

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 354.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, under Section 9 of Ordinance 24 of 1887, to appoint RICHARD FREDERICK DRURY to be Sanitary Surveyor to the Sanitary Board.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd June, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 355.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th June, 1899.

No. 21.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 8th 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.

Dr. JORDAN, Health Officer of the Port, and Mr. J. R. CROOK, Sanitary Surveyor, were in attendance.

Minutes.—The minutes of the regular meeting held on the 25th May and of a Special Meeting of the 1st June were confirmed.

Tung Wa Mortuary at Kennedy Town.—The consideration of the proposal that the Sanitary Board should acquire this building was resumed.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved—

That the Board recommends the Government to offer to the Tung Wa Hospital Authorities a site at Sandy Bay in lieu of the present site of the Tung Wa Mortuary, and a sum of \$2,100 for the old building as it stands.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.

Question—put and agreed to.

Application for permission to erect water and trough closets.—Consideration of this application was resumed.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Board and moved—

That the application be granted.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and seconded.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and moved as an amendment—

That the application be granted as to the Water Closets and Urinals for Europeans, Americans and Eurasians, but refused as to the trough closets.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and seconded.

The Board divided on the amendment.

Ayes.

The President.
The Vice-President.
The Medical Officer of Health.
The Acting Registrar General.

Noes.

The Director of Public Works.
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

The amendment was carried.

Refuse Destructors.—The report by Mr. J. R. CROOK on Refuse Destructors and their adaptability to this Colony was considered.

The President thanked Mr. CROOK in the name of the Board for the able report and for the trouble he had taken whilst at Home on the matter.

The Vice-President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Sanitary Board recommends the Government to erect a 4-cell Horsfall Refuse Destructor in accordance with the recommendation made by Mr. J. R. Crook in his report on the subject.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Report of Sanitary Surveyor for First Quarter, 1899.—This report was laid on the table.

Lime-washing and Cleansing certain Houses.—An application from the Hongkong Land Investment Company for exemption from lime-washing and cleansing certain houses in the Western Division of the City was considered.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That this application be refused.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Analysis of Well Water.—A report by the Government Analyst on well water collected at “Roseneath,” Garden Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, was laid on the table.

Appointment of Secretary.—A despatch from the Secretary of State confirming the appointment of Mr. C. W. DUGGAN as Secretary was laid on the table.

Inspectors of Nuisances.—A despatch from the Secretary of State confirming certain promotions and appointments as Inspectors of Nuisances was laid on the table.

Soap Boiling.—An application for registration of the premises at No. 4 Wing Fung Lane for purposes of soap boiling was considered.

The President moved—

That the application be granted.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bacteriological requirements for treatment of Rinderpest.—A report from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon on this subject was before the Board.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

That this matter be brought up for discussion six months hence or at the nearest meeting thereto.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Plague at Penang.—Two telegrams reporting seven cases of plague at Penang were laid on the table.

Plague at Canton.—A report from H. B. M.'s Consul at Canton reporting the appearance of plague at that port was laid on the table.

Plague Returns.—Reports from Bombay City of the number of cases and deaths from plague from 11th to 24th April and 25th April to 8th May, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—Mortality Returns for Macao for the weeks ended 14th and 21st May, 1899, were laid on the table.

Mortality Statistics for this Colony for the weeks ended 20th to 27th May and 3rd June, 1899, were laid on the table.

Re-arrangement of certain private lanes and streets on I. L. 517 and 222, Queen's Road East and Wing Fung Street.—An application from Messrs. LEIGH & ORANGE for permission to re-build certain houses which would necessitate a re-arrangement of the private lanes and streets on the lots in question, was considered.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That Bye-law No. 27 made under Section 13 of Ordinance 15 of 1894 be referred to the Honourable Attorney General for his opinion as to whether the Board has power under it to prohibit this re-arrangement of private lanes.

The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Draft Sanitary Inspection Regulations.—Draft regulations to be made under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance were considered by the Board in Committee and it was agreed to re-consider them with certain alterations at the next meeting.

A confidential meeting was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, 22nd of June, 1899.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a meeting of the Board held this 22nd day of June, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

No. 22.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Saturday, the 17th 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.

Bubonic Plague.—The Medical Officer of Health addressed the Board on the subject of the increased prevalence of Bubonic Plague in certain districts of the City, and moved—

That Health Districts Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 be declared to be areas infected with Bubonic Plague.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The boundaries of these areas are as follows :—

East—Pedder's Street, Wyndham Street and Glenealy Path. North—Harbour. West—Cadogan Street, Kennedy Town. South—Caine Road, and the Pokfulam Conduit.

Students engaged on House to House Visitation.—A minute by the Medical Officer of Health reporting the finding of the Police Magistrate in a private prosecution for assault brought by one of the Students engaged on house to house visitation work, and recommending their formal appointment as Officers of the Board, was read.

The President addressed the Board and moved—

That the Sanitary Board recommends His Excellency the Governor to appoint Dr. Thomson and the following six Students of the College of Medicine for Chinese, viz., Lee Yin Sze, Fung Chi Ming, Chan Fai Kwong, Tse Han Ki, Lan Lai, and Kwong Ngai Leung, to be Officers of the Sanitary Board to enable them to carry out so much of the duties defined in Bye-law No. 25 made under Section 13 of Ordinance No. 15 of 1894, as the Medical Officer of Health may deem necessary in the interests of the public health.

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a meeting held this 22nd day of June, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 356.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th June, 1899.

NOTICE.

A Special Sessions of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held in the Justices' Room, at the Magistracy, on Tuesday, the 4th day of July, A.D. 1899, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering an application from one CATHERINE ALICE BREMNER for an adjunct licence for the retail sale of intoxicating liquors as an adjunct to her business as hotel-keeper on the premises situate at house No. 8, Ice House Street, under the sign of "The Waverley Hotel."

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 23rd June, 1899.