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for the Colonial Secretary.

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No. 19.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 25th day of May, 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 special meeting held on the 10th May as well as of the regular meeting held on the 11th May, and of confidential meetings held on each of those days, were confirmed.

Resolution.—The Vice-President pursuant to notice addressed the Board and moved the following resolution—

That a Committee of the Board consisting of the Director of Public Works, the Acting Registrar General, and Mr. Edward Osborne, be appointed to make quarterly inspections of such of the Health Districts as they may select, and to report the results of their inspections to the Board.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board, and seconded.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE, the Director of Public Works, and the Acting Registrar General, signified their willingness to serve on the Committee.

Question—put and agreed to.

Water and Trough Closets.—(1.) An application from Messrs. LEIGH & ORANGE on behalf of the Honourable C. P. CHATER, C.M.G., for permission to erect certain Water and Trough Closets in a building in course of erection on the reclaimed portion of Marine Lot No. 103 was considered, and was postponed till next regular meeting for further enquiries to be made regarding the trough closets.

(2.) An application from the same firm on the same behalf, for permission to erect a Pedestal Water Closet on the first floor of Victoria Buildings, was considered.

The Director of Public Works moved—

That the applications be granted.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

The Board divided.

Ayes.

The President.

The Director of Public Works.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

Noes.

The Vice-President.

The Medical Officer of Health.

The Acting Registrar General.

Motion carried by the casting vote of the President.

(3.) An application from Messrs. DENISON & RAM on behalf of the Trustees of the Union Church for permission to erect two Water Closets in the Churchyard of the Union Church, was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the application be refused.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Licences to keep Swine.—Two applications for licences to keep Swine were considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the applications be granted.

The President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Branch Plague Hospital.—Notice was received from Government of the establishment of a branch of the Tung Wa Hospital for the reception of plague patients, and was laid on the table.

Chief Inspector of Nuisances.—A despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies notifying the appointment, and early sailing, of a Chief Inspector of Nuisances, was laid on the table.

Sheep and Swine Depôt.—Notice of a proposed increase in the accommodation at the Sheep and Swine Depôt, Kennedy Town, was laid on the table.

Lighting of the Central Market.—A further report on the lighting of the Central Market was considered.

The Medical Officer of Health moved—

That a Sub-committee consisting of the Director of Public Works, and the Acting Registrar General be appointed to visit the Market, and report on the lighting.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Tung Wa Mortuary at Kennedy Town.—A suggestion that the Sanitary Board should acquire the old Tung Wa Mortuary at Kennedy Town was brought forward and consideration of the matter was postponed for fourteen days.

Plague Returns.—A further report from Tainan, Formosa, on the progress of Bubonic Plague in that Prefecture was laid on the table.

Mortality Returns—From Macao for the weeks ended 30th April and 7th May, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ended 6th and 13th May, 1899, were laid on the table.

Exemption from Lime-washing and Cleansing.—An application from the Hongkong Land Investment Company for exemption of certain houses at West Point (No. 9 Health District) from lime-washing and cleansing on the ground that they have been only recently lime-washed and cleansed by the Government, was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

That the application be refused.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE moved as an amendment—

That the advice of the Law Officers of the Government be obtained as to whether the Board has power to grant the exemption provided that the applicants were willing to pay the cost of lime-washing and cleansing just lately carried out in these houses by the Government.

The President seconded.

The amendment was agreed to.

Storing Poultry in a Domestic Building.—An application for permission to store poultry in a domestic building at 44 Lower Lascar Row was considered.

The President moved—

That the application be refused.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 8th June, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 8th day of June, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

No. 20.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Thursday, the 1st day of June, 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.

Plague and Overcrowding.—The President addressed the Board the object of the meeting being to consider what further steps are necessary in dealing with plague, more especially with reference to overcrowding, and moved—

That the Board advises that No. 9 Health District be proclaimed by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council as a part of the Colony affected by Plague, and that he directs that the provisions contained in Sections 32 to 37 of the Public Health Ordinance No. 24 of 1887 be put in force in that Health District of the Colony.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

The Vice-President addressed the Board.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved as an amendment—

That this matter be reconsidered three months hence at the meeting nearest thereto.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

The Board divided on the amendment.

Aycs.

The Vice-President.

The Director of Public Works.

The Acting Registrar General.

Noes.

The President.

The Medical Officer of Health did not vote.

Draft Bye-Law.—The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That the Draft Bye-law as submitted be forwarded to the Government for the opinion of the law officers of the Crown as to its legality.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill for further Sanitation of the Colony.—Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That the Government be asked what is being done with the Bill to make further provision for the sanitation of the Colony and to repeal certain enactments of the closed houses and insanitary dwellings Ordinance, 1894.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 8th day of June, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.