owners in the Western Division of the City to lime-wash their tenements and warning them that proceedings will be taken against them if it is not done.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Procession.—An application for permission to hold a procession at West Point on Monday night, Tuesday and Tuesday night was considered.

The President addressed the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE moved—

That the permission be granted subject to the proviso that all noises and cracker-firing cease at 9 p.m. each night, and no noise or cracker-firing be permitted within the prescribed area around the Government Civil Hospital as is usually observed at Chinese New Year cracker-firing.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 25th day of May, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
 President.

Confirmed at a meeting of the Board held this 25th day of May, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
 Secretary.